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SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGY STUDIES

Science & Technology Studies (STS) is an interdisciplinary field, bringing together sociology, history, philosophy, sociology and related social science and humanities approaches. STS looks at science and technology (S&T) as a means of asking about the creation of facts, technological objects, and scientific knowledge, examining the ways in which S&T are embedded in social life. Rather than rely on common tropes about technological and scientific progress, STS nuances and questions this premise by asking questions like: how did/do scientists and engineers establish and maintain the credibility of their claims? In what way are such claims tied up with broader aspects of culture, as well as more local traditions, and how do technical claims become enmeshed in how our society operates? Ultimately, STS provides a way to critically engage technical claims while retaining a researcher's own critical detachment from the claims of scientists and engineers. These claims can be far-reaching, engaging not only classical studies of technology, scientific laboratories, and production of scientific knowledge, but also examines issues around innovation, intellectual property, urban study, technological risks, intersection between art and science, and myriad other domains.

Tentative Program:

Friday

8 January

17.00 Welcome, social dinner

Saturday

9 January

9.15 Opening remarks
9.30 Keynote Address
Beyond Pastures: Knowledge Commons v. Natural Commons
Mario Biagioli, European University at St. Petersburg
Leading Scientist, Russian Computer Scientists at Home and Abroad project, STS Center
http://eu.spb.ru/en/sts/staff/11665-mbiagioli-en

11.30 Coffee break
12.00 PhD candidate introductions: Revolving conversations.
The candidates will have 5 minutes each to give an outline of their research to a colleague in one-to-one

13.00 Lunch

14.00 *Presentation of goals and findings of the Russian Computer Scientists proj*
Mario Biagioli, Vincent Lepinay, with PhD candidates:
Presentation of goals and findings of the Russian Computer Scientists project

16.00 PhD candidate introductions, contd.

Sunday

10 January

Free for visiting Venice.

Mon - Sat

11-16 January

Morning lectures: Science and Technology Studies

Monday
11 January 9.15-10.45 *Urban STS: New Directions in Assemblage Thinking*
Diane West, European University at St. Petersburg
Director of the STS Center
http://eu.spb.ru/en/sts/staff/14256-west-diana

Tuesday
12 January

9.15-10.45

Past Perfect. An Ethnography of the Hermitage Museum.
A case study of museum studies using STS approaches
Vincent Lepinay, European University at St. Petersburg
Professor, Center for Science and Technology Studies
http://eu.spb.ru/en/people/item/11666-vlepinay-en

Wednesday
13 January

9.15-10.45

(Socially) Augmented Communication
Ilya Utekhin, Department of Anthropology, EUSP
http://eu.spb.ru/en/anthropology/faculty/3544-utekhin-3544

11.15-12.30 *Sharing Discoveries. New Frontiers and Projects in Communication of Life*
Telmo Pievani, Professor of Philosophy of Biological Sciences, Department of Biology, University of Pad
http://www.telmopievani.com

Thursday
14 January 9.15-10.45 *The coming of High-Throughput Instruments in Molec*
Federico Neresini, Coordinator of the Science Technology and Innovation Studies Group (PaSTIS) at th
http://www.fisppa.unipd.it/category/ruoli/personale-docente?key=2EC4FF8263832C2C90410E
A8C94298FA

11.00-12.30 *IMBY - In My Back Yard: Spatial Morphologies and Collective Rationality*
Guido Borelli, Professor of Environmental Sociology at Università Iuav di Venezia
http://www.iuav.it/Ateneo1/docenti/docenti201/Borelli-Gu/index.htm

Friday
15 January 9.15-10.45

Risks: Natural and technological
Simona Morini, Professor of Decision Theory and Philosophy of Science at IUAV Unviversity in Venice
http://www.iuav.it/Ateneo1/docenti/design-e-a/docenti-st/Simonetta-/index.htm

Workshops: “ Survival Skills for Scientists

Monday

11 January

14.00

Job Search Skills: (A) *Preparing CV and Cover Letter;* (B) *Intervie*

Tuesday

12 January

11.00

Science and Money: *(A)* *Funding and* *(B)* *Scholar*

14.00 *The Value of Networking*

Wednesday

13 January

14.00

Ethics in Science

Thursday

14 January

14.00

Communicating Your Science: (A) *Writing a Paper;* (B) *Oral Pr*

Friday

15 January

14.00

Project Management and Technology Transfer

The International PhD Academy is reserved for PhD candidates in the member universities of VIU.