

Biopolitics, Technoscience, and Society

In technological societies, innovation and forms of expert knowledge are constantly involved in our everyday lives, opening up fields of problems and solutions in which the various forms of life, both human and non-human, are included, sustained and valued. This has been particularly highlighted by the increasing crises and uncertainties arising in connection with climate and pollution, care and health, and citizen rights, among other areas. Examples include, among others, the development of disaster and emergency management systems; forms of intervention in the sphere of care, social action and health; and the development of more personalizable and inclusive spaces and infrastructures that foster citizen participation and resilience. Expert knowledge and technology therefore play a key role in the shaping of bodies, attachment, relationships, spaces and territories based on gender, sexuality, race, age, citizenship, normality, safety, health, productivity and other factors. We also look at the forms of activism, opposition and resistance that emerge in these settings, questioning, redefining and transforming the role of technoscience, and imagining and trying out other possible and desirable lifestyles and value systems.

In summary, this line of research covers and brings together research in the fields of Science and Technology Social Studies, Feminist Studies, Anthropology of the Body and Health, and Queer/Crip and Disability Studies examining the role of technoscience in the way modern life is shaped and governed.