



## Field Notes May 2022

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*The first fieldnotes I have written as Academic Director of WTMC. We are already over four months into the new year, and much has happened! Happy reading, Esther Turnhout, 18 May 2022*

On 25 March, a successful **Writeshop** was held in the Social Impact Factory in Utrecht. The writeshop had 7 participants and 2 senior discussants: Stephan Schleim and Paul Wouters.

This year's **Spring workshop** took place from 6 to 8 April 2022, and focused on the theme of Truth and Trust. It was an in-person event at Soeterbeeck with 31 participants. They were joined by the lecturers, Steven Shapin, Marli Huijter, Koray Karaca, Anne-Floor Scholvinck, and Tamara Metze (our other confirmed speaker Robert Goené unfortunately could not make it due to unforeseen circumstances) to discuss the trustworthiness of science and what it derives from as well as actual trust in science and expertise in controversial circumstances.



The **Annual Meeting** will be held on 24 February 2023, in the Balie, Amsterdam. Further announcements will follow in due course.

I would like to express a very warm **welcome to [Alexandra Supper](#)** who will start as WTMC's new



Training Coordinator on 1 September 2022. Alexandra Supper is an assistant professor at Maastricht University, whose research interests include the role of sensory skills in scientific practice, the construction of scientific authority and the dynamics of (inter)disciplinary communities. She serves as (associate) editor of the journals *Science and Technology Studies* and *Journal of Sonic Studies*. After first becoming interested in STS as a sociology student in Vienna, she participated in the WTMC training programme during her PhD at Maastricht University and is excited to become more actively involved in the WTMC community again in her new capacity as PhD training coordinator.

**Discussion of the future of WTMC** continued during the WTMC board meeting of 28 March. The [self-evaluation of WTMC](#) identified a number of strengths but also some threats and weaknesses and these provide reasons to reflect on possible changes in WTMC's activities and structures. The discussion is in full swing, you are very welcome to contact me if you would like to hear more or provide input!

The organization of the **Summer school with anchor teacher Sabina Leonelli** is in full swing. The summer school will discuss the merits, challenges and limitations of [Diversity in Science and Technology](#). The summer school will take place 22-26 August at Soeterbeeck.

### **Congratulations**

Three WTMC PhD students have successfully defended their thesis:

- **Mario A. Pinzón-Camargo**. *Navigating Inclusive Innovation: The Role of Institutional Entrepreneurs in Inclusive Innovation Initiatives*. University of Twente. 16 March 2022 (supervisors: Stefan Kuhlmann, Gonzalo Ordóñez-Matamoros)
- **Zahar Koretsky**. *Unravelling: The dynamics of technological decline*. Maastricht University. 12 April 2022 (supervisors: Harro van Lente, Ragna Zeiss)
- **María Alejandra Tejada-Gómez**. *University research governance and the Colombian scientific journal index "PUBLINDEX." Understanding the tensions*. University of Twente. 13 May 2022 (supervisors: Stefan Kuhlmann, Gonzalo Ordóñez-Matamoros)

A number of highly prestigious grants have been awarded to WTMC members. Congratulations to:

- **Amade M'Charek** of the University of Amsterdam for winning an ERC advanced grant for research on [Vital Elements and Postcolonial Moves: Forensics as the Art of Paying Attention in a Mediterranean Harbour Town](#).
- **Floor Alkemade** of the Technical University Eindhoven for winning an ERC Consolidator grant for research on [Fostering social tipping dynamics to Accelerate Sustainability Transitions](#)

- **Klaasjan Visscher** of the University of Twente for winning a Comenius senior fellowship to pursue educational innovation and research on [Scaffolding Transdisciplinary Learning in Responsible Challenge-based Education](#)
- **The team at the University of Twente** (including WTMC members Klaasjan Visscher and Andreas Weber) for winning the Dutch Higher Education Award for the [Master Insert 'Shaping Responsible Futures'](#)

#### **Changes in committees and the WTMC board**

- Y.J. Erden from the University of Twente has agreed to become member of the WTMC board.
- From the University of Utrecht, Alexander Peine (UU) has succeeded Ellen Moors. Ellen Moors has taken on the position of research director of the Copernicus Institute (thank you for your contribution and congratulations Ellen!).
- Thanks to PhD students Yingying Han, Nina Schwarzbach, and Wytske Hepkema for agreeing to become member of the Educational Committee and to Mike Grijseels and Florian Helfrich for joining the WTMC board.