Science, Technology and Society Unit



Christian Dayé studied sociology and philosophy at the University of Graz. He received his first degree in sociology with a thesis on the relevance of sociological theorizing in, and its adequacy for, R&D projects (MA, 2004). His dissertation research was again located at the intersection of science, technology, and society, yet approached its topic from a historical angle. The project explored the development of techniques of social prospection during the Cold War era, among them most prominently the Delphi procedure and political gaming, as attempts to systematize (and scienticize) expert policy advice (PhD, 2012). Results from this research have been published in various outlets, among them the journals History of the Human Sciences and Social Studies of Science. Accompanying efforts that addressed the interrelated questions how and why to write the history of the social sciences have led to an edited volume (Suhrkamp, together with Stephan Moebius) and a few further articles (e.g., in Science, Technology, & Human Values and The American Sociologist).

Upon receiving his first degree, Christian started to work at the Department of Sociology of the University of Graz. Before settling on his dissertation research, he worked in a project that explored the sonificiation, i.e. the use of sound to explore the inherent structures and patterns of data. In 2015, he moved to the Department of Sociology at the University of Klagenfurt, where he stayed until he joined the STS Unit at TU Graz in late 2018. Here, he is working in the EU – CHIC project.

Main fields of research

Sociology of science, knowledge, and technology; Responsible research and innovation; Social research methods and methodologies; Sociological theory; History of the social sciences