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WTMC Annual Meeting, Friday 25 November 2016, De Balie, Amsterdam

During this year's annual meeting, we will again discuss two new books by WTMC members – *Emerging Technologies for Diagnosing Alzheimer's Disease*, edited by Marianne Boenink, Ellen Moors & Harro van Lente; and *Local Subversions of Colonial Cultures, Commodities and Anti-Commodities in Global History*, edited by Harro Maat & Sandip Hazareesingh. We will also have a session about energy, futures and transitions, organized by Anne Beaulieu and Geert Verbong. And our new teaching committee (see below) will organize a session on 'integrity' – raising questions about why research integrity has become a hot topic recently and about what research integrity means for our own STS research practices. More details and the registration form will be circulated in the summer.

Changes to WTMC Teaching Committee

The WTMC Teaching Committee, which advises the coordinators and the director, on matters relating to the programme we offer to PhDs has many new members. The current composition of the committee is as follows: Willem Halffman (chair), Boelie Elzen, Kornelia Konrad, Rob Raven, Sarah de Rijcke, Jenny Slatman. Mayli Mertens and Caspar Roelofs are the PhD representatives for 2016-17. Harro van Lente (previous chair) and Roland Bal are stepping down after many years of devoted service. We are very grateful to them all.

Completed dissertations. Congratulations to the 'new doctors' who successfully defended their dissertations in recent months. More PhDs have been awarded in the first four months of 2016 than in the whole of 2015.

- Meggie Pijnappel. *Lost in Technification. Uncovering the latent clash of societal values in Dutch public policy discourse on animal-testing alternatives*. Radboud University Nijmegen. 4 February 2016. (Supervisors: Hub Zwart & Willem Halffman)
- Colette Bos. *Articulation. How societal goals matter in nanotechnology*. Utrecht University. 5 February 2016. (Supervisors: Harro van Lente, Ellen Moors & Alexander Peine)
- Carla Alvia Palavicino. *Mindful anticipation: a practice approach to the study of expectations in emergent technologies*. University of Twente. 25 February 2016. (Supervisors: Stefan Kuhlmann & Kornelia Konrad)
- Koen Dortmans. *Behind the scenes of...Life scientists on stage. Enacting upstream public deliberation on the moral desirability of new and emerging life sciences and biotechnologies*. Radboud University Nijmegen. 26 February 2016. (Supervisors: Tsjalling Swierstra & Maud Radstake)
- Pankaj Sekhsaria. *Enculturing Innovation. Indian engagements with nanotechnology*. Maastricht University. 10 March 2016. (Supervisors: Wiebe Bijker, Aalok Khandekar & Ragna Zeiss)
- Trust Saidi. *Travelling Nanotechnologies*. Maastricht University. 10 March 2016. (Supervisors: Wiebe Bijker & Ragna Zeiss)
- Koen Beumer. *Nanotechnology and development. Styles of governance in India, South Africa, and Kenya*. Maastricht University. 10 March 2016. (Supervisors: Wiebe Bijker & Aalok Khandekar)
- Annapurna Mamidipudi. *Towards a theory of innovation in handloom weaving in India*. Maastricht University. 14 April 2016. (Supervisors: Wiebe Bijker & Louk de la Rive Box)
- Rafael Bienia was not himself a WTMC member, but his thesis made extensive use of Actor-Network Theory in analyzing role-playing games of different sorts. His PhD is called, *Role Playing Materials*, and was defended at Maastricht University on 28 April 2016. (Supervisors: Sally Wyatt & Karin Wenz)

Congratulations are also due to various (past & present) WTMC members who have recently received prizes and grants, acknowledging their work and contributions.

Professor Rob Raven (Utrecht) together with colleagues from Eindhoven University of Technology, University of Amsterdam and Windesheim University of Applied Sciences have received substantial support from NWO for a programme of research about 'smart cycling futures'. More details here: <http://www.nwo.nl/onderzoek-en-resultaten/onderzoeksprojecten/i/77/26177.html>

Mayli Mertens (Twente, and PhD member of the WTMC Teaching Committee) has received an award from the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics (APPE) for the 'Best Formal Paper by a Graduate Student' for her paper "Objectivity Beyond the Red Line: A case for binocularity in war reporting".

Dr Sarah de Rijcke (CWTS, Leiden) has been appointed as Anna Boyksen Fellow at the TUM Institute for Advanced Study (TUM-IAS) for the period of 2016-2018. The target group of the Anna Boyksen fellowships are outstanding researchers from outside TUM who intend to explore gender- and diversity-relevant problems with regard to the natural and engineering sciences together with a TUM research

group. The fellowship period will be devoted to prolonging the collaboration with Professor Ruth Müller at the Munich Centre for Technology in Society (MCTS, TUM). They will analyze interactions between evaluation criteria and knowledge production in the engineering sciences. For more details, see: <https://www.cwts.nl/news?article=n-q2v244&title=prestigious-fellowship-sarah-de-rijcke-at-tu-munich#sthash.xv3EV8Ae.dpuf>

Forthcoming events

Esther Turnhout has been appointed as full professor in 'The Politics of Environmental Knowledge'. She will deliver her inaugural address (with the same title) on Thursday 2 June 2016, at 16.00 in the Aula of Wageningen University. For those not able to be physically present, the lecture will also be live streamed at WUR TV (wurtv.wur.nl).

The Centre for Public Imagination will be launched on Friday 17 June 2016 at the International Architecture Biennale Rotterdam. This is an initiative of some past, present and hopefully future WTMC members: Huub Dijkstra (member of WTMC Board), Noortje Marres (PhD alumna), Sarah de Rijcke (member of WTMC Teaching Committee), Maarten Hajer & Willem Schinkel (whom we would be proud to count as members). Fuller details were circulated to the WTMC mailing list on 24 April, and can be obtained from any of the above. Registration (free) and more details from: info@cpi.center