

CALL FOR PAPERS

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Open Track

TRANS-disciplinary research through STS
practice: The co-creation of knowledge and
collaboration

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Abstract

STS has a key role in helping to create transdisciplinary research programmes that encourage collaboration and shared knowledge creation. Transdisciplinary research programmes are needed if we are to address the greatest challenges of our times, such as climate change. In attempting to understand the process of transdisciplinary research, we must first come to terms with different forms of knowledge. In the creation of transdisciplinary research programmes, such as the New Zealand Government's National Science Challenges, what makes these collaborations effective, productive and satisfying programmes for all participants? How do different experiences and understandings of the world, such as indigenous knowledge and neoliberal governmentalities interact and co-exist in transdisciplinary research? How can pre-existing ideas (disciplinary concepts or policy) that may underpin transdisciplinary research be re-configured to respond to current social, economic and environmental issues? This panel seeks to explore how knowledge is co-created within transdisciplinary research through STS practice, and it seeks to examine the opportunities, challenges and the reality of engaging in transdisciplinary dialogue and collaboration to create meaningful change in our world.

Process

The deadline for submitting an abstract is 1 February 2018

Paper submissions should be in the form of abstracts of up to 250 words. They should include the paper's main arguments, methods, and contributions to STS.

If you want to participate in this open track then you will need to select it when you submit your abstract through the 4S Conference Website: <https://convention2.allacademic.com/one/ssss/4s18/>

If you would like to discuss the relevance of your paper to the open track, then please feel free to contact me: casimir.macgregor@branz.co.nz

