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Editorial: Post-Normal Science in Practice

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HIGHLIGHTS

- This special issue contains a selection of papers presented during the 2014 and 2015 PNS meetings
- This issue includes extended commentaries on the present crisis in science and the post-fact / post-truth discourse, from Europe and from Japan
- Also, reflections on the current state and future scope of PNS
- And science in the context of the rapidly changing role of science in governance.

Abstract: This special issue contains a selection of papers presented during the 2014 Bergen meeting, complemented with short perspectives by young PNS-inspired scholars, presented at a mini-symposium "Post-normal times? New thinking about science and policy advice" held on 21 October 2016 in celebration of Silvio Funtowicz' 70th birthday, also in Bergen. In addition, the issue includes two more extended commentaries on the present crisis in science and the post-fact / post-truth discourse, one from Europe (Saltelli and Funtowicz, this issue) and one from Japan (Tsukahara, this issue). Far from being a complete representation of the discussions at both symposia, the six papers, three short perspectives on PNS and two extended commentaries on the present crisis, represent relevant reflections on the current state and possible future scope of PNS in the context of the rapidly changing role of science in governance.

Keywords: post-normal science, uncertainty communication, science-policy interface, science for policy

Introduction and Context: Bergen December 2014 meeting

In 1993, Silvio Funtowicz and Jerome Ravetz published their seminal work "Science for the Post-Normal Age" in this journal. It is now by far the best cited paper ever published in *Futures* (with 1471 citations according to scopus.com, and 3420 citations

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