

DATE: Wednesday, March 18,

TIME: 16:00-17:00

VENUE: B250, Center Bldg

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Title

Conceptual Foundations for High Impact Research

[abstract]

How to conduct and publish research with scientific impact is one of the most critical but elusive questions in science policy. We will discuss how the current research system defines, evaluates, and quantitates impact. Then, we will review the foundations of conceptual knowledge and how conceptual

advances within fields form a scientific ontology. In this context, we will debate

the strengths and weaknesses of current approaches to research project

planning. Finally, we will ask how this perspective can help to create high

impact science and education.