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This is the Scientists4Future NL newsletter of September 2021, this month coordinated by **S4F Amsterdam**. To subscribe, click [here](#). To unsubscribe, use the link at the bottom of this email.

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## The coordination circle

Up until now, S4F-NL did not have a central coordination group. The responsibility to 'keep things running' behind the scenes was taken up implicitly by certain individuals, which is neither transparent, sustainable, or efficient. Earlier this month, this changed and S4F-NL now has a Coordination Group:

*The Coordination Group is a special decentralized group within S4F that oversees the functioning of S4F at the national level. For example, it is responsible for back-office tasks like email handling, setting up National Body meetings and keeping track of ongoing projects. It may also serve as a media contact point. The National Body is informed about the composition of the coordination group and may object to it. The Coordination Group has a minimum of 2 members and if there are fewer, its responsibilities go back to the National Body.*

This is the piece that has been added to the [Community Principles](#). The current membership of the Coordination Group (as of September 6 2021): Disa Sauter, Wouter Lenferink, Muriel Heldring and Leo van Kampenhout.

## Global Climate Strike 24 September



**Time is up. We need climate action NOW! On Friday September 24th, FridaysForFuture organizes another global climate strike.**

In the Netherlands, the main event will take place at the Jaarbeursplein in Utrecht. The starting time of the strike is 14:00. There will be a walking route through the city and back to the Jaarbeursplein, where there will be a few speakers (at around 15:00). One of the speakers will be our own Arthur Oldeman, speaking as a concerned climate scientist about the latest IPCC report, as well as talking about the activities of Scientists4Future Netherlands. Follow FridaysForFuture NL and Scientists4Future NL on the socials (Instagram, Twitter) for the latest updates!

We will join the strike with a group from Scientists4Future NL. You are very welcome to join! We will meet up at 13:45 at the corner of the Beatrixgebouw (the corner of Jaarbeursplein and Croeselaan). You can recognize us by the 'Science not silence' banner with the climate stripes (see photo). Our contact point will be Paulina Pankowska (p.k.p.pankowska@vu.nl; 0645670962). Don't forget to bring a face mask and keep 1.5m distance. See you there!

## Global Demonstration 6 November



The latest [UN climate report](#) published in August confirms the results from the 2018 IPCC Special Report on the risks of crossing global warming of 1.5°C (SR1.5), and calls for urgent, drastic and large-scale action. Despite the fact that the consequences of the climate crisis also affect the Netherlands, the current Dutch climate goals fall far short of what is needed to prevent very serious climate disruption. On 6 November 2021, the Climate Crisis Coalition is therefore expected to organise the largest climate demonstration ever in the Netherlands and calls on the government to draw up ambitious, fair climate plans for a resilient present and a liveable future.

**Practical information:**  
Date : **November 6, 2021**  
Start: **13.00**  
Location: **Dam, Amsterdam**

## Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty

**More than 2,185 scientists and academics call for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty**

Over two thousand academics from 81 countries have delivered a letter demanding a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty to manage a global phase out of coal, oil and gas to governments gathering at tomorrow's UN General Assembly.

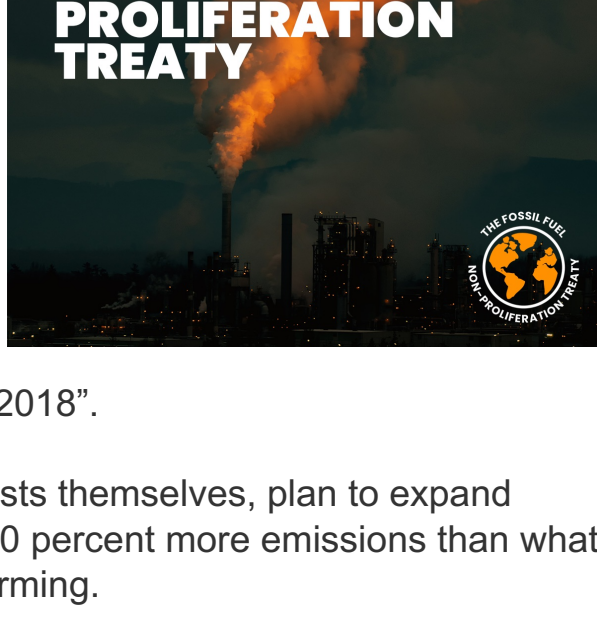
In the open letter, the academics recognize that the burning of coal, oil and gas is the greatest contributor to climate change – responsible for almost 80% of carbon dioxide emissions since the industrial revolution. Furthermore, they note that, "air pollution caused by fossil fuels was responsible for almost 1 in 5 deaths worldwide in 2018".

Despite this, national governments, including the COP26 hosts themselves, plan to expand fossil fuel production at levels that would result in around 120 percent more emissions than what is in keeping with the Paris Agreement target of 1.5°C of warming.

The letter comes on the heels of last month's IPCC report, which was heralded as a "death knell" for the fossil fuel industry by the UN Secretary General, António Guterres. The report revealed that 86% of CO2 emissions in the last decade are from the burning of fossil fuels.

**It is still possible to sign the letter until COP26.** Please see: [fossilfuel treaty.org/open-letter](https://fossilfuel treaty.org/open-letter)

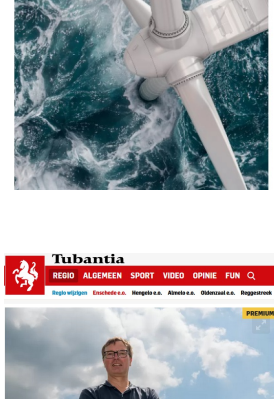
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## S4F in the media

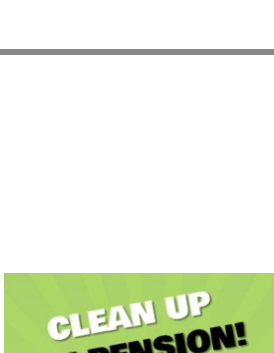
**An opinion article about pension divestment by S4F NL scientists was published in [Het Parool](#)** (in Dutch)

Het ABP, een van de grootste pensioenfondsen ter wereld, kan met de enorme hoeveelheid geld die het beheert van grote invloed zijn op het milieu. Dat stellen Loek Spitz, Karen Holtmaat en Lisette Klok van S4F NL.



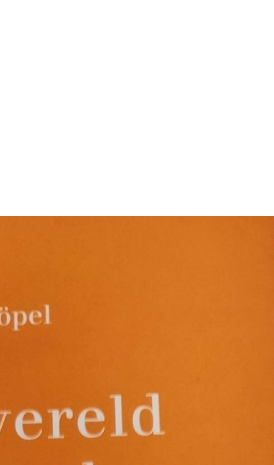
**Evert Houwman (UT; S4F Twente) was interviewed for [this article in the Tubantia](#)** (in Dutch), the most-read regional newspaper in Twente.

Evert: "The only error is that I'm not a climate scientist, as stated in the title."



## ABP divestment campaign

The Dutch pension fund ABP is the pension fund for employees in the government and education sectors, including universities and colleges. ABP has more than 15 billion euro invested in fossil fuel companies, despite the [urgent warnings from scientists](#). Employees of several universities and colleges have started campaigns at their institutions asking their boards to speak out against their pensions being invested in fossil fuels. The [campaign of the University of Amsterdam](#) has already collected over 1000 signatures! You can help to increase the pressure on ABP to divest by checking if there is such a petition at your institution and sign it, or [start a new one](#) if it does not exist yet.



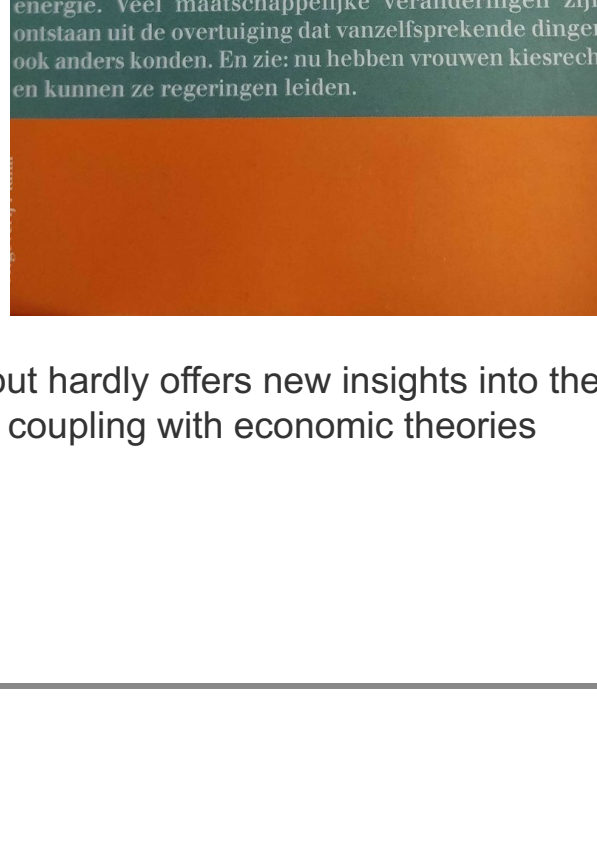
## Recommended Reading

*Book:* *Unsere Welt neu denken* (Onze wereld nieuw denken) by Maja Göpel

Our current economic model suggests that the destruction of our Earth and habitat is wealthy leads to a trickle-down effect to benefit the whole of society. That humans are inherently egoistic, looking only to benefit themselves. These and other ideas are what Maja Göpel (Scientists for Future Germany) reflects on in her latest book *Unsere Welt neu denken*. She sketches the history of our current economic ideals, how it relates to the climate crisis, and how we should rethink them as we move towards a more sustainable future. Moreover, she encourages people to be a soft influence to those around them by listening and questioning. To this end, she stresses the importance of dialogue, patience, and finding like-minded individuals with whom to share your passion for a more sustainable future.

*Unsere Welt neu denken* was a bestseller in Germany at the start of this year and now also has a Dutch translation. It's a good read, easy-written, and to-the-point, but hardly offers new insights into the fundamental aspects of our climate crisis. Nevertheless, the coupling with economic theories and their history makes this book worth the effort.

*By Wouter Lenferink (S4F-Nijmegen)*



## Get involved!

Are you a subscriber to this newsletter who is not yet actively involved in S4F NL? Curious to find out more about what S4F does and how you can contribute? Get in touch via [contact@scientists4future.nl](mailto:contact@scientists4future.nl) or email Disa at [d.a.sauter@uva.nl](mailto:d.a.sauter@uva.nl)

## Upcoming events

**Symposium - Academic Engagement with Energy Industries**  
21 September 10:00 to 13:00

Collaborations between academic institutes, governments, and energy industries have helped to secure the energy demands over the past decades. However, the negative impacts of fossil fuel emissions have made it clear that dependence on this energy source is not sustainable. This symposium, organised by the [Utrecht Young Academy](#) and Scientists 4 Future Netherlands, will address ethical and operational questions regarding academic engagement with energy industries with perspectives from experts who have closely studied this topic.

You can find more information and sign up [here](#).

**Trans Europe Express 2.0 with Diederik Samsom and CEO Prorail - by Studium Generale, KIVI Students Twente & S4F-Twente.**  
28 September 19:30 to 21:00

Travelling through Europe by train can be quite a challenge. If you want to travel from Amsterdam to Rome for instance, it will take you at least 20 hours, including two transfers. How can this be improved? When will the train become a serious alternative for air travel?

You can find more information and a link to the livestream [here](#).

**KNAW webinar Oplossingen voor Klimaatverandering (Solutions for Climate Change, in Dutch).**  
6 October 14:00 to 16:00

Wat zijn de consequenties van de opwarming van de aarde en welk risico heeft de stijgende zeespiegel voor Nederland? In aanloop naar de 26e klimaatconferentie van de Verenigde Naties (COP26) op 1 november 2021, komen de oplossingen voor klimaatverandering op internationaal en nationaal niveau tijdens dit webinar aan de orde. Welke antwoorden bieden zij?

You can find more information and register [here](#).

## S4F NL webinars

On October 21, we will have a webinar with Frank Biermann, and on December 16 our guest speaker will be Matthijs Schouten.

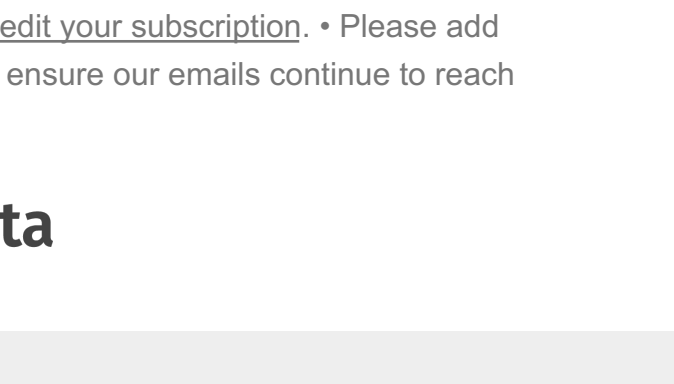
You can find an up-to-date schedule of S4F NL's webinars [here](#).

## Local groups

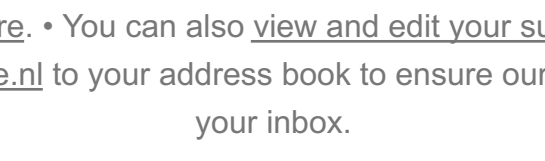
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Local S4F-NL groups  
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