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Values in Science Advice: The Case of the IPCC

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The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) reviews scientific literature on climate change in an attempt to make scientific knowledge about climate change accessible to a wide audience that includes policy makers. Documents produced by the IPCC are subject to negotiations in plenary sessions, which can be frustrating for the scientists and government delegations involved, who all have stakes in getting their respective interests met. This seminar draws on the work of Bruno Latour in order to analyze the role of different values in science advice and the need for 'diplomacy' between these different values.

Space is limited. Breakfast provided.

You must RSVP to attend: bit.ly/IT-Petersen

Dr. Arthur Petersen joined UCL's Department of Science, Technology, Engineering and Public Policy (STEaPP) full time in September 2014 as Professor of Science, Technology and Public Policy, after more than 13 years' work as scientific adviser on environment and infrastructure policy within the Dutch Government. Most recently he served as Chief Scientist of the PBL Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency (2011–2014). At UCL STEaPP, he directs the department's research and doctoral programmes. He studied physics and philosophy, obtained doctorate degrees in atmospheric sciences (Doctor of Philosophy – PhD, Utrecht University, 1999) and philosophy of science (Doctor of Public Administration – DPA, VU University Amsterdam, 2006), and now also finds disciplinary homes in anthropology and political science. Most of his research is about managing uncertainty.

