

Governance of practices and practices of governance

Theoretical and practical applications of practice theory and practice-based approaches at the WCSG

Final presentation, 18 January 2018



Starting point

- Many researchers work with **practice theory and/or practice-based approaches** in the WCSG
- **Practices and governance not a natural match**, so how do practices/practice-based approaches fit within the Wageningen Centre for Sustainability *Governance*?

Main aims

- **Take stock** of the different approaches to practice theory within the WCSG
- Explore **new theoretical and practical avenues** for future research and collaboration
- Develop an approach to **co-create practice-based approaches** together with practitioners

Activities

Activities planned and realised

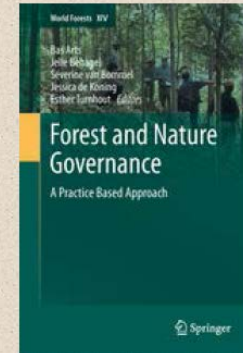
- Kick-off meeting Done
- Researcher-practitioner workshop Done
- Literature review Partly done
- Writing articles Ongoing
- Follow-up ideas within WCSG Ongoing

Kick-off meeting

- 15 participants (PAP, FNP, ENP)
- 5 pitches
- Good discussion on differences/questions

Practice-based approach to forest policy

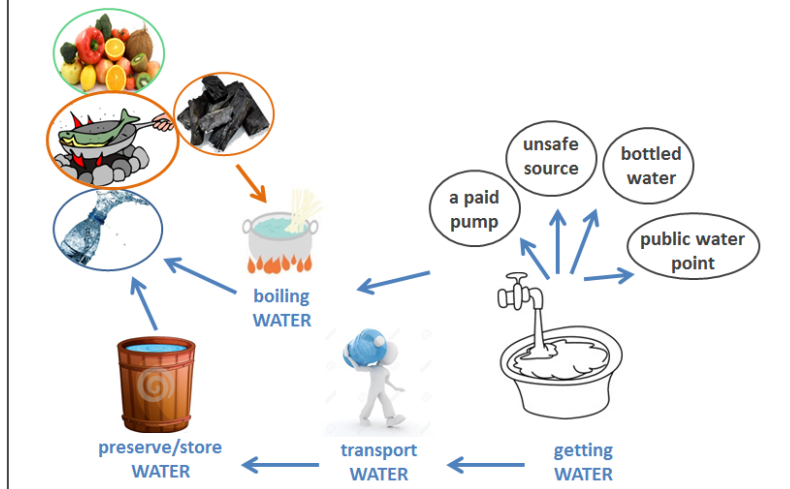
- Logic of practice (sociology)
- Situated agency (pragmatism)
- Performativity (interpretivism)



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WATER: Reconstructing Network of Provisioning



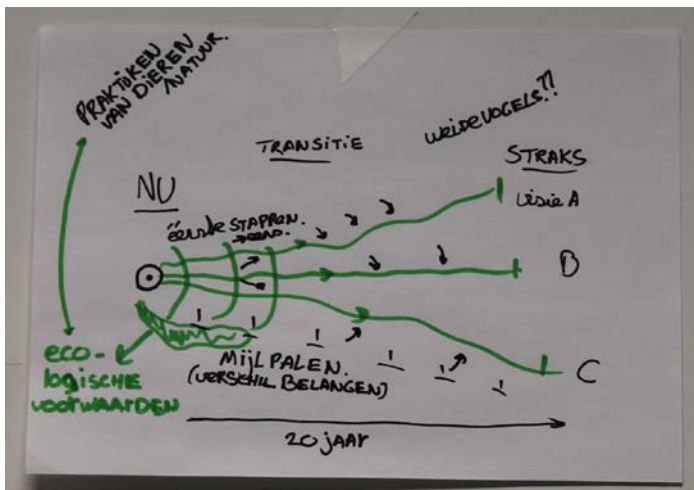
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Researcher-practitioner workshop

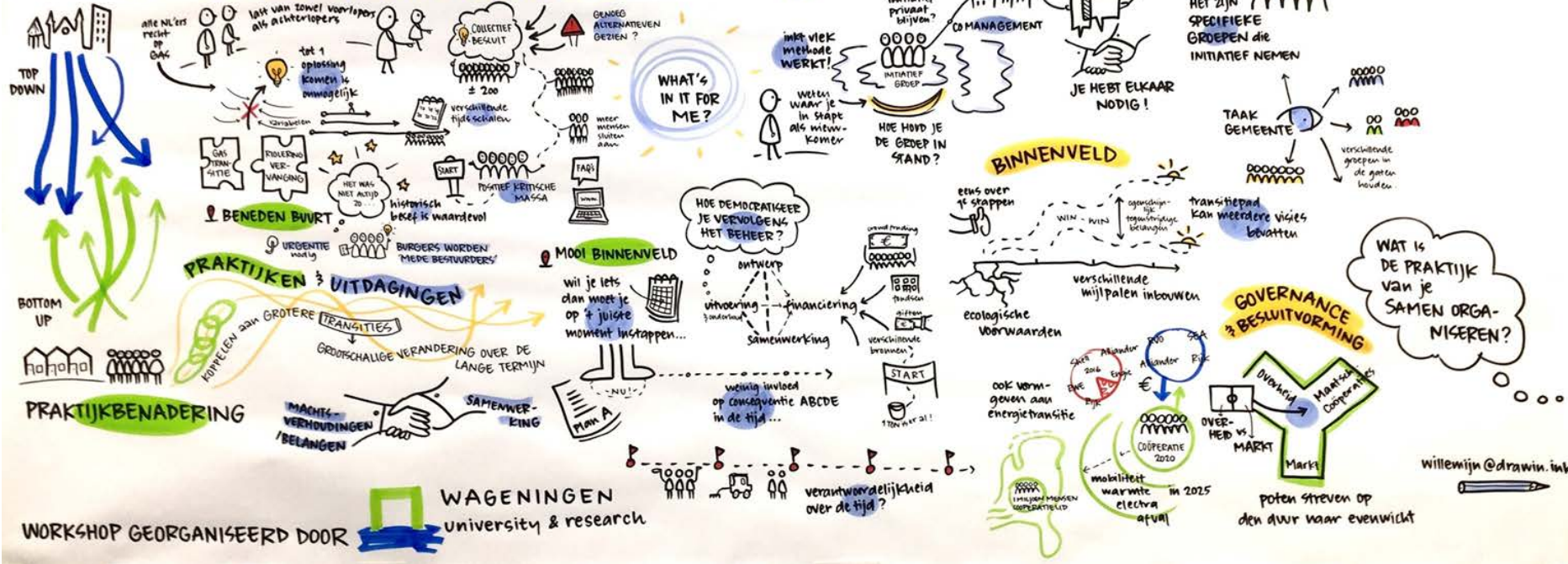
- 12 participants ('practioners + WUR)
- two 'cases'
- Focus on visualising practices + governance



Researcher-practitioner workshop

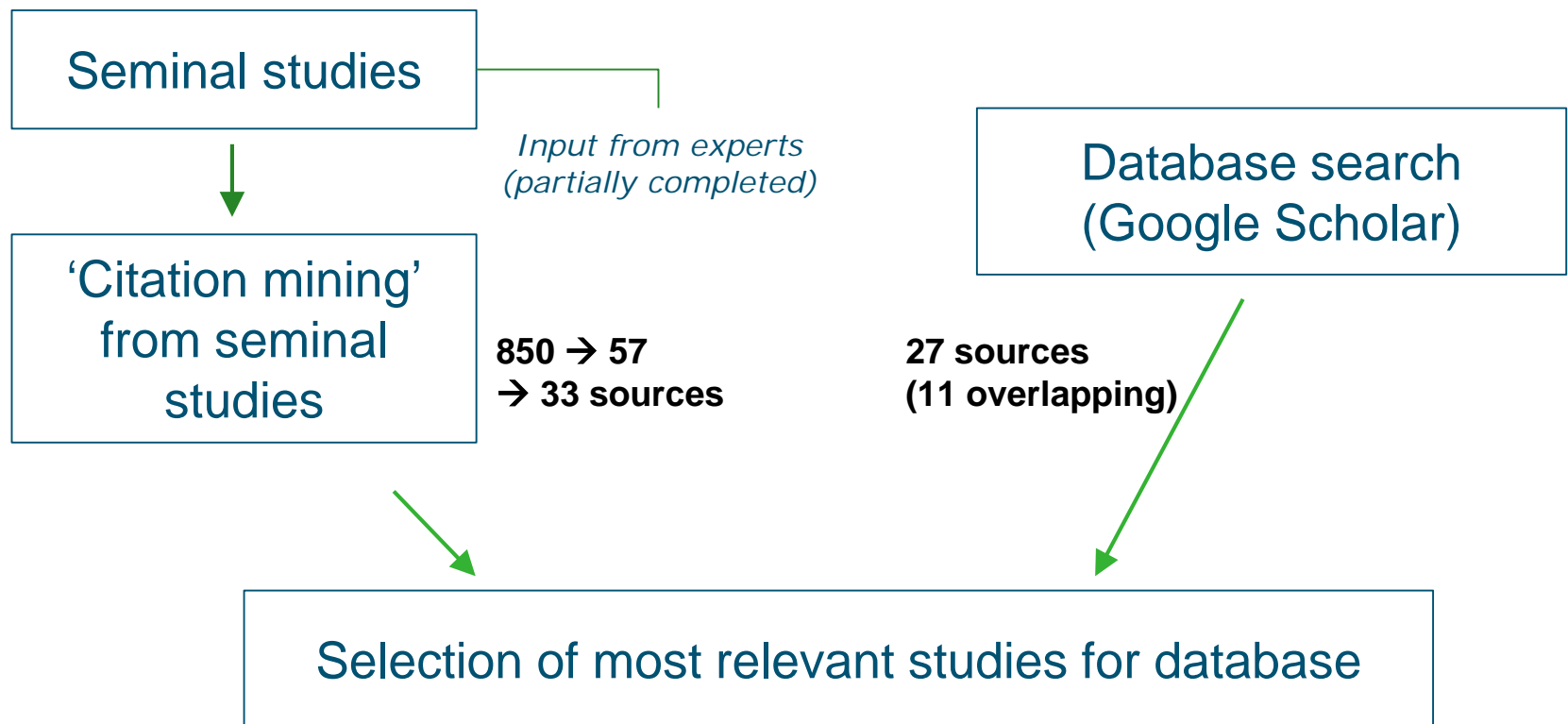
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Literature review: goal and method

- **Goal:** To create a comprehensive overview of practice theory and practice-based approaches relevant to (sustainability) governance.



Literature review: first insights

- Certain topics are popular: energy, infrastructure, (food) consumption
- Divide between theoretical articles and case studies
- Most articles/chapters from the last 5 years

Follow-up activities and output

Output/follow-up

1. **Literature review:** database (open access for WCSG)
2. **Articles**
 - Review of practices/governance literature → abstract submitted to IST conference
 - Visualising practices (methodological) → ECPR session(?)
3. **Masterclass** 'Practice Based Approaches & Environmental Governance' 9-10 April (FNP organised)
4. **Research proposal(s)** and/or ideas
 - Finding opportunities
5. Seek **further collaboration** and follow-up within WCSG (e.g. links to other incubators?)