



MORSE PhD colloquium

Friday 25 October - UCM Room 0.028 at 14h00-17h00

As part of the annual MORSE conference, we offer something very special to PhD candidates: the chance to sharpen their next research in a collaborative, inspiring and safe environment. A total of 6 PhD candidates (or Postdocs) have the opportunity to sit together with each other and under the guidance of our keynote speaker Prof. David Wood (Harvard) and Prof. Jaap Bos (Maastricht).

During the PhD colloquium, you will have the chance to present your early-stage research and receive feedback.

To sign up for this colloquium, please send an email to morse-sbe@maastrichtuniversity.nl with a short one pager, describing your profile and your research line.

Preparation for the colloquium is minimal: we expect you to prepare a maximum of 4 slides and give an informal presentation of maximum 10 minutes.

Deadline: Monday 14 October

David Wood is Senior Researcher at the [Social Innovation and Change Initiative](#) at [Harvard Kennedy School](#). He conducts applied research on the theory and practice of responsible investment, broadly construed. Past projects have included work with pension fund trustees, foundation endowments and family offices; and have covered topics including just transition, racial equity, economic inequality, public policy and community investment seen from the lens of responsible and impact investing. He is currently working on a history of responsible investment from the 1970s to the present.

David Wood will also deliver a keynote on Wednesday 23 October on "**Responsible Investment and Countervailing Power**".

Abstract: The field of responsible investment has, over the past fifty years or so, challenged both investors and corporations to improve their social performance. These challenges, though, come from the inside, and are often as likely to reify as they are to critique conventional practice.

This talk will trace the history of two topics that illustrate tensions of the long inside game: efforts to rethink fiduciary duty for investors; and efforts to rethink corporate disclosure for corporations. My goal is to illustrate how responsible investment, as a field, has imagined itself both as countervailing power and as a path to power; and how this history might condition our analysis of efforts to improve corporate performance and accountability in the face of 21st century problems.