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# New Reading Group on STS, feminism, queer theory and new materialism

## 'TBD'

We cordially invite you to join an interdisciplinary reading group 'TBD' on the intersections between Science and Technology Studies (STS), feminism, queer studies, posthumanism and new materialism.

We are interested in engaging with works - both contemporary and otherwise - that deal with the relationships between technology, sexuality and culture. What kind of technological imaginaries are presented by works stemming from feminist and queer perspectives? How do technological developments in turn affect the way gender, sexuality and materiality are conceptualized? What kind of theoretical and methodological tools are needed to account for the relations between contemporary subjects and their techno-environments?

The group will meet approximately every 3 weeks and is open to both 'advanced readers' and 'beginners'. The goal of it is not only to explore and discuss texts but also to present each other's work and get feedback for work-in-progress. We will start by reading the Introduction to *Queering the Non/Human* (eds. Myra Hird and Noreen Giffney, 2016) and the volume itself. Later we hope to read Karen Barad's *Meeting the Universe Halfway* (2007), Donna Haraway's *Staying with the Trouble: Making Kin in the Chthulucene* (2016) and possibly Sulamith Firestone's *The Dialectic of Sex: The Case for Feminist Revolution* (1970), as well as a couple of special journal issues dealing with trans\* studies and queer STS.

The group is organised as part of the research lab activities of the **Gender/Diversity in Informatics Systems** research group (ITeG, Fachbereich 16) and **Soziologie der Diversität** (Fachbereich 05), and will take place at the research lab premises in Kassel. Those interested in joining please email Jennifer Stoll ([jennifer.stoll@uni-kassel.de](mailto:jennifer.stoll@uni-kassel.de)) and Goda Klumbyte ([goda.klumbyte@uni-kassel.de](mailto:goda.klumbyte@uni-kassel.de)). The first meeting of the group will take place on November 2nd at 17:00 h.