The Nano-Philosophy Encounter – Shaping a Field of Technology and Public Discourse on the Future

Since the end of the last century, nanoscience and nanotechnology have presented both a particular challenge and a particular opportunity for philosophy for various reasons. How has philosophy responded to this? To what extent have nanoscientists and nanotechnologists been and continue to be interested in philosophical questions? Has discourse on philosophical aspects influenced the trajectory of the field? How has the encounter between nano and philosophy shaped public discourse on the future of our societies and humanity? And what can philosophy contribute today to the understanding and shaping of nanoscience and nanotechnology?