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Science policy expert will surf the wave in Tassie

What science and technology policies could help meet the needs of Tasmania in the face of a rapidly globalising technological society?

An internationally respected visiting scholar is in Hobart this week to discuss these and other issues.

Professor Daniel Sarewitz is a leading international thinker on the interactions between science, technology and policy. He is the co-founder and Director of Arizona State University's *Consortium of Science, Policy and Outcomes* and a Visiting Fellow at the University of Tasmania's Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture (TIA).

He will present the free public lecture: *Science and Technology Policies for a Small Island: Surfing the Kondratieff Wave*.

Prof Sarewitz said that if Tasmania is to protect what is special about its way of life, it will need policies that deliver market competitiveness.

"It will also need policies that enhance the vitality of important institutions that help knowledge and innovation meet local and regional needs.

Professor Holger Meinke, (Director and Head of School, TIA), said the Professor's visit is very welcome.

"Agriculture is pivotal for Tasmania's social and economic development. And there is an opportunity here to advance regional development by improving the linkages between agricultural research, development and extension, and education and policy and practice."

"The future of agriculture in Tasmania will be determined by the interaction of market opportunities, community aspirations and Government policy.

"It is our hope that Prof Sarewitz's expertise will help TIA to further unlock its potential."

Free public lecture details:

Who: Professor Daniel Sarewitz

What: Free public lecture: *Science and Technology Policies for a Small Island: Surfing the Kondratieff Wave*

When: Thursday 10 May, 6pm

Where: Stanley Burbury Lecture Theatre, University Centre, Churchill Avenue, Sandy Bay campus

RSVP: Email UTAS.Events@utas.edu.au or phone (03) 6226 2521. More info: www.events.utas.edu.au

The event is presented by the UTAS Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture, in conjunction with the HC Coombs' Policy Forum at the Australian National University.

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