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## Review 2001/2002—A Report on Fellowships and Workshops

During the course of the 2001/2002 academic year, the Institute for Advanced Studies on Science, Technology and Society (IAS-STS) in Graz was once again a place for numerous scholars to conduct research—mainly dissertations, habilitations and post-doc research—in an interdisciplinary atmosphere and to participate in numerous events dedicated to defending and discussing results with colleagues or presenting them to a wider public.

### Workshops

Three Work-in-Progress Workshops took place between October 2001 and September 2002:

*Work-in-Progress Workshop, 10 December 2001*

- Ulrich Dolata: Europeanization of Technology and Innovation Policies? Global Innovation: The Case of Biotechnology.
- Doris Wallnöfer: Mission Impossible or the So-Called War.
- Sonja Schmid: From Soldier to Worker: Life and Sorrows of the Soviet Atom.
- Dmitri Efremenko: Normative and Ethical Aspects of Technology Assessment.
- Vera Gouchtchina: Gender-Work Relations and Axiology of Work in a Cross-Cultural Perspective: A Contextual Approach.
- Radostina Angelova: Career Decision-Making Factors and Models for Choosing Engineering as a Profession. Cross-Cultural Study between Austrian and Bulgarian Students.
- Maria Rentetzi: Feminist Epistemology: How a Case Study from History of Science Undermines Harding's Standpoint Theory.
- Annette Ohme-Reinicke: Horse-Whispering, Teamwork and Participation.

*Work-in-Progress Workshop, 20 March 2002*

- Vera Gouchtchina: The Division of Labour in Russian Philosophy.
- Gerd Schienstock: Information Society, Work and New Forms of Social Exclusion.
- Franz Seifert: Biotechnology—The Public—Democracy. The Austrian and International Conflict on Biotechnology.
- Bernhard Wieser: Beyond the Universal Subject of Cognition.

*Work-in-Progress Workshop, 26 June 2002*

- Christine Wächter: Attracting Women into Engineering through Regional Technology Programmes.
- Franz Seifert: Austria in the World: A Case Study in Globalization.
- Manfred Klade: Initiating a Dialogue about the Safety of Cosmetic Products.
- Dmitri Efremenko: Societal Aspects of Information Technologies Development in Russia.
- Daniele Bourcier: Brief Presentation of CNRS' Activities in ITC and Law.

## Public Lectures

Public Lectures, given by Fellows and Guest Lecturers of IAS-STC are designed to present issues of broader interest to the public:

*17 May 2002*

Prof. Risto Eräsaari (University of Helsinki, Department of Social Policy): The Relevance of Risk Concept.

*12 June 2002*

Prof. Vitaly Gorokhov (Institute for Philosophy, Russian Academy of Science): A New Dimension of Technology Assessment in e-Society: A Russian Perspective on Technocratic Thinking.

## Fellows of 2001/2002

The Scientific Advisory Board of IAS-STS chose the following scientists from about 70 applicants in a meeting on 6 June 2001. They were appointed Fellows by the Director of IAS-STS, Prof. Arno Bammé. The Members of the Board include Prof. Elisabeth List as representative of Karl-Franzens-University Graz, Prof. Harmut Kahlert as representative of Graz University of Technology, and Dr. Harald Rohrer as representative of the Institute for Interdisciplinary Studies (IFF/IFZ). Prof. Arno Bammé, Director of IAS-STS, chairs the Board and Dr. Bernhard Wieser is responsible for the executive management.

- (1) Dr. Dmitri Efremenko (Russia, Visiting Fellow): Public Participation in Environment and Technology Oriented Decision-Making. Theoretical and Institutional Aspects.
- (2) Prof. Risto Eräsaari (Finland, Visiting Fellow): Orientation Crisis and the Political Project of Inclusion.
- (3) Dr. Vera Gouchtchina (Russia): Gender-Work Relations and Axiology of Work in a Cross-Cultural Perspective: A Contextual Approach.
- (4) Marlene Hinterhofer (Austria, Associate Student): GMOs in Food. Possibilities and Limitations of Detection Methods.
- (5) Prof. Shigeru Nakayama (Japan, Visiting Fellow): Third Paradigm of De-Developed Japan.
- (6) Prof. Gerd Schienstock (Finland): Information Society, Work and New Forms of Social Exclusion.
- (7) Dr. Sonja Schmid (Austria): Transformations of Popular-Scientific Discourses on Nuclear Power in Soviet and Post-Soviet Print Media.
- (8) Dr. Franz Seifert (Austria): Biotechnology—The Public—Democracy. The Austrian Controversy on Biotechnology in the International Context.

## Alumni

16 Fellows (fellowships up to 12 months) and Visiting Fellows (fellowships not longer than one month) were welcomed to IAS-STS since 1999:

- (1) Dr. Radostina Angelova (Bulgaria): Decision Making, Professional Choice and Motivation upon University Entrance with Emphasis on a Comparative Analysis between Austria and Bulgaria (1999/2000).
- (2) Dr. Ellen Balka (Canada): Women Users: Re-Gendering Technology (2000/2001).
- (3) Dr. Daniel Barben (Switzerland): The Generation and Shaping of Biotechnology: The Neo-Liberal Configuration of Functions and Forms of Technological Regimes in a Comparative Perspective (USA-Germany/EU) (1999/2000).
- (4) Mag. Gerald Berger, M.Sc. (Austria): Design-for-the-Environment as Part of a Strategy towards Ecological Modernisation: Evaluating Technological Innovations in Industry and their Promotion through Instruments of Environmental Policy-Making (2000/2001).
- (5) Dr. Ulrich Dolata (Germany): Competition, Cooperation and Networking in Biotechnology. The Socio-Economic Evolution of a New Technology (2000/2001).
- (6) Dr. Dmitri Efremenko (Russia): Technology Assessment as an Instrument of Prospective Environmental and Technological Policy (2000/2001).
- (7) Eva Estók, M.Sc. (Hungary): Innovation and Technology Policy within Economic Growth (1999/2000).
- (8) Dott.ssa Cristina Marcolin (Italy): Technology Policy in the Austrian Development Aid System (1999/2000).
- (9) Dr. Alan Marshall (New Zealand): Cybernetics and the Ecosystem-Economy Analogy: A Study in the History of the Transdisciplinary Use of the Concept of Self-Regulation in Technology, Nature and Society (1999/2000).
- (10) Dr. David Mercer (Australia): Institutional Ecologies and Scientific Method Discourses in Legal and Regulatory Settings (Visiting Fellow; 2000/2001).
- (11) Dr. Annette Ohme-Reinicke (Germany): Technological Development and Social Protest Movements (2000/2001).

- (12) Maria Rentetzi, M.Sc. (Greece): Gender and Radiophysics in Interwar Vienna (2000/2001).
- (13) Mag. Michael Stockinger (Austria): Technology and the Text—The Interplay of Information Technology and Contemporary Narrative (1999/2000).
- (14) Mag. Alen Vitas (Croatia): Technology and the Text—The Interplay of Information Technology and Contemporary Narrative (1999/2000).
- (15) Dr. Ariella Vraneski (Israel): A Comparative Study on the Prevention, Mitigation and Resolution of Conflicts, and on Public Participation, as Means towards Sustainable Development (2000/2001).
- (16) Mag. Doris Wallnöfer (Italy): Technowar. The Diffusion of War into Contemporary Culture and Politics (2000/2001).

Results of the research undertaken by these alumni during their stay at IAS-STS can be found in the previous IAS-STS Yearbooks for 2001 and 2002.

## Information

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