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Scaling up and down the audit in academia

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Drawing upon ethnographic research in a Czech bioscience research institute, the paper explores the triangular relationships between research assessment, “dynamic” research teams and competitive research funding. We trace the audit practices and argue that audit does not trickle down in the academia from outside to inside – from (trans)national policies to institutions, teams and individuals but circulates in between these, scaling up and down. While showing spaces of incoherence, resistance and contest we can nevertheless point to the changing *nature* of academia as it is (re)enacted in the audit practices. These changes have social, ethical but also epistemic consequences.