

The Flemish parliamentary Institute for Technology Assessment IST invites authors to contribute to a volume of essays in the domain of 'Gender and Technology'.

The volume will be presented at a conference (fall 2011). The perspectives presented by the various authors on a variety of topics in the domain 'Gender and Technology' will function as starting points for debate: at the conference to start with and, next, in wider society.

Both the volume of essays and the conference will be in Dutch. IST encourages Flemish authors to contribute to the volume. However, since various issues in the domain 'Gender and Technology' transcend the Flemish borders, IST also invites foreign authors to submit an essay. (IST is responsible for translation into Dutch, if necessary).

Topics

The following questions circumscribe the subject of the IST-volume. How do scientific insights and technological practices influence gender differences? And how do gender differences influence the construction, interpretation and use of science and technology? And what is the societal meaning of these mutual interactions?

More concrete questions could be:

- *How do scientific insights and/or technological applications construct, enforce or mitigate gender differences?*
- *How do gender differences influence the ways technological applications are constructed and used?*
- *Which relationships exist between gender differences and careers in Research & Development (starting at pre-school level and until retirement) and how can we explain them?*
- *How and to what extent are science and technology themselves (scientific method, the ideal of scientific excellence or of an excellent scientist, what does and does not count as 'technology', the practice of technological research and development, etc.) gendered?*
- *To what extent are cultural differences relevant to answer previous questions?*

Conditions

- *The essay should be an authentic piece of work; it should be specially written for the IST-volume.*
- *Authors are encouraged to write the essay in their mother tongue, on condition that their native language is Dutch, French, German, English, Spanish, Italian or Portuguese. In case their native language is another one, authors are asked to write in English. IST is responsible for translation into Dutch.*

- *All copyrights rest with the IST.*

Remuneration

- *The authors whose essay is included in the IST-volume will receive a remuneration of € 1000,00 for their contribution.*
- *They will also receive one copy of the IST-volume for free.*

Procedure

- *IST will make a selection based on the abstracts that are submitted. The abstract should be written in Dutch or English; it should be between 250 and 500 words.*
- *Selection criteria for the volume as a whole are*
 - *Diversity of issues dealt with*
 - *Diversity of disciplinary and gender perspectives (the gender domain is relevant for and regards both men and women) from which the issues are considered*
- *Selection criteria for individual contributions*
 - *Accessibility of the language used. Jargon should absolutely be avoided. Everybody interested in the topic but not familiar with gender studies should be able to understand the arguments and the lines of reasoning.*
 - *Clarity with which meanings and implications for both men and women are presented*
 - *Clarity with which the policy relevance of the issue discussed is explained*
 - *Skillfulness with which personal viewpoints are underpinned with insights from science and arts and are fit to prompt public debate.*

Timing

- ***New** Deadline for submission of an abstract: **January 31, 2011***
- *Deadline for submission of an essay: **April 1, 2011***

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