

## [The Futures of STS in Engineering and Polytechnic Universities](#)

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The Center for STS at Missouri S&T is hosting a symposium entitled "The Futures of STS in Engineering and Polytechnic Environments." It will take place on April 17, 2020, at the campus of Missouri S&T in Rolla, Missouri, USA. In the field of Science and Technology Studies (STS), we are interested in asking and answering questions about this field such as:

What does the future of STS look like in engineering and polytechnic universities? In such STEM-focused environments, where STS scholars often operate independently and without a central STS department or program, how can STS researchers maximize their impact on the education of undergraduate and graduate students, as well as on the original research conducted by (and often financially supported by) colleagues in engineering departments? How can STS researchers become indispensable to engineering and scientific research endeavors without being perceived as simply support personnel? Assembling convergent research teams to tackle important social and scientific challenges is an acknowledged best practice, so how should STS researchers embrace convergent research endeavors in order to add value and lead inquiries into areas of new and developing knowledge?

We will talk about these issues over the course of the day, in four smaller panels. Throughout the symposium, we will focus on the importance of studying scientific practice and technological development from a social perspective in the 21st century. We hope you will join us! Registration is open, and free, but space is limited. You can register here: <https://csts.mst.edu/>

We also plan to tweet and stream the symposium so stay tuned for more information!

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