

Editorial

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Dear Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that I have accepted the role of the new Coordinating Editor of *Science & Technology Studies* (S&TS). The post starts from this issue and lasts for four years. I want to wish all the best to our former Coordinating Editor, Salla Sariola, and thank her for her excellent work. During her term, the journal has grown extensively and continued its dedication to being a fully Open Access journal with no Article Processing Charges. It is a great opportunity to continue working with the solid infrastructure that Salla has helped build for the journal. At the same time, I look forward to collaborating with the skilled Editorial Team whose work I will coordinate.

My name is Antti Silvast and I have acted as an Editor for this journal since 2014. In addition, I was a Guest Editor for three special issues for S&TS from 2012 to 2014. I have a long experience in editing, including my role at S&TS, and starting as a newsletter editor for a network of the European Sociological Association in 2010.

As a journal, we will continue to be committed to open publishing, normatively and in the applied sense. Together with Salla and the Editorial Team, we carried out the work in migrating the journal to its current editorial system, the Open Journal System (OJS) in 2014. OJS is one of the main open-source publishing infrastructures in the world. For S&TS, using the OJS has contributed actively to the improvement of the editing process both technically and substantively.

For the future, our core values hence include:

- To maintain rigorously the Impact Factor, coupled with a strong commitment to Open Access, no Article Processing Charges, and open publishing via the open-source software infrastructure OJS. Our Impact Factor has risen several years in a row, and to our knowledge, we are among the very few STS journals that have both Open Access and an Impact Factor. The S&TS journal is also included in the DOAJ (Directory of Open Access Journals), a community-curated list of open-access journals. Our Open Access is possible because of the financial support of the European Association for the Study of Science and Technology (EASST) and the Finnish Science Foundation via the Finnish Society for Science and Technology Studies.
- To uphold the rigor of the field of STS by an editorial commitment to advancing scholarly studies of science and technology. This means not only including studies that apply STS concepts, as is increasingly the case in many interdisciplinary fields, but to expect our papers to contribute to the advancement of STS debates and knowledge.
- To maintain our commitment to a collegiate and supportive approach. The Editorial Team sees it as the journal's duty to contribute to preserving and improving both the high quality of research in the field of STS and the inclusiveness and healthy research environment of the field. This also means that all our editors



are invested in an egalitarian 'flat hierarchy' concerning publication decisions. This means they have the space to influence the editorial process and are expected to be able to work both in the team and independently.

As 2022 is coming to a close, I want to highlight that the next year marks the journal's 35th anniversary. This makes S&TS among the oldest published journals in this field. The first issue of S&TS, then named *Science Studies*, was published in 1988. *Science as Culture* was launched in 1987, *Science, Technology and Society* in 1996, and the

Nordic Journal of Science and Technology Studies in 2013. S&TS was preceded by *Science, Technology, & Human Values* (1967) and *Social Studies of Science* (1970).

In October, the STS community heard the very sad news that Bruno Latour passed away at the age of 75. Obituaries have been published all over the world. His contributions to the field of STS were essential and he will be sorely missed.

Kind regards
Antti Silvast