

STS-CH: Newsletter # 9 (October 2006)

Dear members of STS-CH, dear subscribers to the STS_L mailing list

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Best wishes and good start into the new semester,
Myriam Spörri (for the board of STS-CH)

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___ (1) General Assembly

The fifth General Assembly (GA) of the association STS-CH was held on June 14 2006, 17.15-18.00 at the University of Lausanne. The event was followed by a lecture of Ilana Löwy on „Hormone Stories: Science, Industry and Gender Hierarchy“.

The protocol of the GA 2005, the annual report and the annual accounts were accepted. The board – composed of Regula Burri, Michael Bürgi, Priska Gisler, Cynthia Kraus, Sabine Maasen, Martina Merz, Sibylle Obrecht and Myriam Spörri – was re-elected for one year, as were the two co-presidents (Regula Burri, Martina Merz) and the two revisors (Michael Guggenheim, Daniel Speich).

The protocol of the GA will soon be available online in PDF format: <http://www.sts.unige.ch/>

___ (2) STS-CH: Events

Zurich

26 October 2006, Collegium Helveticum, Schmelzbergstr. 25, 8006 Zürich, 18.00-20.00
Lecture "Escalating Controversies: Dynamics in WTO Disputes Over Environment, Health and Safety Issues" by Prof. Thomas Bernauer, ETH Zurich

The lecture is part of the lecture series "Scientific Futures, Public Affairs? Negotiating Challenges of the 21st Century in Science, Media and Politics", organized by STS-CH and supported by the Collegium Helveticum. For further information, contact the organizers Regula Valérie Burri (regula.burri@collegium.ethz.ch) or Priska Gisler (gisler@collegium.ethz.ch).

Basel

16 November 2006, 18.00

Lecture „Technik im Alltag als biographische Erfahrung“ by Gerrit Herlyn, Forschungskolleg Kulturwissenschaftliche Technikforschung, Hamburg

25 January 2007, 18.00

lecture „Beobachtungen und / oder Praktiken: Zur Vermittlung von Wissenschaft in Ausstellungen“ by Silke Bellanger, Lucerne.

Both events are co-organized by STS-CH and the Seminar für Kulturwissenschaft und Europäische Ethnologie, University of Basel. They will take place at the Seminar für Kulturwissenschaft und Europäische Ethnologie, Spalenvorstadt 2, 4003 Basel. For more information see <http://pages.unibas.ch/kulturwissenschaft/>.

____ (3) STS Developments in CH

Lucerne

In October 2006, Martina Merz has taken up the position of SNF professor at the Institute of Sociology, University of Lucerne. Together with Daniela Baus, Peter Biniok and a research assistant she will explore the configurations of nanoscience in Switzerland. The team will combine approaches from STS, sociology and cultural anthropology to investigate the constitution of a novel research area with a focus on its epistemic practice, social organization and cultural representation.

____ (4) Upcoming National Events and Lecture Series

Regular Events

Zurich

Lecture series "Scientific Futures, Public Affairs? Negotiating Challenges of the 21st Century in Science, Media and Politics", organized by STS-CH and supported by the Collegium Helveticum. The first lecture will take place on 26 October 2006 (see above, (2) STS-CH Events). Further information about the lectures will be sent out via the STS-CH mailing list. For more information contact the organizers Regula Valérie Burri (regula.burri@collegium.ethz.ch) or Priska Gisler (gisler@collegium.ethz.ch).

Colloquium of the Centre „History of Knowledge“ (University of Zurich and ETH Zurich) takes place every second Thursday (2. 11., 16. 11., 30. 11., 14. 12. 2006, 11. 1., 8. 2. 2007) from 18.15 to 19.45 (Rämistr. 36, E14). Speakers include Herbert Mehrrens, Jürg Berthold, Johannes Türk, Marcel Weber, Petra Gehring and Beate Fricke. A symposium with the title „Datenströme“ will take place on 25 January 2007. For more information see http://www.wiss.ethz.ch/pfw/veranstaltungen_kolloquium06.html or contact Barbara Orland (orland@wiss.gess.ethz.ch).

Lecture series on „Gefühle zeigen: Manifestationsformen emotionaler Prozesse“ („Showing emotions: manifestations of emotional processes“), organized by the Collegium Helveticum, takes place on 7 11., 21. 11., 5. 12., 7. 12., 12. 12., 14. 12., 19. 12. 2006, 9. 1. and 16. 1. 2007. Speakers include Klaus Scherer, Gerd Folkers, Johannes Fehr, Georg Schönbächler, Fritz Gutbrodt, Reinhard Nesper, Elisabeth Bronfen, Günter Buchwald, Michael Hagner, Kurt W. Forster and Tania Singer. The series will be finished with a concert by Gerhard Herrgott and Enorah on 26 January 2007 and a work-shop on emotions and music with Gerhard Herrgott, Enorah, Susanne Kübler and Olivier Senn on 27 January 2007. As times and places vary, check the exact programme under: <http://www.collegium.ethz.ch/events/index.en.html>

„Fleckolloquium“, organized by the Ludwik Fleck Zentrum, takes place on Wednesdays 15 November 2006 (input by Daniel Nerlich / Daniel Schwane and Katarzyna Leszczynska on „Fleck im Archiv“) and on 17 January 2007 (input by Claus Zittel on „Die Entstehung und Geschichte von Ludwik Flecks ‚Vergleichender Erkenntnistheorie‘“) from 18.15 to 20.00 at

the Collegium Helveticum Zurich (Meridian-Saal, Semper-Sternwarte, Schmelzbergstr. 25). If you wish to participate, write an email to info@ludwikfleck.ethz.ch, for further information see <http://www.collegium.ethz.ch/events/index.en.html>.

Singular events (listed chronologically)

23 November 06, Auditorium, University of Zurich, Rämistr. 71, Zurich, 19-21.30
,Fleck Lecture': „The transformations of medical truths in history, at the light of Ludwik Fleck's critical epistemology“ by Anne-Marie Moulin

24 November 06, Meridian-Saal, Semper-Sternwarte, Schmelzbergstr. 25, 10.15-12
„The Day after Seminar“ with Anne-Marie Moulin (see her lecture on 23 November 06)

____(5) New Publications

Leresche Jean-Philippe, Martin Benninghoff, Fabienne Crettaz von Roten, Martina Merz (eds.). La fabrique des sciences. Des institutions aux pratiques. Lausanne 2006.

Gugerli, David, Michael Hagner, Michael Hampe, Barbara Orland, Philipp Sarasin, Jakob Tanner (eds.). Die Suche nach der eigenen Stimme. Nach Feierabend. Zürcher Jahrbuch für Wissensgeschichte, vol. 2, Zürich 2006.

Hagner, Michael. Der Geist bei der Arbeit. Historische Untersuchungen zur Hirnforschung. Göttingen 2006.

Hagner, Michael, Manfred Laubichler (eds.). Der Hochsitz des Wissens. Das Allgemeine als wissenschaftlicher Wert. Zürich 2006.

Hampe, Michael. Die Macht des Zufalls. Vom Umgang mit dem Risiko. Berlin 2006.

Maasen, Sabine, Martin Lengwiler and Michael Guggenheim (eds.). Science and public policy, Volume 33, Number 6 (2006), special issue on discipline and research: practices of inter-/transdisciplinary cooperation in science.

____(6) Call for proposals

A new graduate programme is being planned at the Centre for the „History of Knowledge“ (ETH Zurich and University of Zurich). Project proposals from the disciplines of history, cultural and literary studies, philosophy and the social sciences are welcome. The authors of the best project proposals will be invited to Zurich for an interview. It is planned to request the SNF to fund the projects within its new programme to support graduate programmes.

Deadline: 30 November 2006

Project proposals can be sent via mail or email to:

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Further information can be found under <http://www.zgw.ethz.ch/>.

_____ (7) STS in Edinburgh

In recent years, the STS community at Edinburgh has grown and has become an important center for interdisciplinary social research into science and technology. The Institute for the Study of Science, Technology and Innovation (ISSTI) has been formed to bring together the interdisciplinary network of researchers working in these fields. News and a regular newsletter can be found on the recently re-launched website <http://www.issti.ed.ac.uk/>.