

LAST CHANCE FOR EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

The Inaugural Asia Pacific Science Policy Studies (SPS)
 Research Conference: “Tahua nuku, tahua rangi”
 Wednesday 8 February to Friday 10 February 2012
 Victoria University of Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand

This conference, the first of its kind in New Zealand, explores how science policy is developed and implemented, and how scientific knowledge is used in the policy process and decision-making by governments and industry. With the growing impact of science and technology in the global economy, and on national economic goals, research on science policy processes is increasingly important. SPS offers insights into how science-policy systems operate which, in turn, can support improvements in system design. SPS also stands back from day-to-day operations to critically reflect on the objectives and outcomes of science policy in the context of the wider relationship between science and society.

REGISTRATION

<http://www.sps2012.org.nz/registration.asp>

	Early bird registration Before 15 Dec 2011	Registration From 15 Dec 2011
General registration	NZ\$375	NZ\$475
Student/unwaged	NZ\$200	NZ\$250
Dinner (optional)	NZ\$75	NZ\$75

Early registration is advised, as attendance may be limited.

This conference is being hosted by the following organisations, in association with the Asia Pacific STS Network (APSTN), and with the support of the Society for the Social Studies of Science (4S), the British High Commission in Wellington, the New Zealand Council for Educational Research and Te Puni Kōkiri (the Ministry of Māori Development).



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 Victoria University of Wellington



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 of Scientists (Inc.)



Environmental Science and
 Research (ESR) Ltd



Landcare Research

THEMES

This conference will consider the broad sweep of social research on the relationships between science (including social science) and policy decision-making for national wellbeing through science, technology and innovation.

Keynote presentations and contributed papers will address the following themes:

Policy for Science: How is science policy developed? How has the science system evolved over time and what are the key issues facing it today? How are scientists, industry and society engaged in the development of science policy? How is science linked with innovation and sustainability? What new forms of knowledge are emerging in the early 21st century and how are these being addressed inside the science system?

Science for Policy: How is scientific knowledge used in decision-making in government and industry? How can science address future challenges in economic development, social well-being and climate change? What role should scientists have in the policy process? What forms of knowledge are needed? What is the role of indigenous knowledge? What are the opportunities and limits of ‘evidence-based’ policy?

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

The programme offers a compelling line up of keynote addresses, contributed papers, events focused on indigenous contributions to science policy studies, and interactive opportunities. Contributed papers from across the Asia-Pacific region have been accepted from multiple disciplines and paper sessions will be guided by knowledgeable chairs and discussants. There will be generous time for social networking, including the conference dinner to be held on a glorious February evening on Wellington's waterfront at Te Raukura – Wharewaka (built to house two ceremonial canoes).

The conference opens with a pōwhiri (welcoming ceremony) at Te Herenga Waka, Victoria University Kelburn campus at 4 pm on Wednesday, followed by speakers and welcome drinks.

The Thursday and Friday conference programme will be held at Rutherford House, Pipitea campus of Victoria University. In addition to the keynote speakers, we will have over 20 parallel sessions including plenary events and about 50 contributed papers covering topics such as:

- Innovation policy ,
- Engagement of scientists in the policy process
- Risk and uncertainty,
- Indigenous knowledge and values,
- Climate change, biosecurity, water, new technologies,
- Public engagement in science

Special events:

- An Indigenous Māori panel will look at the complex and diverse issues at the interface of science policy and indigenous knowledge.
- Asia Pacific Science Technology and Society Network (APSTSN) members event - Building the Research Capacity of the Asia-Pacific STS Network: Visions for the Future

A detailed conference programme will be posted on www.sps2012.org.nz shortly.

INTERNATIONAL KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Helga Nowotny



Helga Nowotny is Professor Emerita of Social Studies of Science, ETH Zurich (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology) and a founding member and current president of the European Research Council (ERC). Her latest book publications include *Naked Genes: Reinventing the Human in the Molecular Age* (2011, with Giuseppe Testa), *Insatiable Curiosity: Innovation in a Fragile Future* (2008) and *Cultures of Technology and the Quest for Innovation (ed.)* (2006).

Steve Rayner



Steve Rayner is James Martin Professor of Science and Civilization and Director of the Institute for Science, Innovation and Society at Oxford University's Saïd Business School, from where he also directs the Oxford Programme for the Future of Cities and Co-directs the Oxford Geoengineering Programme. He was included in the 2008 Smart List by *Wired* magazine as 'one of the 15 people the next US President should listen to'.

Philip Mirowski



Philip Mirowski is Carl Koch Chair of Economics and the History and Philosophy of Science, and Fellow of the Reilly Center, University of Notre Dame. He is author of, among others, *Machine Dreams* (2002), *The Effortless Economy of Science?* (2004), *More Heat than Light* (1989), and *ScienceMart: privatizing American science* (2011).

Roger A. Pielke, Jr.



Roger A. Pielke, Jr. has been on the faculty of the University of Colorado since 2001 and is a Professor in the Environmental Studies Program and a Fellow of the Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences (CIRES). He is also author, co-author or co-editor of seven books, including *The Honest Broker: Making Sense of Science in Policy and Politics* (2007) and *The Climate Fix: What Scientists and Politicians Won't Tell you About Global Warming* (2010).

Brian Wynne



Brian Wynne is Professor of Science Studies and since October 2002 co-principal investigator of the UK ESRC Centre for Economic and Social Aspects of Genomics, Cesagen, Lancaster University. In 2011 he was awarded the J.D.Bernal Prize, of The Society for Social Studies of Science (4S) for distinguished contributions to his field.