



AUS STS GRADUATE WORKSHOP

*Charles Darwin University
Darwin, Australia
7-10 July, 2020*

Call for applications

Confirmed Keynote Speakers and Presenters:

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As interconnections between worlds are thrown ever more starkly into relief, Science and Technology Studies (STS) scholars grapple with practices which are at once globally implicated and radically situated. This workshop brings postgraduate students and early career researchers (ECRs) into conversation with senior STS scholars. It provides an opportunity to think through how science and technology shape contemporary possibilities of living, opening up the potential for alternative ways of understanding and enacting the world that might help to provide answers to some of the challenges we face.

The workshop will be held at Charles Darwin University in the Top End of the Northern Territory. Participants will be encouraged to engage with Darwin as a site of continually negotiated more-than-human relations, rather than simply as a conference venue.

This event is designed for postgraduate students and ECRs researching science and technology and who are interested in: 1) being part of a community of scholars interested in STS and the History and Philosophy of Science (HPS); 2) exploring new and creative forms of inquiry; and, 3) developing collaborative practices to further their research.

This workshop departs from the traditional symposia format of long papers and short discussion. Participants can expect to present a short paper (5-minutes) consisting of a question, problem or provocation, take part in small-group workshops focusing on collaboration and creative research, as well as mentoring sessions and field trips. We invite postgraduate students and ECRs from across the humanities, social sciences and arts disciplines to apply, as well as interested scholars from the life, environmental and materials sciences and social activists.

We encourage participants to communicate their research interests in ways that are legible to audiences outside of their discipline and to engage in sustained discussions with a range of publics. Scholars interested in participating are asked to apply by submitting a 250 word proposal for a 5-minute presentation at the workshop. Possible topics for proposals can include but are not limited to:

- The Anthropocene and twenty-first century environmental challenges
- Advances in biomedicine and public health
- Science and Indigenous knowledges
- AI, big data and algorithmic cultures
- Sustainability and resilience
- Intersections with gender, race, class and ability with issues in science and technology
- Methods and strategies for collaborative STS or HPS

Structure, cost, and accessibility

The AusSTS interdisciplinary workshop will take place over four days. Day one will include an optional off-site walkshop on the theme of Everyday Militarisms (admission limited – applications will be sought separately closer to the workshop date). The other three days will be organised around panel presentations, keynotes, and professional development and mentoring workshops.

For the first time this year, we are looking to open applications to the broader Asian region, and will hold a small number of dedicated workshop places for regional scholars.

All campus-based venues will be wheelchair accessible. Please do not hesitate to get in contact if you have any questions regarding accessibility or have accessibility needs.

Travel bursaries

We are committed to making this event affordable and accessible to all participants and are in the process of developing options for subsidised accommodation and travel bursaries. Successful applicants will be contacted to apply for bursaries once funding is secured and guidelines are developed for assessment of applications.

Submission guidelines

Please submit your proposal (250 words) for a 5 minute presentation by **20 December 2019** via [this form](#).

Proposals must contain the following information: Name of presenter(s); email address; brief bio; five keywords; supervisor names (if applicable)/discipline areas; and place of study.

For questions or inquiries please contact: AuSTSgradnetwork@gmail.com.

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