

# INVITATION \* Science Fridays @Stellenbosch

## Responsible Research & Innovation – containing the force of knowledge?

On 2 October 2015 our guest speaker is Prof Arie Rip, emeritus Professor of Philosophy of Science and Technology at the University of Twente (Netherlands).

Arie Rip's work in science, technology and society, and in science, technology and innovation policy studies, as well as constructive technology assessment of newly emerging technologies, is widely acclaimed. He was a visiting professor at CREST

(Centre for Research on Evaluation, Science and Technology) at Stellenbosch University, and has been adviser to the Work-Integrated Learning Unit at Cape Peninsula University of Technology.



Prof Rip has been involved in issues of social responsibility of scientists from his early days at the University of Leiden, when he moved from chemistry to chemistry and society, and more generally, science, technology and society. He has led the technology assessment and societal aspects of nanotechnology sub-program of the Dutch national nanotechnology R&D consortium NanoNed. Recently, he is involved in the European Commission's Horizon 2020 R&D Framework Program for the cross-cutting issue of so-called Responsible Research and Innovation.

In his lecture, he will note that responsible research and innovation sometimes requires confidentiality, rather than wide communication. If knowledge is forceful, it may have to be contained. Its force, however, is the effect of many actors and interactions. Responsible research and innovation requires understanding of the dynamics.

**Date: Friday, 2 October 2015**

**Time: 12:30 (light finger lunch); event from 13:00 – 14:00**

**Venue: CREST, 5th floor of RW Wilcocks Building (Room 4043); c/o Ryneveld and Victoria streets, Stellenbosch (Public parking nearby at Eikestad Mall)**

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