Today’s controversies about the authority of science suggest that we are not merely witnessing an erosion of the authority of religion, but of science, too – a declining legitimacy of universally binding truth claims, be they religiously or scientifically informed. Science under Siege delves into the cultural mechanisms that account for the headwind of contemporary science (co-edited with Stef Aupers and Rudi Laermans, forthcoming with Palgrave Macmillan). It demonstrates that theories from the sociology of religion do not only account for the loss of authority of religion, but do a similarly good job in explaining the erosion of scientism, religion’s modern secular counterpart.

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