

Dear member,

We are pleased to share with you the October-December 2022 edition of our WISE newsletter.

In this edition we will discuss:

- Declaration of solidarity
- Upcoming events
- WISE Lunchtime Talks
- Looking back at the WISE Annual Event
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### **Declaration of solidarity for the women situation in Iran**

The year 2022 is going to end soon but the fight of “the women of Iran” for their very basic rights is not over. It all started from September 16th, when the 22-year-old Mahsa Amini died while in the custody of the morality police in Iran for allegedly not wearing the hijab in accordance with the government standards.

The so-called morality police have been operating in Iran since the 1979 Islamic revolution, in different forms and under different names, harassing women and even young girls in their private and public spheres ever since. However, the outrageous death of Mahsa in September initiated a series of protests by the people of Iran, women and men, all over the country, which is continuing non-stop up until now. These protests, with the slogan "Women, Life, Freedom" and aiming at revolutionizing how the Islamic regime steals women’s basic rights, have been received with horrifying reactions by the Iranian government. Hundreds of people, including children and teenagers, have been killed during the past few months. Just recently, the 23-year-old Mohsen Shekari was executed, only because of his participation in the street protests. On the 12<sup>th</sup> of December, in a gruesome public hanging, another prisoner, earlier detained because of involvement in protests, was executed: his name was Majid Reza Rahnavard. On top of these, the Islamic Republic has seriously hindered the internet access in all of Iran and the social media are blocked to prevent the spread of the news to the outside world.

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The WISE network at TU/e condemns these acts and stands in solidarity with all the people in Iran, and particularly with the brave girls and women who have to take this fight to 2023.

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### Upcoming events

- ***(online) Lunchtime talk by Anna J. Wieczorek, 9/02/2023***  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 12.30-13.30. Prof Anna Wieczorek will give a talk on **“Making transitions happen: On challenges, citizens and future energy system”**
  - ***Celebration of Women&Girls in Science, 14/02/2023***  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023, WISE, TINT and BEYOND will co-organize an event for the celebration of Women and Girls in Science. More information will follow soon.
  - ***Celebration of International women’s day, 8/03/2023***  
More information will follow soon.
  - ***Workshop on Positive intelligence, Early 2023***  
In spring 2023 we will organize a workshop on positive intelligence with Karen Buchanan. More information will follow soon.
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### WISE Annual Event



On October 10, we held our **2022 WISE Annual Event**, during TU/e’s Diversity Week. During this inspiring and empowering event, we discussed the theme of Solidarity in Science with three invited talks that helped us in reflecting on what solidarity means and how it is implemented in academia, and provided an example of a possible initiative

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to boost awareness on diversity and solidarity. During our panel discussion, we had the opportunity share our vision on inclusivity and solidarity at TU/e. At this [link](#) you can find the summary and the slides of the talks. Enjoy!

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### Women InSpired

Our pick for this edition of our Women InSpired series is [Carolyn Bertozzi](#), one of the 2022 Nobel Prize winners in Chemistry. Carolyn was born in Boston, MA, USA, and is currently a professor at Stanford University (CA, USA), also affiliated to the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (USA).

She was awarded the prize for her key contributions to the development of click chemistry and biorthogonal chemistry. Her discoveries started revolutionizing chemical reactions in living organisms since the early 2000s, paving the path towards improved tracking of bio-processes and targeting of cancer pharmaceuticals. Among the many recognitions of her work, she was the first woman to receive the Lemelson-MIT Prize faculty award. She is also a successful entrepreneur, a passionate advocate for diversity and an important role model, particularly for LGBTQ+ people.



If you like to propose the next pick for the Women InSpired series, please send an email to [e.peri@tue.nl](mailto:e.peri@tue.nl) or [d.giuntini@tue.nl](mailto:d.giuntini@tue.nl).

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### Christmas Greetings

The WISE Board wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May everything that is beautiful, meaningful and brings you joy be yours this holiday season and in the coming year! Enjoy your time off and see you in 2023!



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