

I am curious about how contemporary societies shape and are shaped by science, technology and innovation. Trained as a physicist who then moved into STS, I enjoy not only collaborating across disciplines and institutional contexts but also engaging with diverse members of society – these encounters open moments of surprise and learning. At the centre of my work is a commitment to practices of care and responsibility and attention to how we imagine, live with and govern socio-technical and ecological transformations.

Academic Positions

Since 1999	Professor of Science and Technology Studies at the University of Vienna
2004-2014 & 2018-2024	Head of the Department of Science and Technology Studies
2023-2026	Member of the Management Board of the Environment and Climate Research Hub
2020-2023	Deputy Director of the Environmental Sciences Research Network of the University of Vienna (Director: Thilo Hoffmann)
2015-2024	Head of the Interfaculty Research Platform “Responsible Research and Innovation in Academic Practice”
2014-2018	Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences
2012-2014	Vice-Dean for Research and early-stage researchers of the Faculty of Social Sciences
2009-2014	Vice-Study Program Director Sociology/MA Program “Science-Technology-Society”
2003	Invited Professor at the <i>Collegium Helveticum</i> , ETH Zurich
1998-1999	Associate Professor at the Department for Philosophy of Science and Social Studies of Science, University of Vienna
1997-1998	Professor at Université Louis Pasteur in Strasbourg (Science Studies Unit GERSULP)
1994	Invited Professor at the Université du Québec à Montréal, Canada
1989-1997	Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy of Science and Social Studies of Science University of Vienna
1988-1989	Third-Party funded researcher at the Department of Philosophy of Science and Social Studies of Science, University of Vienna
1983-1988	Research Associate at CERN (European Centre for Nuclear Research) in Geneva as member of the European CERN History Team

Academic Education

1975-1983	Studies of Physics, Mathematics & Astronomy at the University of Vienna
1983	PhD in Physics (Theoretical High Energy Physics/Minor in Mathematics)
1997	<i>Habilitation</i> in Social Studies of Science (Wissenschaftsforschung & Wissenschaftssoziologie), University of Vienna

Recognition and Awards

2025	Friedrich Schiedel Award by the TU Munich for outstanding contributions to the interface of technology and society
2024	Award of the City of Vienna for outstanding contributions in Social Sciences and Humanities
2022	Falling Walls Global Call Winner , Social Sciences and Humanities – <i>Innovation in Reverse</i>
2022	Awarded an ERC Advanced Grant – <i>Innovation Residues: Modes and Infrastructures of Caring for our Longue-durée Academic Futures</i> (2023-2027)
2019	Elected Member of the Academia Europaea (https://www.ae-info.org/ae/Member/Felt_Ulrike)
2017	4S Infrastructure Award of the <i>Society for Social Studies of Science</i> (4S) (honors exemplary contributions of STS scholars or entities to building and maintaining the institutional and intellectual infrastructures that permit our field to sustain itself, and to grow appropriately) for the work as editor of the Handbook of Science and Technology Studies

2015	ARS DOCENDI – <i>Austrian State Prize for Innovative Excellent Teaching</i>
2014	ZIMAN AWARD of the <i>European Association for the Study of Science and Technology</i> for a significant innovative cooperation in a venture to promote the public understanding of the social dimensions of science (together with the co-authors of the ESF Policy Briefing “Science in Society: caring for our futures in turbulent times”)
2014	UNIVIE Teaching 2014 Award (lived modularisation) together with colleagues for the introductory phase of the interdisciplinary Master Program “Science-Technology-Society”
2007	Recognized for the Services to the Society for Social Studies of Science (4S) – Editor-in-Chief of the Society’s journal <i>Science, Technology and Human Values</i>

Science Policy and advisory work

International

2025-2030	Advisory board of ANDRA, France’s national public agency responsible for the management of radioactive waste
2016-2028	International Scientific Board of the French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health and Safety (ANSES)
2021-2027	International Advisory Board of the Paris Institute of Advanced Studies
2021-2026	Advisory Board <i>Digital Life Norway</i>
2020-2024	Member of the Advisory Board of AFINO – Responsible research and innovation in Norway
2018-2023	Conseil International de la Maison Suger, Paris
2019	Leader of the Task Force “Research Ethics and Research Integrity” of the European University Association
2014-2019	International Advisory Board, Munich Centre for Technology in Society, TU Munich
2018	International expert group “Reframing Environmental Communication”, MISTRA, Swedish Research Foundation
2015-2017	Expert Panel Open Science of European University Association; nominated by the Austrian University Conference.
2014-2015	EC Foresight Group “Key long-term transformations in Research, Innovation and Higher Education (2050)”, DG Research & Innovation
2012-2014	Expert for the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in the Post-Fukushima period
2011-2013	Leader of the Policy Briefing « The future of Science in Society » of the European Science Foundation
2009-2015	Advisory Board of the Institute for Research Information and Quality Assurance (IFQ, Berlin)
2006-2007	Member of the European Research Advisory Board (EURAB), high level advisory board to the European Commission.
2005-2007	Rapporteur of the Expert Group « Science and Governance » (EU-FP6) (2005-2007)

National

2026-2028	Expert on the “Evidence-informed policy-making” project of the JRC in Austria
2023-2017	Member of the Supervisory Board of the Austrian Science Fund (<i>Aufsichtsrat</i>)
2021-2025	Member of the National Commission for Radioactive Waste Disposal (Nationale Entsorgungskommission für radioaktiven Abfall), Austrian Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology
2013-2020	Member of the Commission for Genetechnology (Austrian Federal Ministry of Health)

Leadership Roles & Services to the Community

Academic publishing

2021-2024: **Editor** (together with Alan Irwin) of the Encyclopedia of Science and Technology Studies, Edward Elgar Publishing

2014-2017: **Editor** of the Handbook of Science and Technology Studies, 4th edition, MIT Press (co-editors Rayvon Fouché, Clark Miller, and Laurel Smith-Doerr).

2002-2007: **Editor-in-chief** of the international peer-reviewed STS journal "Science, Technology & Human Values" (SAGE Publications) (2002-2007)

Membership in Editorial Boards: Science as Culture; Social Epistemology; Sociology of the Sciences Yearbook; East Asian Science and Technology Studies; Journal of Responsible Innovation; Big Data & Society

Leadership in academic associations

2017-2021 President of the European Association for the Study of Science and Technology (EASST)

2015-2017 President and founding member of STS-Austria (Austrian Association of Science and Technology Studies)

2004-2006 Österreichische Gesellschaft für Soziologie (co-director of the section "Technology and Science Studies")

2002-2004 Council member of the Society for the Social Studies of Science (4S)

2002-2022 Founding member of the Science and Democracy Network (Harvard) – member of the international governing council

1995-1999 Organizational secretary of the European Association for the Study of Science and Technology (EASST)

Reviewer/evaluator

- Member in the Review Panel for the STS Department in Cornell University, US
- Member of the review panel and remote reviewer for the European Research Council (Starting Grants) 2012-2017; 2020; 2021; 2023
- Evaluator (panel member) for the German Excellence Initiative (2019)
- Reviewer for EC proposals (regular)
- Reviewer for numerous journals in the field of Science and Technology Studies (ST&HV, Minerva, Social Studies of Science, Science as Culture,)
- Reviewer for national funding agencies of projects and whole programs (e.g. Norwegian Research Council, ANR, SNF, NSF, BMBF,) – currently SNF
- Panel member for the evaluation of Helmholtz Society (Germany)
- Reviewer for evaluation of the Centre for Science and Technology Studies, Leiden University (2015)

Conference Organisations

- **Revaluing European research infrastructures – Knowledge, innovation, and the public good**, 25-26 May 2023, International Workshop, Skylounge, University of Vienna.
- **Editing the Genomes with CRISPR. Between scientific breakthrough and societal challenges**, 19-20 October 2017, Billrothhaus, Vienna; together with Christa Schleper.
- **Making Space and Taking Time for Responsible Research and Innovation in Academic Practice**, 19-20 October 2016, Albert Schweitzer Haus, Vienna
- **Living in Technoscientific Worlds**. International Conference. Celebrating the Launch of STS Austria, 3-5 December 2015, Aula, University of Vienna Campus.
- **Science and Democracy**, International workshop of the Science and Democracy Network, organized by the Department of Science and Technology Studies, 30 June – 2 July 2014, Aula, University of Vienna Campus.
- **Making (In)Appropriate Bodies – Between Medical Models of Health, Moral Economies and Everyday Practices**, International Conference, organized by the Department of Social Studies of Science, 1-2 December 2011, Albert Schweitzer Haus, Vienna.

- **Governing Futures. Imagining, Negotiating & Taming Emerging Technosciences**, International Conference, organized by the Department of Social Studies of Science, 22-24 September 2011, Albert Schweitzer Haus, Vienna.
- **Risky entanglements? Contemporary research cultures imagined and practised**, International Conference, 9-11 June 2010, Albert Schweitzer Haus, Vienna.
- **Information-Based Decision-Making in the Medical Context**, International Workshop, 15 September 2006 Aula ,University of Vienna Campus.
- **Engaging science and society in the ethics of genome research: analyses, reflections and perspectives**, International Conference, 21-23 September 2006 , Small Festivity Hall, University of Vienna.
- **Worlds in Transition: Technoscience, Citizenship and Culture in the 21st Century**, 4S-EASST International Conference, 27-30 September 2000, Main Building, University of Vienna.
- **When Science meets the public**, International Workshop, 1992, Institut Français de Vienne, Vienna.