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Bernhard Wieser received a PhD from Graz University. He began his career as a researcher of science and technology studies at the Interdisciplinary Institute for Technology, Work and Culture and gained international experience from research stays in Denmark, USA, the Netherlands and UK. In 2012, he received his venia docendi for Science and Technology Studies (STS) from Alpen-Adria-University Klagenfurt. He teaches STS in interdisciplinary settings, bringing together students with a background in engineering and the social sciences.

In his research he investigates ethical, legal, and social aspects of genome research and their application in genetic diagnostics. In his previous projects Bernhard Wieser focused on the analysis of processes contributing to the individualisation of responsibility in the context of genetic examinations and how diagnosed persons become confronted with their "genetic identity". Moreover, he has investigated diffusion factors of medical Technologies in clinical settings as well as in the context of Ambient, Assisted Living. Bernhard Wieser has experience both in quantitative and qualitative methods of sociological research.

Main fields of research

Ethical, legal, and social aspects of medical technologies