

Cross-STs is a student-organized series of conversations, hosted by MIT's Program in History, Anthropology, and Science, Technology, and Society (HASTS), about social and political dimensions of science and technology. Always free and open to the public. Dinner and snacks will be served!

Care, Maintenance, Innovation

Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 5:30–7pm, E51-095



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March 12, 5:30–7p

Food, Farming, Factories

Alex Blanchette (Tufts)
Deborah Fitzgerald (MIT)

April 2, 5:30–7p

Computing from the South

Eden Medina (MIT)
Héctor Beltrán (MIT)

April 9, 5:30–7p

Waters, Oceans, Anthropocenes

Stefan Helmreich (MIT)
Sunil Amrith (Harvard)

This session examines critiques of innovation and originality. In place of the pursuit of the new, might we conceive of an ethics of copying or continuing the already-existing? Thinking across diverse domains such as health, kinship, engineering, and computing, our speakers explore practices of care that maintain, continue, and repair living bodies and life-sustaining infrastructures.

About Our Speakers:

Debbie Chachra is Professor of Engineering at Olin College of Engineering. In addition to her expertise in materials science, she works on improving engineering education and writes widely about gender in STEM, technology and society, and the maker culture.

Dwai Banerjee is Assistant Professor of Science, Technology, and Society (STS) at MIT. His forthcoming book, *Enduring Cancer: Life, Death and Diagnosis in Delhi*, is an ethnography of cancer in India. His current research project—*A Counter History of Computing in India*—tracks the historical and contemporary lives of computing technologies in India.