

EVENT 3: Impact in Transdisciplinary Research: Conceptualizing and Measuring

Date: 19 August 2024

Lecture Time: 12h00 – 13h00 (lecture followed by lunch)

Workshop time: 13h00 –16h00

Venue: STIAS, Seminar Room

Presenter: Prof. Heide Hackmann

Presenter Bio:

Heide Hackmann joined the University of Stellenbosch on 1 July 2024, to hold a new Chair on Science Futures at the Centre for Research on Evaluation, Science, and Technology. She holds an MPhil in Contemporary Social Theory from the University of Cambridge in the UK and a PhD in Science and Technology Studies from the University of Twente in the Netherlands. Dr Hackmann's career includes more than 20 years of international experience in science and technology policy, global science strategy and systems development, and international science advice and diplomacy. Before joining the University of Stellenbosch, she served as Director of Future Africa at the University of Pretoria in South Africa (2022-2024); as the founding CEO of the International Science Council in Paris (2018-2022); and as Executive Director of the Council's two predecessor organizations, the International Council for Science (2015-2018) and the International Social Science Council (2007-2015). Dr. Hackmann continues to serve as an advisor to the United Nations and remains active on the boards of numerous international scientific organisations and initiatives. She is a Fellow of the International Science Council and a member of the Council's Global Sustainability Commission.

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In this lecture, Prof. Heide Hackmann will discuss the key topic of research impact in a global context. Drawing on her experience and impactful research career Heide will share expert insights on how research teams can maximize the societal relevance of their work. Additionally, she will introduce the useful monitoring and evaluation frameworks that can be used to assess the influence and sustainability of research.

Workshop description:

The purpose of this workshop will be to support the Public Squares researchers in maximizing the societal relevance of their research. The facilitation team will share expert insights and guide interactive discussions on effective impact assessment strategies for transdisciplinary research. Participants will engage in collaborative group sessions to unpack the impact opportunities of their projects and draft monitoring and evaluation frameworks to assess the influence and sustainability of their work.