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James Wilsdon joined SPRU (Science & Technology Policy Research) in December 2011 as Professor of Science and Democracy. He is also an Associate Fellow at NESTA and at the Cambridge Centre for Science and Policy.

Beginning in September 2013, he is Chair of the Campaign for Social Science, which was set up in 2011 to raise the profile of UK social science and demonstrate its value to the public, policymakers and the media.

His research interests at SPRU include the role of evidence and expertise in policymaking; the politics of scientific advice; public engagement in research; and science and innovation policy in the UK, China and other emerging economies.

From 2008 to 2011, he was the founding Director of the Science Policy Centre at the Royal Society, the UK's national academy of science, where he coordinated a series of influential studies on topics such as geoengineering, food security, science diplomacy, open science, and the prospects for science in the Islamic world. He also led the Royal Society's evidence gathering and advocacy for investment in research through the 2010 UK General Election and subsequent Spending Review.

Prior to this, he was Head of Science and Innovation (2004-2008) and Head of Strategy (2001-2004) at the think tank Demos, and Senior Policy Adviser (1997-2001) at the sustainability NGO Forum for the Future. At Demos, he was also director of *The Atlas of Ideas*, a two-year study described by the *Financial Times* as 'the most comprehensive analysis yet of science and innovation in China, India and South Korea.'

He has researched and written widely on science policy, scientific advice, the governance of new technologies and the globalization of research. His main publications include *Future Directions for Scientific Advice in Whitehall* (CSaP/Alliance for Useful Evidence, 2013); *The Scientific Century* (Royal Society, 2010), *New frontiers in science diplomacy* (Royal Society, 2010), *The Atlas of Ideas* (Demos, 2007), *China: the next science superpower?* (Demos, 2007), *The Public Value of Science* (Demos, 2005), *See-through Science* (Demos, 2004) and *Digital Futures* (Earthscan, 2001). He has also written for the *Financial Times*, *Times Higher Education*, *Nature*, *China Daily*, *Green Futures*, *OpenDemocracy*, *Renewal* and *SEED*.

In September 2012, he joined the Governing Board of CISTRAT (International Research and Training Centre for Science and Technology Strategy) in Beijing, a new centre established under the auspices of UNESCO and China's Ministry of Science and Technology.

He took his first degree in philosophy and theology at Oxford University, followed by a master's degree in sustainable development and a doctorate in technology policy from Middlesex University.