

Program

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MEETS

FMS WORKSHOP

SCIENCE NARRATIVES IN POLICY ADVICE

MARCH 9, 2021, 14.00 – 17.30 H

INFORMATION

ABOUT THIS WORKSHOP

This is an exploratory workshop. It addresses the two main concerns of our current phase of Fiction Meets Science: our research on the global dimensions of science in science narratives, as well as our research on varieties of science narrative across genres, media and societal spheres. The workshop will make a selection of different kinds of science narratives – all produced in the context of policy advice for international cooperation and development – the focus of interdisciplinary reflection. We will examine the ways in which scientific data is shaped into narratives whose aim is to guide political decisions. We will look at the specific qualities of the narratives produced in these processes, as well as at the various factors and players which drive and shape them. Combining a range of conceptual, structural and contextual approaches, the aim of the workshop is to probe how discursive practice – both scientific and narrative – and interdisciplinary conceptual and methodological reflection can be brought together to create new research perspectives.

ABOUT FICTION MEETS SCIENCE

FMS is a research and writers' fellowship program that brings together sociologists, literary scholars, novelists, and scientists to examine the literary and social ramifications of a recent trend: an overall increase in the quantity of mainstream and literary fiction about science, and a shift in the ways that science is addressed in fiction. FMS has been in its second three-year research phase since 2018.

For more information see www.fictionmeetsscience.org

SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

14.00-14.10 Opening & Welcome (Anna-Katharina Hornidge, Anton Kirchhofer)

Short Input Statements

- Science Narratives in development cooperation & Positionality of DIE ~ Anna-Katharina Hornidge, Beatrice Dippel
 - Today's story of development cooperation - as told by the DIE ~ Uwe Schimank
 - Exploring Critical and Analytical Perspectives on Science Narratives ~ Anton Kirchhofer

COFFEE BREAK

15.40-16.15 **Session 2**

Discussion of Texts in Breakout Rooms

<u>Group</u>		(Moderator)
I	Cultural and Knowledge Sociology	(Sina Farzin)
II	Narratology	(Anton Kirchhofer)
III	Postcolonialism	(Karsten Levihn-Kutzler)
IV	The Semantics of Normativity	(Beatrice Dippel)
V	Visualizations	(Martin Butler)

SHORT BREAK

16.25-17.30 Concluding Round Table (Moderator: Beatrice Dippel)

Recap of insights from Breakout Rooms & Plenary Discussion