

# ***“Post Normal Science – perspectives & prospects”***

**A reflective workshop: 26-27<sup>th</sup> June 2009: Oxford**

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On the occasion of the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of Jerry Ravetz, this workshop aims to review some ‘perspectives and prospectives’ on Post Normal Science.

When we first thought of this workshop, we imagined that a couple of dozen old and new friends would congregate and see what has been going on with PNS. We were surprised and gratified to discover a much broader interest

In keeping with the exploratory nature of PNS thinking, we want to accommodate all those who wish (or need) to present a paper, with the creative atmosphere of an intensive workshop. There are enough breakout rooms, for as many contributions as can be made.

These contributions can be as formal or informal as anybody wishes, and it looks like a mixture of both. The breakouts are flexible (so far we have 19 contributions in 12 hours of breakout time) but we would steer towards a discussion mode rather than conventional presentation from the front. So this might be about 15 minutes presentation and 15 discussion for each contribution, plus panel discussion at the end: some are using powerpoints or flipcharts (the facilities are available).

For papers which are clearly heading towards a journal special issue, the more formality the better, in terms of on-line access & format. We have an agreement with the editor of *Futures* to run a special issue with six papers from the workshop. If there are more suitable papers then we could approach another journal for a special issue. Other papers and contributions will go on the PNS website.

Location:

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| <b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>           |  | <b>PERSPECTIVES</b>   |
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| 10.30  | <i>coffee etc</i>  |   |
| 11.00  | Overview – what is PNS / NUSAP                                   | Silvio Funtowicz<br>Jerry Ravetz  |
| 11.45  | Origins  | Hilary & Steven Rose<br>David Dickson *   |
| 12.45  | <i>lunch</i>   |   |
| 13.45  | Development  | Martin O'Connor<br>Jeroen van der Sluijs<br>Roger Strand  |
| 15.45  | <i>Tea</i>   |   |
| 16.15  | Special topics breakouts (19)<br>(themes to be arranged on site) | Paul Barnes, Tom Borsen, David Brazier, Shirin Elahi, Kate Farrell, Bev France, Mario Giampietro, Maria Hage, Colin Hannaford, Stephen Healy, Karen Kastenhofer, Dan McCarthy, James Risbey, Samuel Randalls, Joe Ravetz, John Robinson, Rene von Schomberg, Phil Tattersall, Angela Wilkinson & Esther Eidinow |
| 18.00  | Break  |   |
| 18.30  | <i>Reception &amp; presentations</i>                             | <i>Sponsored by Institute for Science Innovation &amp; Society</i>  |
| 19.30  | <i>Dinner at St Annes</i>  | <i>Hosted by Prof. Steve Rayner</i>   |
| <b>Sat 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>              |  | <b>PROSPECTIVES</b>   |
| 9.30   | Special topics breakouts (b)                                     | (Continued from above)  |
| 11.00  | <i>coffee</i>  |   |
| 11.30  | Post Normal Science issues                                       | Hans von Storch (climate)<br>Brian Wynne (new technology)<br>David Waltner-Toews (health)   |
| 13.00  | <i>lunch</i>   |   |
| 13.45  | Prospects for Post Normal Science                                | John Turnpenny,<br>*Jeff Howard<br>Ruth Beilin  |
| 15.15  | summary & discussion   | Silvio Funtowicz<br>Jerry Ravetz  |
| 16.00  | <i>close &amp; tea</i>   |   |
| * <i>Contribution presented in absentia.</i> |  |   |