

5-6th December 2024

INSTITUTE FOR TECHNOSCIENCE & SOCIETY

1ST ANNUAL RESEARCH WORKSHOP



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PROGRAMME

5th December 2024 (all times Eastern Standard Time)

Day 1 Zoom Link:

<https://yorku.zoom.us/j/98192341154?pwd=xTmgUxTwZqpYZe2gq6aAR6iy6W8yp1.1>

- 10.00am **Welcome**
Prof. Kean Birch and Prof. Kelly Bergstrom (York University, Canada)
- 10.15am **Panel 1: Technoscientific Economies**
Chair: Prof. Kean Birch (York University, Canada)
- 10.20am Prof. Antulio Rosales (York University, Canada)
10.50am Prof. Mahtot Gebresselassie (York University, Canada)
11.20am Prof. Yousif Hassan (University of Michigan, USA)
- 12.30pm **Panel 2: Technoscientific Pasts & Presents**
Chair: Prof. Anna Agathangelou (York University, Canada)
- 12.35pm Mishall Lalani (York University, Canada)
1.05pm Dr. Kim Fernandes (University of Toronto, Canada)
1.35pm Prof. Elisha Lim (York University, Canada)

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2.00pm **ITS Annual General Meeting (ITS members only)**
Chair: Prof. Kean Birch, York University, Canada

3.00pm **End**

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Day 2 Zoom Link:

<https://yorku.zoom.us/j/97196764210?pwd=UOi1AOSiekMV1YO7ORDb3alstEkd8L.1>

10.00am **Welcome**
Prof. Kean Birch and Prof. Kelly Bergstrom (York University, Canada)

10.15am **Panel 3: Technoscientific Bodies & Minds**
Chair: Prof. Gabi Schaffzin (York University, Canada)

10.20am Prof. Mary Ott (York University, Canada)
10.50am Prof. Conor Douglas (York University, Canada)
11.20am Prof. Gabi Schaffzin (York University, Canada)

12.30pm **Panel 4: Technoscientific Injustices**
Chair: Prof. Melanie Baljko (York University, Canada)

12.35pm Yoonmee Han (York University, Canada)
12.45pm Julianna Kowlessar (York University, Canada)
12.55pm Prof. Christo El Morr (York University, Canada)
1.25pm Prof. Rob Gehl (York University, Canada)

2.00pm **Keynote**
Vass Bednar & Denise Hearn, authors “The Big Fix: How Companies Capture Markets and Harm Canadians”

DENISE HEARN is an author, applied researcher, and advisor focused on how economic power and paradigms shape our world. She is a resident senior fellow at the Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment at Columbia University, USA, and co-authored *The Myth of Capitalism*. VASS BEDNAR is the executive director of McMaster University’s Master of Public Policy in Digital Society program. She is a senior fellow at the Centre for International Governance Innovation and writes the popular newsletter “regs to riches.”

3.00pm **End**

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MORE ABOUT THE INSTITUTE FOR TECHNOSCIENCE & SOCIETY!

At the **Institute for Technoscience & Society**, we're trying to create a global hub of critical and interdisciplinary research and knowledge about the relationship between science, technology, and society. We aim to support excellent research and engagement on the configuration of social, political, and economic power underpinning scientific claims, medical practices, emerging technologies, sites of innovation, and much more.

We're an Associated Research Unit of the **Connected Minds: Neural and Machine Systems for a Healthy, Just Society** initiative at York University. *Connected Minds* is a \$105.6 million, seven-year interdisciplinary research initiative led by York University and funded by the federal government through the Canada First Research Excellence Fund (CFREF) program.

We have four thematic research clusters at the Institute:

- **Technoscientific Injustices:** what are the implications of emerging technoscience? What are the impacts of algorithmic systems, biotechnologies, low-carbon technologies, or environmental services? Do they impact different social groups differently? How can our work support more just and inclusive science and technologies?
- **Technoscientific Economies:** how are science and technology entangled with our economies? How do economic logics and drivers shape the development of technologies in certain ways? What technologies are sidelines at the expense of others (e.g. autonomous vehicles over public transit)? How can our work support more responsible innovation?
- **Technoscientific Pasts & Futures:** how is the future of science and technology bound up with our pasts? What we learn from the history of science, technology, and innovation to help us develop more inclusive science and more responsible technologies? How can the past help us to develop hopeful visions of the future?
- **Technoscientific Bodies & Minds:** how are health and illness defined by science and technology? What are the implications of prevailing understandings of health risks, diseases, and healthcare delivery? Do these prevailing understandings reinforce social injustices, inequities, and divisions? How can our work on our bodies and minds help us analyse how biomedical knowledge and materialities are socially produced?

If you want to get involved in the Institute, then please get in touch.

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