

Deliberative Mapping: Staging symmetry in deliberative processes

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Abstract:

In this seminar I want to introduce and reflect on the performance of a methodology of participatory technology appraisal called Deliberative Mapping, which seeks to contribute both to theoretical debate and practical experimentation around what it might mean to bring the technosciences into democracy. Deliberative Mapping is a hybrid methodology, which involves both analytic and deliberative processes, and works with both citizens and specialists, seeking to reduce asymmetries between different knowledges in science and technology issues. Here I reflect on the application of this methodology to the case study of future options for organ transplantation, exploring how its empirical performance can both inform theoretical critiques of discourse ethics as found in Habermas, but also, drawing on the work of Andrew Barry and Michel Callon, explore how and when such processes may exceed these framings.

Comment by Prof. Dr. Valérie November, School of Architecture, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Lausanne

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