

## RRI-Newsletter No. 2



Dear colleagues,

We take the upcoming next semester as occasion to update you on recent publications and activities of the *Research Platform Responsible Research and Innovation in Academic Practice*:

- Our **card-based discussion method** for engaging life science researchers in collective reflections about responsible research practices is now published open access in the *Journal of Responsible Innovation*.
- An interdisciplinary group of members of the research platform has published an **opinion paper on societal responsibility in academic institutions** in *Times Higher Education*.
- We recently started a **series of RRI-related Workshops for PhD students** in collaboration with the WTZ Ost. Following the already completed **SiS Maps** workshop, the workshop **ReflACT** is now open for application until September 23.
- The head of the research platform, Prof. **Ulrike Felt**, held a **key-note at the annual meeting of the European University Association** on how to implement RRI at universities.
- Further, the research platform now co-organizes a **series of "CRISPR Brown Bag Lunches"** for interdisciplinary debates on societal issues related to genome editing.

Please find details and links below. We hope to meet you again at future events!

### NEW PUBLICATION:

**IMAGINE RRI. A card-based method for reflecting on responsibility in life science research, *Journal of Responsible Innovation*, 5:2, 201-224 (2018)**

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/23299460.2018.1457402>

by Ulrike Felt, Maximilian Fochler, Lisa Sigl

*To address RRI-related challenges, we created a new card-based method (IMAGINE RRI) for engaging life scientists in reflections on the meaning of responsibility in their own research practices. The aim is to empower researchers to appropriate RRI through shared reflection while connecting it to their practices.*

### OPINION PAPER:

**How to weave societal responsibility into the fabric of universities  
*Times Higher Education*, September 6 (2018)**

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/opinion/selling-impact-short>

by Ulrike Felt, Maximilian Fochler, Andreas Richter, Renée Schroeder, Lisa Sigl

*This opinion paper is the result of an interdisciplinary collaboration of researchers in the life sciences and science and technology studies (STS). A longer version is available at the Reflections Blog:  
<https://blog.sts.univie.ac.at/>.*

April – June 2018; WTZ Ost, Berggasse 7

**SiS Maps: Science in Society – Mapping Controversies WTZ Ost Workshop for PhD Students**, <https://rri.univie.ac.at/aktivitaeten/workshopconferences/sis-maps/>

with Ulrike Felt, Andrea Schikowitz, Lisa Sigl

*In 2 half-day sessions and 1 full-day session, **PhD students** worked in small groups to analytically approach complex public debates concerning science and technology, to develop their own position based on this analysis, as well as to communicate this position to different audiences.*

October 9 & November 15, 2018; WTZ Ost, Berggasse 7

**Responsibility in Action (ReflACT) - WTZ Workshop for PhD Students**

<https://rri.univie.ac.at/aktivitaeten/workshopconferences/reflact/>

with Lisa Sigl

*In this 2-day workshop, **PhD students** learn to identify and reflect relevant societal issues and concerns related to their research fields. Further, they will develop ideas for acting upon these reflections in carrying out their PhD projects. **Open for applications until September, 23***

April 5-6, 2018, Annual meeting of the European University Association, University of Zurich

**Key-note talk on “Transforming European universities: Towards new understandings and practices of engagement and responsibility**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n4R8HkOxxK0>

by Ulrike Felt

*At the EUA's meeting on "Engaged and Responsible Universities Shaping Europe", Ulrike Felt held a keynote on the hurdles of implementing societal responsibility at universities. Pointing to aspects in research policy that are partly at odds with RRI (new public management and its auditing culture), she argues that a sustainable entrenchment of RRI needs an institutional framework that embeds "caring for society" in scientific practices.*

June 11, 2018, STS Library, Neues Institutsgebäude, Universitätsstraße 7/6th floor

**1<sup>st</sup> CRISPR Brown Bag Lunch, with input by Prof. Florian Grebien**

[rri.univie.ac.at/aktivitaeten/workshopconferences/sis-maps/](https://rri.univie.ac.at/aktivitaeten/workshopconferences/sis-maps/)

Co-organised with the Department of Ecogenomics and Systems Biology and the Department of Science and Technology Studies of the University of Vienna.

*The platform co-organizes a series of Brown Bag Lunches to continue and deepen the conversation on scientific and social implications of editing genomes with the CRISPR technology that started with an international symposium in Vienna in October 2017. **Upcoming dates will be announced soon!***

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