

Faculty Club - October 15, 2021

12:00 - 1:30 pm, Virtual lecture (45 min) with detailed discussion

Prof. Paul Wouters,

Valuing Science and Scholarship

This talk will focus on the current debate about the best ways to value scientific and scholarly performance. The sole focus on publication based citation indicators is no longer experienced as effective. Increasingly, new combinations are being pursued of qualitative and quantitative evidence to underpin the judgment of performance. In this framework, I will discuss the key topics in the development of the next generation of metrics, and their limitations. I will discuss examples of the related debate about career perspectives for young scholars and scientists and the academic recognition and reward systems.



Paul Wouters is Dean of the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences at Leiden University. He is professor of Scientometrics at the Centre for Science and Technology Studies. He has published on the history of the Science Citation Index, on and in scientometrics, and on the way the criteria of scientific quality and relevance have been changed by the use of performance indicators. His PhD thesis is titled „The Citation Culture“ (1999). He has also studied the role of information and information technologies in the creation of new scientific and scholarly knowledge. Currently, he is focusing on next generation metrics, altmetrics, and the way the creation of quality is organized in academia and society at large.

Registration

Please send an informal e-mail to facultyclub@ers.rwth-aachen.de by Thursday, October 14, 2021.

The lecture with subsequent discussion will be held via zoom conference.