

# “Kantelende overheid”

Collaborative relations between state and region.  
Policy processes in rural and nature policy in the Netherlands.



# OPDRACHT/PROBLEEMSTELLING

- Theme: *interaction* national and regional level of policy making and implementation.
- Problem: the urge to collaborate larger than the ability.  
Nevertheless: Over time the urge only seems to grow, despite experiences in the 'unruly world'. Why?
- Which mechanisms explain the urge and the gap?
  - Characteristics of the context: novel complexities → novel relations?
  - Characteristics of the state and the region: fragmented urgencies?
  - Characteristics of the state-region relation: building trust hard?

# AANPAK

- Based on: own research and observations from 8 years research LEI
- Social Science-Policy Process Analysis
  - A variety of methods. Also participative observation and reflexive interactive.
  - Dissertation: secondary analysis
  - Broad specter of policy dossiers: agriculture, biodiversity, nature, urban-rural relations, food quality control.
  - Approach aims at: uncover mechanisms, not compare themes
- Theory:
  - Political Science Implementation Theory
  - New Regionalism
  - **Shift from 'government to governance'**

# INHOUDELIJK RESULTAAT

- Insight into public issues & public policy processes
- Governance: a cute theory designed to fuel ambitions, but is it also observable?
  - Why collaboration means innovation
  - Are horizontal modes of working inevitable?
- Understanding conditions for collaboration
- Understanding modern policy making and policy implementation processes

# VERVOLG IN BO/KB/MARKT

- Understanding the Meaning of Governance
  - For policy design
  - For policy evaluation
  - For policy guidance
- How to deal with complex public issues by large, diverse and fragmented policy organizations and networks.
- Research agenda: breaking up conventions
- Relational research & relational innovation
- Power and empowerment: changing conditions

Afsluiting: “Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm” (Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1802-1882)

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