

Nomination Letter (EASST Council)

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I'm currently an Associate Professor and Graduate Program Director of the Science & Technology Studies program at York University, Canada. I'm also Co-editor of the journal "Science as Culture" and am on the Editorial Board of "Science, Technology & Human Values". Generally speaking, my research focuses on technoscientific capitalism, and I've just started a new research project called "From entrepreneurship to rentiership: The changing dynamics of innovation in technoscientific capitalism" funded by the Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada. Although I'm based outside of Europe, my intellectual upbringing and research interests are thoroughly European, having studied STS at Edinburgh University. Much of my research and research interests are also focused on European research and innovation processes, dynamics, and policies. I would like to contribute more substantially to the organization of EASST as a key STS research forum and help expand its international reach, since I think that European STS can contribute significantly to promoting a more socially robust and inclusive approach to science, technology, and innovation worldwide.