

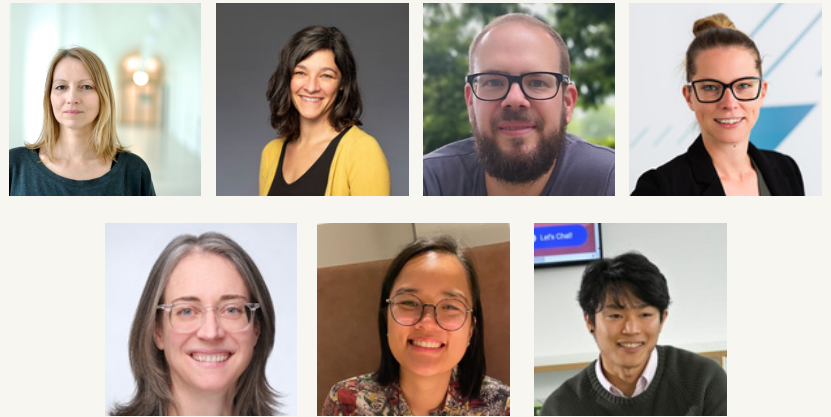
WELCOME FROM THE NEW BOARD

Dear STS Austria Members,

We are pleased to inform you that a newly composed board took up its work at the last general meeting in December 2022. We want to thank Daniel Barben, Petra Schaper-Rinkel, Helene Sorgner, Shauna Stack and Florian Winkler for their work and time on the previous board. Since Corona somewhat limited our activities in the last period, we are excited about getting into full gear again.

We look forward to continuing established activities and have become creative with new plans for the next two years. One of them is the launch of this newsletter to keep up to date with the STS Austria community and the exciting work of our members.

Doris Allhutter & Juliane Jarke



Meet the new STS Austria Board (2023–24):

- Doris Allhutter (ITA, Austrian Academy of Sciences), President
- Juliane Jarke (Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz), Vice-President
- Erik Aarden (Alpen-Adria-Univ. Klagenfurt), Treasurer
- Dana Wasserbacher (AIT), Secretary
- Katharina Kinder-Kurlanda, (Alpen-Adria-Univ. Klagenfurt)
- Bao-Chau Pham (Universität Vienna)
- Masafumi Nishi (AIT/Universität Vienna)

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Ulrike Felt on her ERC Advanced Grant!

At last year's general assembly in December 2022, her keynote on "Innovation Residues – Modes and infrastructures of caring for our longue-durée environmental futures" gave us an insight into her awarded project.

STS Board Members to give keynotes at STS Graz 2023 conference

Erik Aarden's keynote is entitled "Collective goods? The making of "population health" in medical tissue and data collections".

Juliane Jarke will be speaking on "Design futures: Reimagining sociodigital futures in a datafied world" in her keynote.

We hope to see many of you in Graz from 8–10 May 2023.

Petra Schaper-Rinkel, former Vice-President of STS Austria, appointed new Rector of the University of Applied Arts Vienna

Petra Schaper-Rinkel, former Vice-President of STS Austria (2020–2022) will be Rector of the University of Applied Arts Vienna as of 1 October 2023. With her many years of experience in innovation research and as Vice Rector for Digitalisation and Internationalisation at the University of Graz from 2019 to 2022, she is ideally equipped for this challenging task. Her mission is to further expand the uniqueness of the Angewandte in its combination of art, interdisciplinary research and socio-political engagement.

The new STS Austria Board congratulates Petra Schaper-Rinkel on her new position and wishes her all the best for her future endeavours!

Want to become an STS Austria member? Complete the form on the website or send an e-mail to office@sts-austria.org

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STS AUSTRIA NEWSLETTER: Are you organising an event that you would like the STS Austria community to know about? Do you have news you'd like to share? We are keen to use the newsletter as a space to showcase STS work in Austria. Send us a message at office@sts-austria.org!

CALL FOR THE STS AUSTRIA EARLY CAREER AWARD

To support the research and visibility of early career researchers in Science and Technology Studies, STS Austria will, for the second time, **award a prize for the best publications by young researchers in 2023**. The award addresses published academic writings by early career researchers demonstrating the relevance, productivity, and critical potential of Science and Technology Studies research. In particular, we are searching for publications that excel in one or several of the following categories: societal relevance, quality of writing, and theoretical or methodological innovativeness.

SELECTION CRITERIA

We invite submissions from master's and doctoral students, as well as early career researchers, who have obtained their PhD degrees no longer than 5 years ago. Submissions will be evaluated in consideration of the authors' academic age.

Submissions may be academic publications in all common formats (dissertations and theses, journal articles, book chapters, etc.). We will consider submissions resulting from research or study programs located in Austria, with a clear reference to Science and Technology Studies, that have been published or submitted for assessment (in the case of a thesis, cut-off date July 31, 2023) in 2020–2023.

Co-authored publications will be accepted if there is a clear indication that the lead author qualifies for submission according to the criteria listed above. If several of the co-authors qualify, they may submit as a team.

DETAILS

Submission deadline: **September 15, 2023**

We ask for submissions to be accompanied by a short abstract (250 words) outlining the reference to Science and Technology Studies.

Please submit the text and abstract as a PDF to office@sts-austria.org

The STS Austria Award for Early Career Publications is endowed with 1500€ and will be awarded during the next STS Austria general meeting, scheduled to take place in December 2023.

The board of STS Austria will decide on the number of recipients and the individual sums awarded. Future prizes will be awarded bi-annually.

FUNDING SUPPORT FOR STS EVENTS

To foster exchange among the Austrian STS community and increase its visibility, **STS Austria will financially support 1-2 academic events in 2023**. A total of 1500€ is available for this purpose. Only members of STS Austria are eligible to apply, but potential co-organisers of the event do not need to be members. We will fund different kinds of events (workshops, conferences, lectures, roundtable discussions, working groups) supporting the mission of STS Austria. In particular, we invite applications for events which a) address early-career researchers, b) involve cooperation between different institutions and/or c) take place outside of Vienna.

APPLICATIONS

Your application should contain the following:

- Title of Event
- Abstract (300–500 words), addressing the following: description of the topic/theme, how the event relates to STS Austria's organisational mission, the kind of event planned (workshop, discussion, lecture) and elements of the program (presentations, keynotes, inputs, work assignments, ...), target audience and expected number of participants, a rough schedule of the organisational steps (e.g. deadline of CfC)
- Names, affiliation and contact info of organisers
- Date and duration of event
- Venue/location of event
- Envisaged budget (budget overview, specific costs to be covered by STS Austria, as well as other sources of funding)

FUNDED EVENTS

STS meets Data Studies

This course (summer semester 2023) introduces PhD and advanced Master students from the Universities of Graz and Klagenfurt to the field of critical data studies, and in particular to different methods and methodological encounters.

Organisers: Juliane Jarke, Katharina Kinder-Kurlanda, Nikolaus Poehhacker, Petra Schaper-Rinkel

In 2023, we are considering submissions on a rolling basis. Please send your application to office@sts-austria.org. All applications will be reviewed by the STS Austria board members.