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# *The Workshop on the Role of Pension Funds in the Sustainability Transition*

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Plantage Muidergracht 12
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## Programme

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| 13:00 – 13:10 | *Walk-in and registration* |
| 13:10 – 13:15 | Welcome by Prof. dr. **Roel Beetsma** (Dean of Faculty of Economics and Business, UvA) |
| 13:15 – 14:00 | Presentation: *"Investor democracy"* by Prof. dr. **Paul Smeets** (UvA)<br>Discussant: Prof. dr. **Erik Lutjens** (VU) |
| 14:00 – 14:30 | *"Prudent person rule disclosure and pension fund performance: Information from annual reports"* by **Kris Boudt** (VU)<br>Discussant: **Rients Galema** (UU) |
| 14:30 – 15:00 | *Coffee break* |
| 15:00 – 15:30 | Interactive session: *"How pension funds reckon with sustainable business models in their investment strategies"* by dr. **Martijn Boermans** (UvA) |
| 15:30 – 15:50 | Presentation: *"Fossil Fuels, Common Ownership, and Bank Lending"* by **Anja Duranovic** (UU) |
| 15:50 – 16:10 | Presentation: *"Impact of the SFDR"* by **Saeed Sheyki** (OU) |
| 16:10 – 16:40 | Panel discussion *"Looking ahead: Pension funds practices in the sustainability transition over the next decade"* by dr. **Esther Eiling** (UvA) & Prof. dr. **Bert Scholtens** (RUG)<br>Session moderator: Prof dr. **Ans Kolk** & Prof. dr. **Arno Kourula** |
| 16:40 – 16:45 | Closing remarks |
| 16:45 – 17:30 | *Closing drinks* |

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