

Nomination Letter (EASST Council)

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I would like to stand for election to EASST Council. I am the co-Director of the Science and Technology Studies Unit (SATSU) at the University of York. My research interests are in the study of sociotechnical futures. I have also been the coeditor of the journal *New Genetics and Society* since 2013. Before moving to York, I was co-Director of the Centre for Science Studies at Lancaster University. In that capacity, I co-chaired the Local Organizing Committee of the EASST 2018 conference, which was the largest such conference to date. In that role, I have been a co-opted member of Council for 2017-18. To this role of EASST Council member, I therefore bring highly relevant experience of successful conference organization, of working with people from different cultural backgrounds, and an awareness of the challenges faced by multinational academic associations. I found my involvement in organizing the conference both inspiring and rewarding: I came to see it as a way to make a meaningful contribution to the intellectual life of the European STS community, and I would like to continue to make such a contribution in this role of Council member. Furthermore, I am committed to assisting early career academics and, to that end, have volunteered as a mentor at the last two EASST conferences.

My relevant personal skills include being organized, working well with others in a team, listening, and thinking creatively. Together, my experience and skills would ensure that I would be an effective member of EASST Council.