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# **ANNEMARIE MOL**

*Professor, Anthropology of the Body, University of Amsterdam*

on

## **AN INQUISITIVE CONVERSATION— PENDING QUESTIONS AND OPEN ENDINGS**

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## **Bio-note of Prof. Annemarie Mol**

Prof. Annemarie Mol is Professor of Anthropology of the Body at the University of Amsterdam. In her research she uniquely combines philosophy, medical sociology, anthropology, sociology of science and social theory.

In and through her works, Prof Mol has helped develop post-Actor Network Theory/feminist understandings of science, technology and medicine. In her books, she has explored the performativity of health care practices, argued that realities are generated within those practices, and noted that since practices differ, so too do realities. Moreover, the body, for Prof Mol, is multiple. Hers is also an argument about ontology and ‘ontological politics’, arguing for realities or conditions of possibility varying between practices.

Prof. Annemarie Mol has published many acclaimed books and articles on a wide range of subjects. To name a few, *The Body Multiple: Ontology in Medical Practice* (2002), *The Logic of Care: Health and the Problem of Patient Choice* (2008), and her more recent *Eating in Theory* (2021).

In *The Body Multiple* she argues that a disease is not a well-defined entity but rather a collection of facts that is defined differently by different groups. Her research shows how sociological and physiological definitions get intermingled to produce medical and social categories. In *The Logic of Care*, Prof Mol describes how the ideal of ‘choice’ conflicts with the reality of life with an ill body. Prof Mol, in this book, combining sociology and philosophy, redefines the ontology of care. In *Eating in Theory*, Prof Mol discusses the practices of eating as she proposes alternative understandings of being, knowing, doing and relating, by using eating as presenting exemplary situations with which to think what it is to be human.

Prof Mol is also the co-editor of *Illness is Not the Right Word* (1989), *Differences in Medicine: Unravelling Practices, Techniques, and Bodies* (1998), *Complexities: Social Studies of Knowledge Practices* (2002), *Care in Practice: On Tinkering in Clinics, Homes and Farms* (2015), and *On Other Terms. Interfering in Social Science English* (2020).

Currently, Prof Mol is working on questions to do with clean and cleaning.

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