

**INSTITUTE FOR THE SOCIAL SCIENCES WORKSHOP**

***KNOWLEDGE IN CONTENTION:***

***SOCIAL MOVEMENTS & THE POLITICS OF SCIENCE***

October 4-6, 2007

423 ILR Conference Center, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

**AGENDA**

Thursday, October 4, 2007 (423 & 429 ILR Conference Center)

**3:30 – 4:00**      **Registration and Coffee**

**4:00 – 6:00**      **Session 1: Knowledge in Contention**

“Welcome,” [Beta Mannix](#) (Robert S. Harrison Director, Institute for the Social Sciences, Cornell)

“Opening Remarks and Objectives,” [Ron Herring](#) (Government, Cornell)

Perspectives: Social Movements and Science Studies

[Sarah Soule](#) (Sociology, Cornell)

[Stephen Hilgartner](#) (Science & Technology Studies, Cornell)

Opening Panel: Knowledge Politics – What is at Stake?

[Ken Roberts](#) (Government, Cornell)

[Durba Ghosh](#) (History, Cornell)

[Kathleen Vogel](#) (Science & Technology Studies, Cornell)

**6:00**              **Public Reception**

**7:00**              **Dinner for Team and Program Participants** (Statler Hotel, Rowe Room)

Friday, October 5, 2007 (423 & 429 ILR Conference Center)

**8:30**              **Continental Breakfast**

**9:00 – 10:30**    **Session 2: Scientists and Movements**

Chair: [Ken Roberts](#) (Government, Cornell)

“Risk Communication in Software Engineering: From ‘Activism’ to ‘Professional Responsibility,’” [Rebecca Slayton](#) (Science, Technology & Society, Stanford)

“Where Did All the Trans Fats Come From? The Unintended Consequences of Science-based Social Movements,” [David Schleifer](#) (Sociology, New York University)

“Treatment Activism in South Africa: Contestations Over Liberal Rights, Drugs, and Babies,” Manjari Mahajan (Science & Technology Studies, Cornell)

Discussant: [Stephen Hilgartner](#) (Science & Technology Studies, Cornell)

**10:30**            **Break**

Friday, October 5, 2007--Continued

**11:00 – 12:15**     **Session 3: Claiming and Contesting Expertise**  
Chair: [Janice Thies](#) (Crop and Soil Sciences, Cornell)

“Think Tanks in America: Four Avenues of Theory and their Connections,” [Tom Medvetz](#) (Institute for the Social Sciences, Cornell)

“Citizen Science and Environmental Quality: Community Empowerment through Information,” [Brian Mayer](#) (Sociology, University of Florida)

Discussant: [Park Doing](#) (Bovay Program in Engineering Ethics, Cornell)

**12:15 – 1:30**     **Lunch**

**1:30 – 3:30**     **Session 4: Knowledge, Identity, and the Politics of Representation**  
Chair: [Becky Givan](#) (Collective Bargaining, Cornell)

“Politics of Elicitation: Contention and Public Deliberation in Techoscientific Disputes,” [Javier Lezaun](#) (Law and Science, Amherst College)

“AIDS and Postcolonial Politics: Acting Up on Science and Immigration in France,” [Michael Bosia](#) (Political Science, Saint Michael's College)

“‘Innocent Citizens,’ ‘Spokespersons,’ and ‘Lay-experts’: Constructing Publics and Their Knowledges in Public Engagement Exercises,” [Ulrike Felt](#) (Social Studies of Science, University of Vienna)

**3:30 – 4:00**     **Break**

**4:00 – 5:30**     **Session 5: Discussion of Future Research Agendas (part 1)**  
Chair: [Stephen Hilgartner](#) (Science & Technology Studies, Cornell)

Presenters: [Stephen Hilgartner](#), [Paul Robbins](#), [David Schleifer](#), [Brian Mayer](#), [Andrew Jamison](#), and [Javier Lezaun](#). *Each presenter has 3 minutes to summarize his or her pre-circulated future-oriented statement. Open discussion will follow.*

**5:30**     **Adjourn**

**6:30**     **Visiting speakers meet at Statler Hotel Lobby for a ride or walk to dinner.**  
See [Mapquest directions](#).

**7:00**     **Dinner for Team and Program Participants**  
Madeline's Restaurant, 215 E. State St., Ithaca, NY, 14850 (607-277-2253)

Saturday, October 6, 2007 (423 & 429 ILR Conference Center)

**8:30**     **Continental Breakfast**

**9:00 – 10:30**     **Session 6: Discussion of Future Research Agendas (part 2)**  
Chair: [Ron Herring](#) (Government, Cornell)

Presenters: [Ron Herring](#), [Rebecca Slayton](#), [Ulrike Felt](#), [Michael Bosia](#), [David Kneas](#), [Tom Medvetz](#), Manjari Mahajan. *Each presenter has 3 minutes to summarize his or her pre-circulated future-oriented statement. Open discussion will follow.*

**10:30**     **Break**

Saturday, October 6, 2007--Continued

**11:00 – 12:00      Session 7: Local Knowledge, State Knowledge, and Development**

Chair: [Steven Wolf](#) (Natural Resources, Cornell)

“Contingency, Legibility, Complexity: The Contradictions of Indian Wildlife Conservation,” [Paul Robbins](#) (Geography & Regional Development, University of Arizona)

“The Post-Equilibrium Shift: Social Science Perspectives on the Practices and Theories of Ecology and Environmental Policy,” [David Kneas](#) (Forestry & Environmental Studies, Yale University)

Discussant: [Susan Spronk](#) (International and Comparative Labor & ISS, Cornell)

**12:00 – 1:00      Lunch**

**1:00 – 3:00      Session 8: Contending Approaches to Knowledge in the Genetic Engineering Debate**

Chair: [Michael Lynch](#) (Science & Technology Studies, Cornell)

Film: [Bullshit](#) (first 37 min.)

“Vandana Shiva: The Hybrid Imagination in Action,” [Andrew Jamison](#) (Development & Planning, Aalborg University)

“Dead Sheep in Andhra: The Suicide-Seed Coalition, Brokers and Authenticity Rents,” [Ron Herring](#) (Government, Cornell)

Discussant: [Kyoko Sato](#) (Institute for the Social Sciences, Cornell)

**3:00                Break**

**3:30 – 4:30      Session 9: Concluding Discussion**

Chair: [Janice Thies](#) (Crop and Soil Sciences, Cornell)

“What have we learned? Next steps?”

**4:30                Adjourn**

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**6:30                Visiting speakers meet at Statler Hotel Lobby for a ride or walk to dinner.**  
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**7:00                Dinner for Team and Program Participants**  
Ron Herring’s home, 208 Kline Road, Ithaca, NY, 14850, 607-272-8246.