With its monthly OWL colloquium the Athena Institute aspires to stimulate an inter-, multi-, cross and trans-disciplinary process of deliberation about topics relating to the interface between science and society pertinent to all questions posed above—and more. Thus, speakers from all corners both within and without academia (CSOs, policy, business and industry...) are invited to present on empirical, theoretical and methodological developments topical to bridging the variety of gaps that complicate science and society interactions.

**OWL colloquium**

We are happy to announce that our next OWL colloquium speaker is **prof.dr.ir. Maria Jansen**.

**Date & time**: 11/12, 16:00-17:00  
**Venue**: VU University Amsterdam, De Boelelaan 1085, WN M-129

**About our speaker: Maria Jansen**

Maria Jansen is professor of ‘population health’ at Maastricht University. She was, amongst other things, program director of the Academic Collaborative Centre Limburg. Her research focusses on regulations and facilities that contribute to improving civic participation in health care, specifically redesigning public health care due to decentralization of care.

**Abstract:**

*If we want more evidence-based practice, we need more practice-based evidence; dynamics of knowledge sharing*

During her talk, Maria Jansen shortly introduces the Academic Collaborative Centres for Public Health. In these centres the domains of practice, research and policy jointly transfer and co-create knowledge to boost the quality performance required to tackle complex public health problems. She will illustrate the methodological consequences of practice-based research with the project “The healthy school of the future”.

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**About the Athena Institute**

The Athena Institute at VU University Amsterdam is part of the science faculty. From its early days in the 1990s onwards, it has developed tools and methodologies to successfully deal with science-society interactions at all stages of research and innovation.

The OWL colloquium is organized by Jacqueline Broerse, Pim Klaassen and Michelle Rijnen. For more information, please contact us through M.Rijnen@vu.nl.