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# Invitation

## Development in theory and practice

Seminar on the occasion of the retirement  
of Professor Michiel A. Keyzer

27 June 2014



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We cordially invite you to the seminar on the occasion of the retirement of

## *Professor Michiel A. Keyzer*

Michiel Keyzer has spent a life long career at the Centre for World Food Studies (SOW-VU), as researcher, mentor and advisor, and as director since 1995, with an appointment as professor in mathematical economics. He initiated the Centre's interdisciplinary research into the causes of poverty and hunger along two lines. First, while maintaining welfare theory as central organizing principle, spatially explicit approaches accommodate the geographical distribution of populations, production, climatic conditions as well as flows of goods and water, and migration of people and animals. Challenges related to the governance of scarce resources and the prevention and resolution of conflicts require the explicit representation of norms and institutions. The second line of research at the Centre is the ongoing development of dedicated methods for integrated statistical analysis of socio-economic and agro-ecological data, which provide the tools for empirical analysis while maintaining the theoretical foundations.

This approach to applied research is adhered to in the Centre's many research partnerships, aiming to better inform policy makers in developing countries on prospects to improve the position of vulnerable groups. Four distinguished speakers are invited to share their view on specific research areas and the agenda for development cooperation, covering aspects of the Centre's multidisciplinary approach. Partners of the Centre will be offered the opportunity to reflect on these contributions.

For more information and registration, please contact the organizing committee:

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We look forward to meeting you at the seminar.

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# Programme

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09.30 - 10.00	<i>Welcome and coffee</i>
10.00 - 10.10	<i>Opening by the Chair / Jan Willem Gunning</i> Professor Emeritus of development economics VU University
10.15 - 10.55	<i>Prof. Mark Rosegrant / IFPRI</i> 'Modeling for agricultural development and food security: challenges and opportunities'
11.00 - 11.40	<i>Prof. Cars Hommes / UvA</i> 'Mathematical economics: from laboratory to real world'
11.45 - 12.25	<i>Prof. Jan Pronk / ISS</i> 'Development post 2015'
	Lunch at venue
13.30 - 14.10	<i>Prof. Peter Heather / King's College</i> 'Politics of development: creating Europe in the first Millennium AD'
14.10 - 14.30	<i>Closing remarks</i>

Each presentation has a 15 minutes reservation for reflections and comments

*Date:* June 27th, 2014

*Venue of the seminar:* Auditorium VU University  
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