
Review 2010/2011 – A Report on Fellowships and Events

During the academic year 2010/2011 the Institute for Advanced Studies on Science, Technology and Society (IAS-STS) in Graz once again was a place for numerous scholars to undertake their research – mainly dissertations, habilitations and post-doc research – in an interdisciplinary atmosphere, as well as for a lot of events, dedicated to defend and discuss results with colleagues or to present them to the public.

Research Fellows and Visiting Scholars in 2010/2011

Out of about 60 applicants the Scientific Advisory Board of IAS-STS choose the following scholars in a meeting on 16 April 2010. They were appointed Research Fellows (with grants partly provided by the IAS-STS (including Manfred Heindler grants), the Austrian Ernst Mach Programme, or the Fellows' home countries) by the Director of IAS-STS Prof Arno Bammé (Alpen-Adria-Universität Klagenfurt/Vienna/Graz, STS – Institute of Science, Technology and Society Studies). The members of the Board include Prof Elisabeth List as representative of the Karl-Franzens-University Graz, Prof Franz Stelzer as representative of Graz University of Technology and Prof Harald Rohrer as representative of the IFZ (Inter-University Research Centre for Technology, Work and Culture, constituting the Graz unit of the STS – Institute of Science, Technology and Society Studies, Alpen-Adria-Universität Klagenfurt/Vienna/Graz). Prof Arno Bammé chairs the Board.

- (1) *Gloria Adduci*, Italy:
Governing Agrobiotechnology in Developing Countries: The Case of South East Asia
- (2) *Thomas Berger*, Austria:
Fuel Poverty: A Sociological Case Study in Styria

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- (3) *Florence Chee*, Canada:
Communication Infrastructures and Changing Social Dynamics in Asian and European Contexts
- (4) *Rositsa Dikova*, Bulgaria:
New Stories, New Agents: The Impact of ICT on Self-representation and Narrative Identity
- (5) *Nir Fresco*, Australia:
The Information Processing Account of Concrete Digital Computation
- (6) *Teija Helena Karasti*, Finland:
Long-term and E-research Infrastructure Development
- (7) *Lisiunia A. Romanienko*, Poland:
The Role of ICT in Unifying Alterglobalization Activists
- (8) *Sandy L. Ross*, United Kingdom:
Invisible Ecological Costs
- (9) *Aleksandra Stupar*, Serbia:
Towards the Ultimate E3-topia: Scrambling the Energy Efficient, Eco-friendly and Electronic Urban Future?
- (10) *Gerald Taylor Aiken*, United Kingdom:
Exploring the Potential Synergy between the Socio-technical System Approach to Transition, and that of Emergent, Ground-up, Community-based Transition Initiatives
- (11) *Corinna Vosse*, Germany:
New Approaches towards Strengthening Sustainable Consumption
- (12) *Yuliya Voytenko*, Ukraine:
Exogenous Influences on the Establishment of Bioenergy Industries in Transition Economies and Emergence of Niches for Biogas in Traditional Energy Systems
- (13) *Lech W. Zacher*, Poland:
Literature Studies in the Area of Science, Technology and Democracy with Special Attention to Environmental Problems and ICT.

International conference

The 10th Annual STS Conference Graz 2011, “Critical Issues in Science and Technology Studies”, took place on 2 and 3 May 2011 in Graz. Programme and proceedings of this conference can be found at: www.ias-sts.aau.at

Keynote speakers of this international conference, which hosted about 80 researchers from more than 20 countries, were Michael Ornetzeder, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Austria, Harald Rohrer, Inter-University Research Centre for Technology, Work and Culture (IFZ), Austria, Irmgard Schultz, Institute for Socio-Ecological Research (ISOE), Germany, and Heike Wiesner, Berlin School of Economics and Law, Germany.

Workshops

Two Work-in-Progress Workshops and several Colloquia, taking place about every fortnight, give Research Fellows and Visiting Scholars the opportunity to present and discuss results of their research:

Work-in-Progress Workshop, 10 November 2010

- Lisa Romanienko:
Dreams of underdevelopment: Resisting global technological subjugation through neotribal body modification
- Rositza Dikova:
The impact of ICT on self-representation and narrative identity
- Helena Karasti:
Long-term temporality and e-infrastructure development: Findings from literature
- Thomas Berger:
Fuel Poverty
- Gloria Adduci:
Governing Agrobiotechnology in developing countries: the case of South-East Asia

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Work-in-Progress Workshop, 3 March 2011

- Florence Chee:
Communication Infrastructures and Changing Social Dynamics in Asian and European Contexts
- Helena Karasti:
Long-term Temporality and E-infrastructure Development
- Rositza Dikova:
Open Source Software Development: “GNU Communités” Projects as Mature Software Industries
- Lisa Romanienko:
Saboteurs at the Biotech Tradeshow: Demonstrable Human Factors Subverting the Cooperative Potential of Telemedicine
- Gloria Adduci:
Agrobiotechnology in South-East Asian Developing Countries: Malaysia as Case of Study
- Thomas Berger:
Energy Poverty: A Sociological Case Study in Austria
- Gerald Taylor Aiken:
A Tale of Two Communities: Mutual and Overlapping, or Divergent and Confused?
- Corinna Vosse:
Sustainable Consumption beyond the Market: Relevance and Perspective of Informal Consumption in the Context of Environmental Change
- Yuliya Voytenko:
Exogenous Influences on the Establishment of Bioenergy Industries in Transition Economies
- Sandy Ross:
Reflexive Thoughts on Campaigning for Changes in ICT Use

Alumni

177 Research Fellows (fellowships up to 24 months, partly with grant), Visiting Scholars (fellowships up to three months, without grant) and

Guest Lecturers from 36 countries have contributed to the scholarly life at IAS-STs since 1999.

For a complete list of IAS-STs Alumni, please visit: www.ias-sts.aau.at

Results of the research undertaken by former Research Fellows, Visiting Scholars and Guest Lecturers during their stays at the IAS-STs can be found in the previous IAS-STs Yearbooks (starting 2001) or in previous issues of SOZIALE TECHNIK, IFZ's journal (visit: www.sts.aau.at/sote).

Information

For further information or for subscription of IAS-STs Yearbooks please visit our website – the Yearbooks 2001 to 2011 are available online: www.ias-sts.aau.at.

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