

Embracing Infrastructural Becoming

With this issue, marking the beginning of our second year serving as the Editors-in-Chief of *Tecnoscienza*, we initiate several new endeavours that we have been pursuing over last few years.

The first is welcoming the newly launched and fully operative *Tecnoscienza* website¹, built on an updated Open Journal Systems platform and hosted by AlmaDL – The University of Bologna Digital Library. The transition started in April 2022, with the partnership between *Tecnoscienza*'s founder STS Italia and the Department of Philosophy and Communication Studies of the University of Bologna, now acting as joint publishers of the Journal.

Thanks to the support from AlmaDL, we can continue to maintain our radical platinum/diamond Open Access (OA) model, in which neither authors nor readers are required to pay any fees, ensuring that scientific work is freely accessible under the Creative Commons license "Attribution 4.0 International" (CC-BY-4.0). Over the past thirteen years, this model has been sustained by the volunteer work of a group of Italian scholars and the contribution of STS Italia. However, the continuous pressures that neoliberal academic models put on individual scholars and the ongoing debate on the fairness of a model based on unpaid additional work made clear that this model required some revisions to ensure its long-term sustainability. We are grateful to AlmaDL and the University of Bologna to offer this support and make it possible to remain truly open access.

Consistently with the technopolitical and infrastructural shift, we proudly present the new look of *Tecnoscienza* articles, made possible by our new production manager who has recently joined the editorial board of the journal. The revamped template reorganizes the information on the journal contents with additional details on ORCID, License, and DOI.

All academic journals rely on the work of peer reviewers to maintain high quality scholarship. To continue promoting what we consider good scientific work, it was imperative to acknowledge and honour the invaluable contributions of peer reviewers, who have played a pivotal role in shaping the quality and impact of our journal. To support the work of the Editorial Board in ensuring that the journal makes timely and constructive responses to journal submissions, we launched a call for a newly established Associate Board. The response to our call was well beyond our expectations and we have welcomed an interdisciplinary group of 29 international scholars who have agreed to assist with reviewing article submissions. Through the establishment of the Associate Board, we aspire to foster a culture of collaboration, transparency, and excellence within the STS academic community and fortify the bonds beyond it.

In addition to the significant milestones in terms of international indexing we achieved in previous years (WOS Emerging Sources database and Scopus), we are delighted to share that our hard work and dedication have been acknowledged by the Italian research evaluation

body ANVUR which recognizes *Tecnoscienza* as “Classe A” (top journal) in the following disciplinary sectors of the Italian Academic System: General Sociology; Sociology of Culture and Communication; Economic Sociology and Sociology of Work and Organizations; Demo-Ethno-Anthropological Sciences; Logic, History and Philosophy of Science. We are immensely grateful to our contributors, reviewers, and readers for their invaluable support and trust, which have been instrumental in propelling our journal to new heights. We are committed to continuing our pursuit of excellence, promoting cutting-edge research, and fostering national and international collaborations.

In continuity with the last years, we continue to promote the debate on emerging topics in contemporary STS thorough the publication of our “Scenarios” and “Crossing Boundaries”, as well as special issues and thematic sections, such as the forthcoming ones “At the core of science and technology: work and organization in STS” and “The infrastructured timescapes of the Anthropocene and Climate Change”.

We warmly invite you to engage with us in various ways, both through traditional means and innovative approaches. You can participate by submitting your manuscripts for review, sharing your expertise through book reviews, or presenting thought-provoking scenarios. We encourage diverse perspectives to foster meaningful academic dialogue and we extend an open invitation to develop compelling and timely proposals for future special issues that delve into emerging themes within and beyond the STS community. Together, let us embark on a journey of intellectual exploration, shaping the future of *Tecnoscienza*.

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¹ <https://tecnoscienza.unibo.it/>