STS Circle at Harvard Fall 2020

All meetings will take place from 12:15–1:30 p.m. (US Eastern) on Mondays, remotely via Zoom. For the link to a talk, please RSVP online by noon the previous Friday.

To RSVP or find more information, please visit: http://sts.hks.harvard.edu/

Sep 14 Matthew Sample (STS, Harvard)
Imagining Responsibility, Imagining Responsibly: Reflecting on Our Shared Understandings of Science

Sep 21 Janet A. Vertesi (Sociology, Princeton)
Shaping Science: Organizations, Cultures, and Decision-Making on NASA’s Teams

Sep 28 Whitney E. Laemmli (History, Carnegie Mellon)
“Alien Gesticulations”: Movement Science in Germany, 1928-1936

Shifting Baselines—Artificial Intelligence and the Ethical Singularity

Oct 19 Noah Walker-Crawford (Social Anthropology, University of Manchester)
The Politics of Personhood in Climate Change Litigation

Oct 26 Meg Perret (History of Science, Harvard)
“Climate Change Creates Female Super-Race”: Male Extinction, Endangered Turtles & Coral Reef Collapse

Nov 2 Ben Hurlbut (Center for Biology and Society, ASU)
Can’t Stop Progress: Inevitability as Authorization in the Politics of Genome Editing

Nov 9 Noelle Eckley Selin (MIT) and Henrik Selin (Boston University)
Mercury Stories: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Analyzing Sustainability Challenges

Nov 10 (Tue) Science and Democracy Lecture Series
Neil Walker (Edinburgh Law School)
The Crisis of Constitutional Democracy in Pandemic Times
4:30-6:30pm

Nov 16 JoAnne Yates (MIT) and Craig Murphy (Wellesley)
Where Standards and Regulations Meet: Referring to Standards in US and European Regulation Since 1945

Nov 23 Daniel Hirschman (Sociology, Brown)
The Costs of Climate Change

Nov 30 Jayita Sarkar (Diplomatic History, Boston University)
Ploughshares and Swords: Technopolitics and Geopolitics in India’s Nuclear Program

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