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# The Cunning of Uncertainty

Lecture by Professor Helga Nowotny

Uncertainty is inextricably interwoven and enacted in our notions and imaginaries of the future. Currently, the future appears as fragile and fragmented, a plural and contradictory mixture of desired and feared imaginations. Uncertainty is a powerful incentive in the striving for new knowledge and an inherent part of fundamental research.

Professor Nowotny will show how the cunning of uncertainty is at work in the various enactments of uncertainty. It is a subversive force, related to the cunning of reason, *metis*. The more the cunning of uncertainty is acknowledged and recognised, the less the need to feel threatened by uncertainty.

**Date:**

Monday 19 October 2015

**Time:**

6.15pm for a 6.30pm start

**Location:**

The Possibility Room, National Library Board  
Level 5, 100 Victoria Street, Singapore 188064

**Registration:**

Seats are limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Kindly register your interest in attending to [valerie.yeo@nus.edu.sg](mailto:valerie.yeo@nus.edu.sg)



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