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Wicked Problems, Contested Administrations:
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The Research Colloquium of the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences:
CURRENT RESEARCH ON “WICKED (POLICY) PROBLEMS”

**“Public Governance:
Bringing Citizens Back In!”**

Venue: University of Potsdam, Campus Griebnitzsee
House 7, Room 227

Date: 6 July 2016

Time: 12 - 14 c.t.

Prof. Dr. Bas Denters
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“Public Governance: Bringing Citizens Back In!”

The potential of community initiatives in public governance is the topic of a lively debate both in the United Kingdom and the Netherlands. In his lecture, Prof. Denters will reflect on these debates and analyse potentials and pitfalls of community initiatives from two perspectives: as a mode of democratic governance and as an alternative for state provisions. He will further discuss how politicians and public officials might address the challenges of community initiatives.



Bas Denters is full professor of Public Administration and Head of the Department of Public Administration in the Faculty of Behavioural, Management & Social Sciences at the University of Twente (Enschede, The Netherlands). He is the Scientific Director of the Netherlands Institute for Government. He is also the programme director of the Innovation of Governance programme of the University of Twente’s priority research institute IGS. He is scientific advisor of KISS (Expertise Centre for Urban Affairs). KISS is a joint initiative of the Province of Overijssel, the five major urban municipalities in this province, the University of Twente and other regional institutions of higher education, private organisations (from the business community and civil society).

From 2000-2010 he was the convenor of the Standing Group on Local Politics and Government (LOGOPOL) of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR). He is member of the Board of the European Urban Research Association.

He is the managing editor of *Bestuurswetenschappen*, the oldest Dutch public administration and member of the editorial board of *Local Government Studies*, the leading European journal in the field of local politics and governance. He has published on issues of urban governance, citizen initiatives, citizen participation and local democracy more generally.