We are happy to announce that our next OWL colloquium speaker is

**Dr. Hester van de Bovenkamp**

**Date & time:** 23 September, 16:00-17:00  
**Venue:** Room WN M-655, VU University Amsterdam, De Boelelaan 1085,

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**Abstract: Citizen participation and representation in health care**

Citizens are increasingly asked to participate in healthcare decision making both on the individual level (e.g. self-management activities) and the collective level (e.g. participation in organizational and government policy making, guideline development, research agenda setting etc.). The expectations of what all this participation can accomplish are high; it would empower patients and strengthen their autonomy, strengthen democracy, improve quality of care and decrease public spending. However, research into participation shows that all this participation is not easily put into practice and actors are confronted with a number of difficulties. This presentation draws on different research projects we conducted at iBMG into participation and representation of citizens in health care, both on the individual and the collective level, to explore these difficulties and of ways to overcome them.

**About our speaker:** Hester van de Bovenkamp is associate professor of public administration in health care at the Health Care Governance group of the institute of Health, Policy & Management (Erasmus University Rotterdam). She studied public administration at Utrecht University. Her main fields of interest are patient/citizen participation and representation in healthcare decision making and the governance of health care quality.

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**Next OWL Colloquium:**

**Prof. Dr. Nelly Oudshoorn** 13/10, 16:00  
**Title:** Hybrid bodies and the materiality of everyday life

**Prof. Dr. Ari Rip** 24/11, 16:00  
**Title to be announced**

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**About the OWL colloquium**

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. 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.

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