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Editorial

It is standard practice to launch new journals by claiming to focus on a new sub-disciplinary domain or to introduce a new approach to the analysis of a familiar field. With this journal we start a less ambitious but nonetheless innovative enterprise. Science Technology & Innovation Studies (STI Studies) is the first internationally oriented journal for the German speaking STI community and the colleagues working in European or international research and higher education organizations located in this area. It will fill the gap which has evolved after the "Jahrbuch Technik und Gesellschaft" ceased to appear once the tenth volume had been published in 1999. As the working language of STI Studies is English the journal will also help increase the visibility of theoretical discussions and research projects which emerge in the German speaking environment.

The journal seeks analytical, theoretical and methodological articles that focus on the creation and use of scientific knowledge and its relation to society, on the development of technology and its social impact and control, and on innovation in industry and in the public sector.

STI Studies is a conventional scholarly journal as regards high quality standards and anonymous peer review. We invite and encourage paper submissions which are addressed to an international audience. Our ambition is to establish a reputation which attracts a worldwide readership. We hope that the – still somewhat unconventional – option to try and reach the readership via a free online journal will turn out to be the best way.

STI Studies will be published bi-annually including special issues edited by guest editors. We invite all colleagues to submit manuscripts or proposals for special issues. The success of this journal is contingent on your initiative and support as authors, reviewers and guest-editors. We will be happy to assist and collaborate.

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