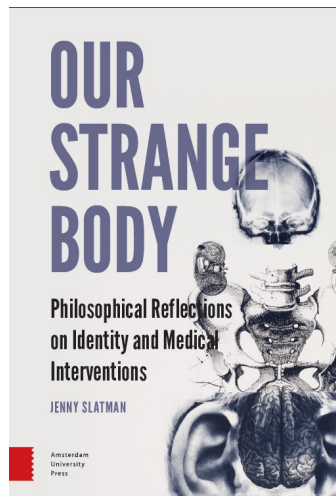


Book Launch Invitation

Please join us in celebrating the launch of:

**OUR STRANGE BODY:
PHILOSOPHICAL REFLECTIONS ON IDENTITY
AND MEDICAL INTERVENTIONS**

By Jenny Slatman



In bookstore **De Tribune**
Kapoenstraat 8, Maastricht
On Thursday September 11, 2014
7.30 PM – 9 PM

Contemporary medical technologies increase the possibilities of (re)shaping the human body. Interventions such as organ and tissue transplantation, and high-tech reconstructive surgery and prosthetics have evolved into standard treatments in current medicine and health care. Suspending the obvious question of whether these kinds of interventions are morally desirable or not, this book analyzes in what ways these interventions put into question our sense of individual identity. Based on a careful if unconventional reading of various philosophers and theorists, Jenny Slatman develops the thesis that what we call our own body (*corps propre*) always entails a strange dimension. Interspersed with the philosophical arguments in this study, Slatman discusses relevant and elucidating examples from popular culture, sports, art and literature, as well as from state-of-the-art medical and life sciences.

Jenny Slatman is associate professor of philosophy in the department of Health, Ethics and Society, CAPHRI, Maastricht University. Her current work involves philosophical analyses of bodily identity and integrity in disfigurement and disability (with a specific focus on cases of disfiguring and disabling cancer).

Renée van de Vall (Professor of Media and Arts, Maastricht University) and **Theo Wobbes** (Professor em. of Surgical Oncology, Radboud UMC) will give a short introduction to the book.

A first copy of the book will be presented to **Luc Soete** (Rector Magnificus Maastricht University).

With musical accompaniment by **Olaf Reinders** (bass) and **Henry Konsten** (alto saxophone).

Drinks will be provided

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