



The Centre for the Study of the Sciences and Humanities, at the University of Bergen announces:

"Science for Policy: Post-Normal Science in practice"

Post-normal science is an approach to interface science and policy in cases where decisions need to be made before conclusive scientific evidence is available. Often, a single and conclusive scientific answer will not be available for highly complex systems such as fisheries, climate, society and the human body. In such cases, more research does not necessarily lead to less uncertainty, but can lead to unforeseen complexity. Values are often in dispute when the potential impacts of decisions based on uncertain science have very large consequences.

The motivation of this mini-symposium is the arrival of our new professor, Jeroen van der Sluijs, from the University of Utrecht. Jeroen just started his position at our Centre in November, and since he was the first to put into action the post-normal science approach, and the NUSAP scheme to a methodology of Knowledge Quality Assessment in the late 1990's, we are hosting a symposium to highlight the development in this area.

We have invited the following speakers to this mini-symposium:

Silvio Oscar Funtowicz, Jerome Ravetz, Bruna De-Marchi, Kjellrun Hiis Hauge, Mario Giampietro, Martin O'Connor, Joyeeta Gupta, Diana Wildschut, Andrea Saltelli, Dorothy Dankel, Alice Benissa

When: 10. – 11. December

Where: The Faculty of Law, UiB. Auditorium A

The mini-symposium is free and open for all, but please register at our website www.uib.no/svt by 1th of December due to lunches.

Welcome to Bergen!