

STS-CH Conference 2025

Holding things together?

Sept 10 – 12, 2025

Change, continuity, critique

@University of Zurich, ETH, ZHdK

Programme Overview

Wednesday 10 Sep

Registration is open from 11.00 **KOL-G-201 (Aula), Rämistrasse 71**

12.00 — 13.30

Room					
KOL-F-123	KO2-F-153	KO2-F-174	KO2-F-175	KOL-G-220	KOL-G-222
3t Reproductive Uncertainties and Imagined Futures in the Anthropocene (1)	3h Suspended for Good? The SSK's Critical Programme Resumed	3i What Holds Startups Together? Exploring Infrastructures, Places, and Knowledge	3e Re/symmetrizing Care: Thinking Technical and Natural Maintenance in the Anthropocene (1)	1a Reading Texts Together	

13.30 — 14.00 Coffee Break in front of **KOL-G-201 (Aula)** and **KO2-F-174**

14.00 — 15.30

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3j Bruno Latour: Opening Black Boxes in a Decolonial World	3k Out of the blue? (Dis)continuities and dependancies in the development of the low-carbon hydrogen sector	3n Infrastructure as Spectacle: Planetary Configurations of Manifestation and Visibility (1)	3e Re/symmetrizing Care: Thinking Technical and Natural Maintenance in the Anthropocene (2)	3b STS and international security: Towards convergence?	5c Supporting capacity for critique by teaching Science-Technology-Society (S-T-S) in STEM fields?

15.30 — 16.00 Coffee Break in front of **KOL-G-201 (Aula)** and **KO2-F-174**

16.00 — 17.30

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KOL-G-201
Welcome remarks & Keynote <i>Redressing the Digital Leviathan with Science and Technology Studies</i> Brit Ross Winthereik

17.30 – 20.00 Apéro **Obere Mensa**

Thursday 11 Sep

Registration is open from 09.00 **Foyer HG E–Süd, Rämistrasse 101**

09.30 — 11.00

Room	HG D 3.3	HG D 5.1	HG E 33.1	HG E 33.3	HG F 26.1	HG F 26.3	HG F 26.5
HG D 3.1	3g Microbial STS and Moving Beyond Critique: How Things Hold for Future Studies	4c Reflecting Controversies: Epistemologies of studying blockchain and other politically charged technologies	3l Thinking through incompleteness (1)	3o Holding the Disparate Together: Exploring the Connective Tissue of Built Environments (1)	1d Back to Basics: Returning to Practice, Probing the Medium, Remixing the Social! (1)	3n Infrastructure as Spectacle: Planetary Configurations of Manifestation and Visibility (2)	5d Intersections in inter- and transdisciplinary research: mapping cultures, practices and policies

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	3c Liberal Objects - What Remains of Them, & How They Matter (or Not) Now						

13.00 — 14.30 Lunch Break & STS–CH General Assembly **HG E 5**

14.30 – 16.00

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HG D 3.1	5e Generative methods	2a Holding Things together at UZH and ETH: The Doctoral Program History of Knowledge	1b Re-enchanting Wounded Worlds: Fermentation, Decay, and Interspecies Grief in Post-Violated Landscapes (1)	3a Has critique of algorithms run out of steam? Social studies of AI, machine learning, and big data (1)	3m Subjects that cross disciplines	1e Design crossing sciences for health: Perspectives on more-than-human relations and careful practices	5b Critiquing Radicalization: a socio-technical perspective on political events

16.00 — 17.00 Venue Change **Museum für Gestaltung, Ausstellungsstrasse 60**

17.00 — 18.00

Room
Vortragssaal, 1st floor

Keynote
What holds together? The role of the arts in the future of STS
Hannah Star Rogers

18.00 Apéro & Party **ZHdK, Toni-Areal, 5.K12, Förrlibuckstrasse 109**

Friday 12 Sep

Registration is open from 09.00 **HG EO Nord, Rämistrasse 101**

09.30 — 11.00

Room
HG E 5 – Hörsaal

Future of STS in Switzerland Roundtable

with Monika Dommann, Martina Merz, Anna Jobin, Francesco Panese, Regula Burri & Nicolas Baya Laffite, moderated by Margo Boenig-Lipstin

11.00 — 11.30 Coffee Break Foyer **HG EO Nord**

11.30 — 13.00

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3s Making Things Matter: Attending to the Qualities that Hold Care and its Worlds Together (1)

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3d Attuning to Watery Worlds: Perception, Relationality and Care in More-Than-Human Ecologies

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1c Erasure of Shared Sacred Landscapes and Remembrance of Disrupted Futures

4a The Rise of the Broconomy: Techno-Optimism, Masculinity, and the Politics of Progress

3q Hybridising environmentally: re/configuring environmental infrastructures and their imaginaries

5a Crafting Connections: a Workshop to Prototype Bridges between Research and Practice