

Call for Papers

"Responsible Research and Innovation" — a Special Issue of *Synthese*

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Synthese invites submissions for a special issue on “Responsible Research and Innovation” (RRI). The issue aims to explore the conception of RRI with an emphasis on philosophical challenges and problems of practical implementation. This conception is guided by the idea of bringing scientific research into closer contact with the interests and value-attitudes of relevant parties.

The notion of RRI is typically understood broadly and includes gender equality, open access publication, ethical standards in performing experiments, and science education. What seems more challenging and ambitious from a philosophical point of view is the demand for “science with and for society.” This includes, in particular, doing research in interaction with society, on the one hand, and for the benefit of or on behalf of society, on the other hand. Whereas science with society involves lay or stakeholder participation, science for society means that research topics that favor social concerns or the common good are privileged. This special issue aims to explore ways of assessing the desirability of RRI in this double sense and to judge its feasibility.

Appropriate topics for submission include, among others:

- The elaboration and implementation of RRI
- How to identify research on behalf of society
- Participation from outside of science (lay or stakeholder participation) and the epistemic ambition of research
- RRI as a means of building public trust in science

Submitted papers must present original research that has not been published and is not currently under review with any other journal. All submissions will be peer reviewed according to *Synthese*'s rules. All papers should be submitted specifically to the special issue “Responsible Research and Innovation” via the online Editorial Manager.

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The deadline for submissions is January 1, 2018.