

Dear Members of the Selection Committee for the NWO UKB Leo Waaijers Open Science Award,

It is with utmost appreciation for her longstanding work, commitment to her work and achievements in the area of Collective Action, Commons and Citizen Collectives - nowadays bundled in the research- and knowledge based, what I would call, academic Social Movement Project *Collectieve Kracht* - that I like to full heartedly support the nomination of Prof dr Tine De Moor for the *NWO Leo Waaijers Open Science Award*.

I met Professor De Moor - then still an assistant/associate professor in Utrecht - for the first time at a Workshop on the Workshop of (what is nowadays called) the Elinor and Vincent Ostrom Workshop (in Political Theory and Policy Analysis) of the Indiana University , Bloomington (IN), USA). At the time I was Chair of Institutional Governance and Public Administration in Leiden. I was – till 2012 - affiliated to ‘the Workshop’ of the Ostroms as their first ‘Invited International Scholar’ (for the year 1984) and a regular visitor ever since. Elinor Ostrom was in 2009 to become the first woman to receive the Nobel Laureate in Economics for her work on *Economic Governance, especially the Commons*.

I followed prof De Moor’s work and development from a distance ever since. I became increasingly impressed by the way she managed – with others and helped as an historian by an appropriate background - to not only put the importance of ‘collectives’, ‘collective action’, ‘governance of the commons’, ‘user participation’, ‘citizen self-organization’ – particularly in (the history of) the Low Countries - on the Dutch national research agenda. But also – knowingly and deliberately – she took it upon herself to – successfully - impact the public debate on these matters, setting it apart from – sometimes too easy and more narrowly on ‘sustainability’ focused - ‘transition studies’, however important these in themselves might be.

In Tines De Moors personal approach to the subject matter she has always – in my words - respected *and* practiced the Ostrom adagio that the ‘governance of the commons’ can only be meaningfully studied, analyzed and understood, not only by actively involving ‘collectives’ and (the knowledge of) ‘citizens’ in the research – as a form ‘citizen science’ and ‘wisdom of the crowd’ - but also the other way around. Treat Knowledge as a Commons; not as a separate, but as an integrated part for a sustainable community- and user based open access infrastructure for ‘civic governance’: a focus on citizen science as a science for and by citizens and how to govern this open access infrastructure by and for citizens.

Both her favorite subject area as well as the research methodology applied by professor De Moore exemplify and represent accessible Open Science at the core and in a true meaning. Her recent efforts to set up and develop – with the explicitly induced participation of many others – a first version of a widely shared and propagated *Burgercollectieven Monitor* of the by herself initiated and led *Kennisplatform Collectieve kracht*, is just a further step in and token of a long time committed and pursued mission in Open Science, not only in a technical academic, but also broader societal meaning.

Met vriendelijke groet,

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