

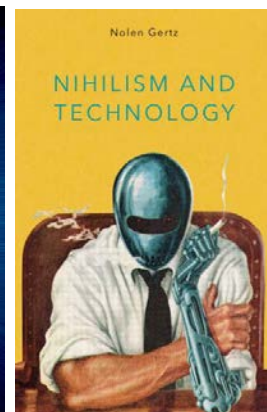


Field Notes December 2018:

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WTMC Annual Meetings 2018 and 2019

On November 30, 2018, more than 60 colleagues convened in “De Balie”, Amsterdam, and debated **career experiences of WTMC graduates** and later **two recent books** relevant for the WTMC community (see book covers). In the afternoon we had a great discussion with Johan Schot (Utrecht) about his concept of **“Deep transitions and transformative innovation policy”**.



Save the date: the **WTMC Annual Meeting 2019** will take place on **13 December** (De Balie, Amsterdam).

WTMC Autumn Workshop “Smart”

17-19 December 2018 more than 20 PhD researchers, coordinators Bernike Pasveer and Anne Beaulieu plus speakers Darryl Cressman, Fenneke Sysling, Martijn de Groot and Merel Noorman met in Soeterbeek to study how *smart* technologies function as a sphere where issues of human-machine interaction are played out. Is “smart” shifting from a human attribute to techno-drenched settings, such as smart cities, thereby signalling new forms of subjectivity where machines also sense, record and

respond? Is *smart* a euphemism for new technologies of control as well as out-of-control (big data), or do smart technologies (also) serve as objects of participation and engagement? (from workshop reader)

WTMC events 2019

- [WTMC Perspectives Day 10 March, Museum Boerhaave, Leiden](#): During this day, we will bring together current WTMC members and WTMC alumni to share perspectives on career opportunities after finishing a WTMC dissertation.
- **Spring Workshop “Post-Colonial”**, 8-10 May 2019, location Soeterbeek.
- **Summer School 2019** with anchor teacher **Michael Guggenheim** (Goldsmiths, London), a scholar working on experts and lay people, materiality and use, sociology and arts, August 26-30, location Soeterbeek.

Renewed ‘Joint Agreement’ of WTMC member institutions 2018-23

During 2018 the ‘Joint Agreement’ (*gemeenschappelijke regeling*), i.e. the rules forming the institutional basis for all WTMC activities, have been renegotiated with our member institutions. Currently the Boards of these institutions are signing the document. The new agreement is characterised by some shifts in membership, overall stability and no substantial budget change. Together with this document an updated version of the *WTMC Huisregels* has been agreed.

WTMC Board

Together with the renewed ‘Joint Agreement’ the Board of WTMC had to be partly re-composed per January 1st, 2019. We are very grateful that **Paul Wouters** (CWTS, Leiden) has served as a productive Chairman of the WTMC Board from 2014 in the last four years! And we very much welcome **Harro van Lente** (Maastricht) as new chairman! We thank **Huub Dijkstra** who was an ‘external member’ of the Board and we welcome **Caroline Nevejan** (Chief Science Officer of City of Amsterdam; UvA) as the new ‘external member’.

International Advisory Board (IAB)

We are pleased that four outstanding scholars in the wider field of STS have agreed to become member of the new IAB: **Pierre-Benoit Joly**, **Barbara Prainsack**, **Sergio Sismondi**, **Lucy Suchman**. The IAB is supposed to work as a sounding board for the WTMC Board and the Director, for instance when an evaluation of WTMC has to be prepared, when novel thematic directions have to be identified or when inspiring teachers have to be found.

Congratulations

At the 2018 conference of the European Association for the Study of Science & Technology (EASST) in Lancaster, UK, the **Chris Freeman Award** was given to **Marianne Boenink, Harro van Lente and Ellen Moors** for their book *Emerging Technologies for Diagnosing Alzheimer's Disease: Innovating with Care* (Palgrave MacMillan 2017).

This award is given in honour of [Chris Freeman](#), to a publication which is a significant collective contribution to the interaction of science and technology studies with the study of innovation. Selection is based on the successful development of social approaches to the dynamics of innovation, originality, and better understanding of the pursuit of innovation for societal and environmental goals.

Completed dissertations

Congratulations also to following 'new doctors' for their successful defense of their doctoral dissertation in recent months:

- **Wytske Versteeg.** *How do you know? Everyday negotiations of expert authority.* University of Twente. 19 December 2018 (supervisor: Hedwig te Molder & co-supervisor Geoffrey Raymond)
- **Andreas Mitzschke.** *Elusive Publics – Understanding Techno-Scientific Controversy and Democratic Governance in the GM Crops Debate.* Maastricht University. 20 December 2018 (supervisors: Wiebe Bijker & Anique Hommels)

Stefan Kuhlmann, December 2018