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Social innovation has many faces and entails for example, innovative technologies with major social impacts, new forms of citizens' initiatives, or deep structural changes in interactions between academics, society, governments and entrepreneurs.

The growing importance of social innovation is reflected in the emergence of new institutions and networks, and the growing interest of foundations, policy makers and entrepreneurs. Social innovation is an emerging field, also in the social sciences, across all critical issues in civil society and the public.

There are knowledge gaps, for example, about the relation between social innovation and other types of innovations such as technological innovations, or innovations in art and culture and in the sciences. What are barriers and drivers for social innovation, and how to make these productive in our thinking on social innovation?

In addition, there is little empirical research on the role of new ways of knowledge production – co-creation, transdisciplinary, mode 2 science and the role knowledge institutions play to encourage social innovations but also critically reflect on it. Is this rather recent form of knowledge co-production a proven contribution to Social Innovation? This type of research, where scientists from different disciplines work together with governments, businesses and civil society stakeholders in projects in which knowledge development, local knowledge about problems and solutions go hand in hand, seems to be gaining ground. How does this “new knowledge” feed into society and what are the main drivers of and barriers to social innovation in various institutional settings? How do public policy instruments support this? How can we track or even measure the impact of social innovations at individual, organizational and societal levels?

The focus will be laid on fields such as labour market, sustainability, care and public participation, data sciences. What is the state of the art research on the issues mentioned above?

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This symposium is a part of the European Social Innovation Week 2015, which will be held from 14 - 18 September in the city of Tilburg. Applicants are invited to collaborate in a public event prior or after the symposium. Details will be available soon.

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