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CALL for PAPERS

Linking science and society to policymaking

How to serve policymakers' needs?

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In this session we will explore how the needs of policymakers can best be served by making use of technology assessment and related activities such as science and technology studies and responsible research and innovation (RRI). What methods to integrate scientific findings and societal perspectives into the policymaking process turn out to be useful and successful? What needs do policymakers have? And how could TA and RRI practitioners serve these needs, and at the same time maintain their independency? Different methods and best practices from different countries will be compared in order to learn from each other's experiences.

Practitioners and scholars working in the field of technology assessment, science and technology studies, responsible research and innovation, and the like are invited to submit an abstract for a presentation of 15 minutes on the topic of the session.

In the first part of the session (90 minutes) the presentations will be held and shortly discussed with the audience. In the second part of the session (60 minutes) 2 to 3 policymakers and/or other stakeholders are asked to elaborate on their perspectives on the topic and to which extent the presented methods do serve their needs. The pitches by the policymakers will be discussed with the presenters and the audience, making use of the Open Space method.

The Rathenau Instituut will give a presentation on the stakeholder dialogue as a method to link scientific expertise and stakeholder views to the policymaking process. In 2016 the Rathenau Instituut organized a stakeholder dialogue, commissioned by the Ministry of Economic Affairs, on the hard to handle policy issue how to regulate the cultivation of genetically modified crops on a national level. In the session the method of the stakeholder dialogue will be reflected upon and compared to similar methods that link scientific findings and societal perspectives to the policymaking process.



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