



STM.AU-Newsletter no. 03

Back in Business

It has been hectic these past few months. Following the last newsletter *Aarhus Network for Science, Technology and Medicine Studies* has been involved in two international conferences and four Brown Bag Research Seminars. We have only just now had the time to complete the schedule for this semester and are hoping to see many of you in the coming months. But it is only fair to recapitulate the events of the past few months.

In November the network co-organised the conference “**Telling the Past Now – historiographies for the 21st century**” which was a great success. With 11 invited guests from all over the world the conference scope was within the themes: Theories and thinking, Images and objects, Places and people, Identities and Forgetting. The conference was sponsored by PHIS, the Danish Research School for History and the Faculty of Humanities, University of Aarhus.



Poster-session during conference

During November we also had two Brown Bag Research Seminars. The first one was with PhD Student Zenia Effenberger Larsen from the Center for STS-Studies who spoke on the subject “What dreams are made of” and made us all more aware of “The Dream Society”.



At the end of November we had a visit from Dr Aileen Fyfe who presented her recent work on “Science and the Victorian Tourist: activity and observation in the mid-nineteenth century” at an extended session with a graduate workshop in the morning and an afternoon lecture at the Department for Science Studies.

In February we started the semester with the co-organisation of the conference “Darwin Industries, Inc.” which had some of the most prominent experts in the field of Darwinism and the history of evolution. The conference was visited by several of the larger Danish



newspapers and was also the topic of a live broadcast on TV2/Østjylland. The conference was sponsored by PHIS and Darwin in Denmark.

In addition the network have organised two Brown Bag Research Seminars in February. The first was an introductory lecture by visiting lecturer Mats Fridlund who enlightened us on the subject “Engineering Ideologies: European Technopolitics from 19thC Nationalism to 21stC Terrorism. Mats is STMs first visiting fellow at the Department of Philosophy and History of Ideas throughout the semester and has helped organise the programme with a series of STS-Materiality Seminars, which will be included in the Brown Bag Research Seminars.

On the 13 February we had a visit from Harvard University, represented by PhD Student Chitra Ramalingham, who presented her work on “Seeing science: What we talk about when we talk about scientific images”.



We are very much looking forward to the rest of the semester and to seeing many of you at the seminars and other events. We are very happy that so many of you have participated and that many of the PhD students have been present at the conferences.

As our network secretary Jakob Bek-Thomsen has agreed to take a position at the newly opened Climate Secretariat (www.klima.au.dk) we will also try to incorporate events related to climate change during the next semester.

Semester Programme

Minor changes may occur – a reminder with exact location and time will be announced before each event.

Date	Speaker	Titel
4 February	Mats Fridlund	From imperialism to terrorism
13 February	Chitra Ramalingham	Seeing Science
18 March	Peter Barker	<i>Ideas in Context</i> & BBRs: Nuclear Threats
26 March	Claus Bossen og Finn Olesen	Presentation of Center for STS-Studier
2 April	STS-Materiality – Mats Fridlund	
14 April	Gregory Radick	<i>Ideas in Context</i> & BBRs
23 April	Christopher Gad	TBA
30 April	STS-Materiality	TBA
7 May	Niels Brimnes, Department for History	The troubled Life of the BCG-vaccine 1948-1982
14 May	STS-Materiality: Adam Bencard, Medicinsk Museion	TBA
21 May	Jes Harfeld og Ulrik Nissen	Presentation of Center for Bio- og Nanoetik
28 May	Lisbeth Overgaard Nielsen, Department of Aesthetics and Culture	TBA
4 June	STS-Materiality	Workshop in connection with DAST Conference

Additional events

☐ **25 March: PhD Viva, MSc Rikke Schmidt Kjærgaard.**

“Framing science and technology – Media, narratives and policy”, Auditorium 1110-223, Department for Science Studies. (<http://www.ivs.au.dk/nyheder/x-nyheder/250308>)

☐ **DASTS-Conference 2008, 5-6 June in Aarhus.**

Call for Abstracts – Deadline 1 April

(<http://sts.imv.au.dk/events/DASTS%202008/DASTS2008.html>)

☐ **1 July: Call for Papers for Slagmark no. 54 “Darwinism”**

(<http://www.ivs.au.dk/nyheder/cfp>) – *CfP in Danish*. Further information is available from editor Hans Henrik Hjerimitslev (hjh@si.au.dk)

General information

In case you have discovered errors on the webpage or if you have additional information on future events, please do not hesitate to contact us. The success of Aarhus Network for Science, Technology and Medicine Studies rely on a certain amount of “user-activity”, both in regards to the expansion of the knowledge of the network and to the report of activities which could be of interest to the network members and newsletter subscribers. Therefore, you are most welcome to distribute this newsletter. Should you no longer wish to receive this newsletter please send an email with the subjectheader “Un-subscribe” to stm@au.dk.

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We hope to see many of you in the coming months,

Yours Sincerely,

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