Varieties of Science and Technology in Europe: Shifting Fortunes of STS in Turbulent Times

Program

Wednesday, 11 November 2026

Pre-program at the KHK c:o/re, Lecture Hall (R102), Theaterstr. 75, 52062 Aachen

17:00 **KHK c:o/re Lecture Series: Varieties of Science**
Jan-Hendrik Passoth (Frankfurt/Oder)
Universitas Undone: Multiplying the University

18:30 Reception

Thursday, 12 November 2026

GWTF / KHK c:o/re conference, Forum M, Buchkremerstr. 1-7, 52062 Aachen

09:00 **Welcome & Introduction**

09:30 *Sven Ulpts (Aarhus) & Bart Penders (Maastricht)*
Neighbours – STS and the Changing Landscape of Science Studies

Overarching discussion, identifying topics

10:30 **Break**

Part I: Hybrid Knowledge Production

11:00 *Charlotte Jöster-Morisse (HU Berlin)*
Between Resource and Delegitimization: Navigating Insider Positionality as Marginalized Researchers

Dirk Scheer (Karlsruhe)
Liberated or Trapped by Research Funding? Innovating Funding Structures for Energy Transition Research

12:20 **Lunch**

13:30 *Nassim Mehran (Berlin/Aachen)*
Who is Invisibilized? Epistemic Inequalities in Participatory Digital Health Research

Sebastian Günnel (Landshut)
In Defense of an Epistemic Ghost in the Shell STS: Self-Efficacy and Digital Domestic Health

15:00 **Break**

15:30 *Regional Reflections: Hybrid Knowledge Production*

Overarching discussion, deepening topics

17:00 **Break**

17:30 *Teun Zuiderent-Jerak (VU Amsterdam/EASST President)*
Flows of Learning Between STS and its Fields, Or: 'We've Never Been Discipline'

18:45 *GWTF General Meeting*

19:30 **Dinner**

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Part II: Academic Career Paths

09:00 *Meta Cramer (HU Berlin)*
Academic Careers Within National Research Evaluation Systems from a Comparative Perspective

Claudia Göbel (Mainz)
Serving Many Tables: Constituencies and Career Logics in Hybrid Academic Contexts

10:30 **Break**

10:45 *Regional Reflections: Career Paths*

11:30 **Early Lunch**

12:30 *Harro van Lente (Maastricht)*
STS and the National Science Agenda of The Netherlands

13:15 *Towards a Research Agenda Varieties of Science Europe*

14:30 **End of Conference**

STS Association Representatives: Austria, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Türkiye, UK, stsing

For conference attendance, please register with europe@khk.rwth-aachen.de until **31 October 2026**

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