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Science policy narratives in Flanders and Wallonia: The interplay of characters and ideas

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Both in Europe and in the United States, scientific research and science, technology and innovation (STI) policies have undergone profound changes in the last decades. However, in the literature, these transitions are often oversimplified, and the evolving political understanding of science is overlooked. In my talk, I will present an analytical framework relying on the notion of policy narratives. It aims at investigating the multiple political conceptions of science in a regional context: what value is attributed to science? What are its aims? How should it be organized and funded? I studied the uses of different narratives such as the "Knowledge-based Economy", the "Grand societal Challenges", "Science, the endless Frontier" in Belgium. By doing so, I am willing to provide an enriched description of complex local situations, towards a more political reading of the transformations taking place in STI institutions.