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## Review 2007/2008 – A Report on Fellowships and Events

During the academic year 2007/2008 the Institute for Advanced Studies on Science, Technology and Society (IAS-STs) in Graz was again a place for numerous scholars to undertake their research – mainly dissertations, habilitations and post-doc research – in an interdisciplinary atmosphere, and 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 2007/2008

Out of about 50 applicants the Scientific Advisory Board of IAS-STs chose the following scholars in a meeting on 26 April 2007. They were appointed Research Fellows (partly with grants provided by the IAS-STs (including Manfred Heindler grants), by the Austrian Ernst Mach Programme, by the Austrian North-South-Dialogue Programme, or grants provided by the Fellows' home countries) by the Director of IAS-STs Prof Arno Bammé (University of Klagenfurt, Department of Research on Science and Technology). Members of the Board are 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, which is the Graz unit of the Department of Science and Technology Studies, Klagenfurt University. Prof Arno Bammé chairs the Board and Dr. Bernhard Wieser, IFZ, is responsible for its executive management.

- (1) Corinna Bath, Germany (Ernst Mach Grant):  
Towards a De-Gendered Design of Information Technologies. Feminism, Computer Science, and the Paradigm Shift towards 'Interaction'
- (2) Ágnes Fésüs, Hungary (Ernst Mach Grant):  
From Risk to Incertitude Management in Managing Emerging Radical Innovations and Disruptive Industries, Assessing some Management Tools

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- (3) Anton Kramberger, Slovenia:  
Segmented Labour Markets and Sustainable Development in Slovenia
- (4) Ingmar Lippert, Germany (Manfred Heindler Grant):  
Agents of Ecological Modernisation in Corporations – An Ethnographic Approach to the Study of Corporate Environmental Management
- (5) Amrita Mishra, India (North-South-Dialogue Programme):  
Biomarkers for Cervical Cancers: Discourses of Risk and Gender in Gynaecological Diagnostics
- (6) Andrea zur Nieden, Germany:  
Race / Ethnicity in the New Genetics. A Case Study about the German and Austrian Discourse about Breast Cancer Susceptibility Genes (BRCA) and the 'Ashkenazi Jewish' Population
- (7) Tatiana Safonova, Russia:  
Scientists and Locals Together on the Road: What is Left after Scientists Expeditions
- (8) Anup Sam Ninan, India (North-South-Dialogue Programme):  
Rural Innovations: Technology Systems and Sustainability – Emerging Issues
- (9) Verónica Sanz, Spain:  
A Gender Approach to the Paradigm Shift in Artificial Intelligence: The Case of Soft Computing
- (10) Sakari Tamminen, Finland:  
Calculating Life: Nature and Nationhood in National Gene Resources
- (11) Aaro Tupasela, Finland:  
Re-Thinking Public Participation in Biomedical Research
- (12) Torsten Wöllmann, Germany:  
Reinventing the Male: On the (Re-)Construction and Medicalization of the Male Body by Andrology
- (13) Isabel Zorn, Germany:  
Education by IT Construction: The Activity of Constructing Information and Communication Technology and its Potential for Evoking New Views on the Interrelations of Self, Technology and World

## Public lectures, excursion with colloquium

During the academic year 2007/2008 two public lectures took place at IAS-STS

*25 January 2008*

Judith Simon, Austria:

Notions of Knowledge and Sociality in Social Epistemology and Social Software / Knowledge Technologies

*9 June 2008*

Eileen Trauth, USA:

Theorizing Research on Gender and ICT

Furthermore an excursion to the northeastern part of Slovenia (Pomurje) was organized on 12 June 2008 for all Research Fellows and Visiting Scholars. The excursion included a colloquium together with scholars from Austria, Hungary and Slovenia:

*Mozaik Colloquium 2008*

Eco-Social Farms in Pomurje: A Proper Device to Keep Social Integration of (Rural) Community During Rapid Social Change?

### **Further information:**

[http://www.ifz.tugraz.at/index\\_en.php/article/articleview/1547/1/61](http://www.ifz.tugraz.at/index_en.php/article/articleview/1547/1/61)

## International conference

The 7th Annual IAS-STS Conference, 'Critical Issues in Science and Technology Studies', took place on 8 and 9 May 2008 in Graz. Programme and proceedings of this conference can be found at: [http://www.ifz.tugraz.at/index\\_en.php/article/articleview/191/1/61/](http://www.ifz.tugraz.at/index_en.php/article/articleview/191/1/61/)

Keynote speakers of this international conference, which hosted about 50 researchers from more than 20 countries were Ellen Balka from Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, Canada, and Erik Millstone from University of Sussex, United Kingdom.

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## Workshops

Two Work-in-Progress Workshops und Fellow Meetings, 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, 22 November 2007*

- Torsten Wöllmann, Germany:  
Theorizing the Dynamics of Discipline Building
- Isabel Zorn, Germany:  
'And so One Becomes the Boss of Something, Responsible of Something'. Constructing Information Technology as a Field for Exploring New Roles and Activities
- Corinna Bath, Germany:  
Foundations of a Feminist Approach to Technology Design in Computer Science: Gendering and De-Gendering of Computational Artefacts
- Ágnes Fésüs, Hungary:  
Risk and Incertitude
- Ingmar Lippert, Germany:  
Conceptualising Agents of Ecological Modernisation: Bourdieu, Resistance and Hybridity
- Sakari Tamminen, Finland:  
Calculating Life: Nature and Nationhood in National Gene Resources Programmes
- Anup Sam Ninan, India: Thinking of an STS Databank

*Work-in-Progress Workshop, 20 March 2008*

- Ingmar Lippert, Germany:  
Relationships of Local and Global Knowledge on Managing 'Energy' at Sites of Agents of Ecological Modernisation
- Thomas Berger, Austria:  
Floods as Social Events
- Tatiana Safonova, Russia:  
People and Roads

- Anton Kramberger, Slovenia:  
Labour Market Segmentation vs Desires for Technology Advancement,  
Fresh Knowledge Circulation and Sustainable Development: Insights  
from Slovenia
- Ágnes Fésüs, Hungary:  
Taking European Knowledge Society Seriously?
- Verónica Sanz, Spain:  
A Research Framework for a Feminist Constructivist Analysis of Tech-  
nology
- Isabel Zorn, Germany:  
Constructing Digital Media – What are Digital Media and what is  
Constructing?
- Corinna Bath, Germany:  
Gender in Infrastructures of the Knowledge Society: The Case of Se-  
mantic and Intelligent Internet Technologies
- Amrita Mishra, India:  
The Development of Biomarkers for Cervical Malignancies: Discourses  
of Risk and Gender in Gynaecological Diagnostics
- Torsten Wöllmann, Germany:  
The Reinvention of the Male: On the Construction and Medicalization  
of Men's Bodies by Andrology
- Aaro Tupasela, Finland:  
Patient Groups and Biobanks in Finland
- Andrea zur Nieden, Germany:  
Race / Ethnicity in the New Genetics. A Case Study about the German  
and Austrian Discourse about Breast Cancer Susceptibility Genes  
(BRCA) and the 'Ashkenazi Jewish' Population

Further information regarding these workshops (abstracts) see:  
[http://www.ifz.tugraz.at/index\\_en.php/article/articleview/191/1/61](http://www.ifz.tugraz.at/index_en.php/article/articleview/191/1/61)

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## Alumni

134 Research Fellows (fellowships up to 12 months, partly with grants, Visiting Scholars (fellowships up to one month, without grant) and Guest Lecturers from 31 countries have contributed to the scholarly life at IAS-STs since 1999.

For a complete list of IAS-STs Alumni, please visit:

[http://www.ifz.tugraz.at/index\\_en.php/article/articleview/182/1/69](http://www.ifz.tugraz.at/index_en.php/article/articleview/182/1/69)

Results of the research undertaken by these 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: [http://www.ifz.tugraz.at/index\\_en.php/article/articleview/193/1/58](http://www.ifz.tugraz.at/index_en.php/article/articleview/193/1/58))

## Information

For further information or for subscription of IAS-STs Yearbooks please visit our website: [www.sts.tugraz.at](http://www.sts.tugraz.at).

The Yearbooks 2001 to 2007 can be found there online:

[http://www.ifz.tugraz.at/index\\_en.php/article/articleview/193/1/58](http://www.ifz.tugraz.at/index_en.php/article/articleview/193/1/58).

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The general concept of IAS-STs was published in the IAS-STs Yearbook 2001: [www.ifz.tugraz.at/index\\_en.php/article/articleview/768/1/58](http://www.ifz.tugraz.at/index_en.php/article/articleview/768/1/58)

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