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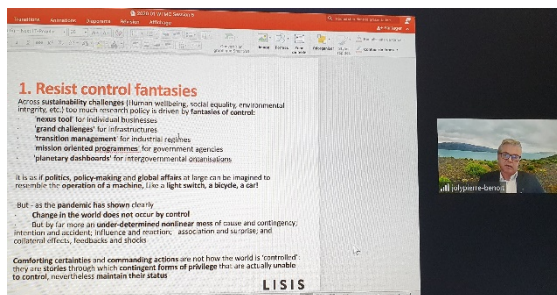
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Save the date: WTMC Annual Meeting 2021

Our Annual Meeting 2021 will take place on Friday 10 December in [de Balie](#), Amsterdam. As a main theme we will address relevant epistemological developments neighbouring (or competing with?) the domain of STS. Key note speaker *James Wilsdon* (Research on Research Institute, Univ. Sheffield) will examine the *relationship between STS and metascience*. The full programme will be presented soon.



Winter School 2021

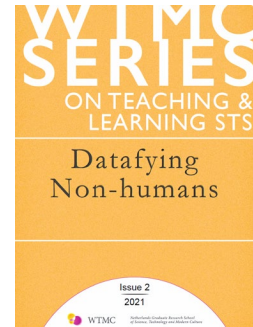


Since the Summer School 2020 had to be cancelled WTMC offered a very successful Winter School on January 10-14, as fully online event, with 36 participants. Anchor teacher [Pierre-Benoit Joly](#) (INRA/IFRIS/LISIS, France) reflected on a *“New Political Sociology of Science”*. Why is it necessary to (re)politicize STS? What does it mean? What are the implications from a methodological and epistemological standpoint?

Other teachers were Ismael Rafols (UL, CWTS), Melanie Peters (Rathenau Institute), Soraya Boudia (Univ. of Paris) and Johan Schot (UU).

Spring Workshop 2021

The online-workshop dealt with [“Datafying non-humans”](#). Over the last forty years, scientific endeavours and related policy initiatives have been strongly shaped by datafication. Many of these current endeavours, whether space exploration, genomics or addressing climate change rely on complex digital objects, formed by global networks of data flow. By approaching related datafication practices from an STS perspective, the 31 workshop participants examined social, cultural and political aspects that have shaped the digital production of knowledge related to scientific research since the second half of the twentieth century.



Teachers were Tahani Nadim (Humboldt-University Berlin), Claire Waterton (Lancaster University), Christine L. Borgman (UCLA), David Ribes (University of Washington), Sharif Islam (Data Architect DiSSCo), and Clemens Driessen (Wageningen University).

Summer School 2021



Also our online-Summer School (August 23 – 27) was a great success. Anchor teacher [Sergio Sismondo](#). The school deliberated on “Epistemic Corruption”. Knowledge production is associated with particular values and standards (truth, objectivity, impartiality, etc), and failure to conform to these are often prominently condemned as corruption of the scientific endeavour. The 28 participants examined epistemic corruption as closely related to issues of social order, especially social order within knowledge-producing communities, but also social order in knowledge-consuming communities. The school programme will be published in the WTMC

Series soon.

Further teachers were Daryn Lehoux (Queen’s University), Buhm Soon Park (KAIST), Susan Greenhalgh (Harvard University), Marie-Andrée Jacob (University of Leeds) and Willem Halffman (Radboud University).

Writeshop October 2021

On Friday 1 October 2021, we will offer the next Writeshop at [Social Impact Factory, Utrecht](#). Writeshops are meant for *WTMC PhDs who are in the second, third or fourth year of their PhD trajectories*. [Sally Wyatt](#) (UM) will act as senior discussant.

Fall workshop 2021

The Fall Workshop on “Innovation Studies” will be held from 3 till 5 November 2021 at [Soeterbeek](#). This WTMC PhD Workshop is an event for *WTMC participants in the first instance*. If less than 20 WTMC PhDs

register the remaining places could be filled by external PhDs. Teachers and PhD researchers will consider the tradition of studying emerging technologies and innovation systems, which has historically been very strong in the Netherlands.

WTMC Training Committee

Former Training Coordinator *Bernike Pasveer* (UM) has agreed to chair the Training Committee. She succeeds *Willem Halffman* (RUN) who is meanwhile a member of the WTMC Board. Many thanks to both for their continued efforts for WTMC!

Congratulations

See also overview at [WTMC website](#).

- PhD defended: **Dara Ivanova**. *CARE/PLACE: Unsettling place in healthcare*. 3 September 2020. Erasmus University Rotterdam (supervisor: Roland Bal)
- PhD defended: **Kathleen Gregory**. *Findable and reusable? Data discovery practices in research*. 2 March 2021. Maastricht University (supervisors: Sally Wyatt, Paul Groth)
- PhD defended: **Jorrit Smit**. *Utility Spots. Science Policy, Knowledge Transfer and the Politics of Proximity*. 6 May 2021. Leiden University (supervisor: James McAllister).
- PhD defended: **Marthe Stevens**. *Dreaming with data: assembling responsible knowledge practices in data-driven healthcare*. 4 June 2021. Radboud University (supervisors: Antoinette de Bont, Rik Wehrens)
- PhD defended: **Willemine Willems**. *Connected at the joints; Calibrating knowledge, morals and health care*. 10 September 2021. Maastricht University (supervisors: Tsjalling Swierstra, Jessica Mesman, Philip Vergauwen).

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