
Furthering the conversation

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Hi Everyone,

I trust that you all have had safe journeys home after the conference. From the various conversations we had, it seemed that there is a consensus to form some kind of network based on our shared research interests.

My aim with this email is to start the ball rolling and to initiate a conversation among us. I see that there are at least four questions for us to consider:

1. What should we call what we do? Some of us have tried formulations such as (Multi)planetary futures, but, given our diverse interests and orientations, would Messeri's term 'social studies of outer space' work? It's inclusive and descriptive and also associates this field with other forms of social studies ... social studies of science, of biomedicine etc. What do you think? What alternatives are there?
2. What kind of infrastructure do we need/wish to establish?
For example, we can create (1) an email distribution list (2) a WordPress site listing our names/interests and we could even blog (if we can organize ourselves to share the work), (3) a Twitter account. What else? What should we prioritize here?
3. What should we aim to do collectively?
We can aim to organize more conference panels and tracks, propose and edit special issues, seek funding to support meet-ups/workshops and even work on applications for research grants together and with others.
4. How do we reach out to others in other parts of the world? (Assuming we wish to do so)
I think it would be interesting to see what work is going on in China, India, Russia, South America etc.

These are my initial thoughts and I look forward to hearing what others think....

Best Wishes
Richard.

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Hi Richard, All

Thanks for getting this important conversation going Richard.

Re-Name, I like the Social Studies of Outer Space, as you say it is inclusive.

Re Infrastructure: I am prob not the best person to ask here as I'll have more ideas than I can actually follow through with. I'm moving from institution to institution on an early career path so managing a public facing web presence is down the list of priorities to my main obsessions - fieldwork and publications. That said I think it would be relatively easy to give ourselves a name, a research group. Host it on some university web page with pics and bios and links to anything people publish, twitter account and news feed for conferences etc. It would help establish us as the main player in this field.

Re Activity - I liked the multi-planetary workshop for intense and constructive conversations with like-minded researchers yet across disciplines. The conference panels at larger events help get new input. Workshops, panals and then journal publications resulting from developed papers would be great.

Re reach out. I think if we have a web presence where we can show off our resources this would allow us to expand this to our respective contacts as we do our work. This should hopefully expand the sphere.

I'm not sure how useful that is but that's my thoughts.

I saw this... someone should go for it and host a workshop!

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Hi Richard, Jeeva, et al.

Many thanks, Richard, for getting the ball rolling and I think this very timely.

I also want to again thank all contributors to the last week's panels at EASST, the intellectual strength of our (diverse) activities is amazing!

Regarding the specific ideas:

1. Social Studies of Outer Space sound good. We have a network in Edinburgh called the Social Dimensions of Outer Space, as we wanted to broaden it out to non-social scientists, but with a social-science-related interests. But I think Social Studies is probably better in this context, as we probably should focus on social scientists in particular.
2. Definitely a mailing list as a start! I think we should not start a proper website/blog and twitter until we have both enough material to advertise through there and clearly identified people to run them. But we need a webPAGE asap, where people can find out the basic info about the network and sign up for the mailing list. Happy to put something together over the next few weeks. Any volunteers for help?
3. I think meetings, panels and special issues are a great start, again, we then see where it leads. Speaking of which, we have had conversations about capitalising on the amazing work people have brought to the panels last week with a special issue. If we pace this appropriately, I think there would be scope for expanding up to a newsletter/journal/magazine and annual symposium/conference down the line.

4. I have links to US scene a bit, not sure about other places. I agree with Jeeva that the webpage will be a signpost and a good start, perhaps we could try to identify some key people we have come across and contact them directly?

Best,

Matjaz

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PS: It seems Haro's e-mail in the original thread wasn't working; so welcome, Haro! 😊

Best,

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Hi Richard, hi All,

thank you indeed for bringing together the greats panel(s) and talks we witnessed at Lancaster! It was exciting to notice our shared perspectives, issues and challenges.

1. I also like 'social studies of outer space' quite a bit. It is bold and puts forward a sound claim though without promising something we cannot keep. The only drawback I could imagine here would be about the absence of a 'reverse perspective' from space to earth as it appeared in many of our talks— so Earth or the planetary do not seem obviously included. This could of course also be a subtitle or something similar.
2. Mailing list would be great – I would also volunteer to work on a webpage with you, Matjaz!
3. There seems to me to be a lot of value in shared publication like a special issue... exactly to work on the boundary of our studies and on the great level of shared perspective we certainly have.

4. Our department has some institutional links to the US-based (space-)policy community that could be explored.

Hopefully you all had a safe journey home!

Best,

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Hi everyone,

I think this is a great initiative. Here some thoughts:

1. "Social studies of outer space" seems to me the way to go. Unlike "planetary," it is a recognizable and non-ambiguous label not only for people in the social sciences, but also for those in the space physical/biological sciences, who may want to collaborate and/or partner with us at some point (people like Bernard Foing from the European Space Agency, or astronomer Lucianne Walkowicz are very open to include social scientists in their public events/debates). I believe "

(multi)planetary" refers to a very particular debate / Elon Muskian understanding of space exploration, while SSOS (alarming acronym!) is more inclusive. I also believe SSOS can take into account the "reverse perspective" Michael was referring to --don't you need technologies placed in outer space to view the Earth?

2. Google groups?

3. I follow your lead

4. Some of us are attending the American Anthropological Association Meetings in November, where we'll hang out with the American version of us. We can definitely work towards a transatlantic alliance of sorts (though this is already in the making).

Let's keep in touch!

Hugs,

Tamara

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Cheers,

Craig

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Hi everyone,

here's some thoughts:

-naming: I find "Social Dimensions of Outer Space" quite appropriate. It might not be perfect, but it is inclusive, flexible and recognizable, which I guess are the main features that a phrase should have at this stage. Michael, I do see your point and we should not forget to stress that in the description of our aims.

-mailing list: sounds great both to keep in touch and get other people involved in the network. I cannot offer any help in this direction as I have zero competences with websites, but I am very grateful to those of you who are willing to put some effort into that!

- activities: during the conference social event, some of us talked about the possibility of editing a special issue. I know some of our presentations are drawn from articles already submitted or under review, but we would still have a good number of papers and we might also think about opening a call for contributions.

Workshops and dedicated tracks at conferences are always a good idea to maintain some momentum.

- reach out: I am sure there are quite a few people interested in space - for example the Social Dimensions of Outer Space network in Edinburgh - that would like to get involved in a broader SSOS virtual community . Thumbs up for cross-Atlantic connections but, as Richard suggested, I would also be curious to see what work is going on in South America, India, Russia etc.

All the Best,
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Dear Everyone,

I too think the Social Studies of Outer Space works best. I also agree with Matjaz's and Jeeva's idea of a webpage where we can list our names/pics/bios/publications, etc.

As a page (rather than site) it will most likely need to be added on to some university's pre-existing website, which raises questions as to which university should host it (Edinburgh? Lancaster? Some inter-institutional online space?). This would, of course, loosely tie the research group to a specific institution, I don't know if this would be a problem for anyone?

I'd be happy to volunteer in some way - particularly with setting up a blog. I've done quite a bit of work with soliciting and editing blog pieces (mostly in content management systems like WordPress) and it would be a good way to establish an active public-facing online presence. It would also provide an accessible platform through which we could reach out to other scholars around the world (like those Tamara mentioned working in different disciplines), and get them involved through invites to post, etc...

I'd also be very excited to contribute to any journals/special issues that may proceed from the conference.

Thanks, Richard, for getting this conversation started! Looking forward to seeing where we can take it!

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 SUBJECT: Furthering the conversation

Hi Everyone,

I trust that you all have had safe journeys home after the conference. From the various conversations we had, it seemed that there is a consensus to form some kind of network based on our shared research interests.

My aim with this email is to start the ball rolling and to initiate a conversation among us. I see that there are at least four questions for us to consider:

* What should we call what we do? Some of us have tried formulations such as (Multi)planetary futures, but, given our diverse interests and orientations, would Messeri's term 'social studies of outer space' work? It's inclusive and descriptive and also associates this field with other forms of social studies ... social studies of science, of biomedicine etc. What do you think? What alternatives are there?

* What kind of infrastructure do we need/wish to establish?
 For example, we can create (1) an email distribution list (2) a WordPress site listing our names/interests and we could even blog (if we can organize ourselves to share the work), (3) a Twitter account. What else? What should we prioritize here?

* What should we aim to do collectively?
 We can aim to organize more conference panels and tracks, propose and edit special issues, seek funding to support meet-ups/workshops and even work on applications for research grants together and with others.

* How do we reach out to others in other parts of the world?

(Assuming we wish to do so)

I think it would be interesting to see what work is going on in China, India, Russia, South America etc.

These are my initial thoughts and I look forward to hearing what others think....

Best Wishes

Richard.

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Hi Everyone,

Thanks for the replies to date, furthering the conversation. It seems that we are almost all agreed (at least based on who has written messages) on adopting "social studies of outer space" as a suitable rubric. I guess we could have gone with Space Force, but it seems that this has been taken now 😊

Further, we like the idea of creating a web presence. I wonder if creating a WordPress site is the best way forward, one that is not connected to any one institution? This site can be added to over time, but to start with we could have the following (1) a landing page (2) our biographies and short descriptions of our research interests/projects and (3) links to or copies of publications or conference presentations if we wish to upload them.

Over time, other elements could be added when we are ready to do so. Alex, Matjaz and Michael, you all indicated that you would be willing to take a lead on this. Is that right? If so, thank you for giving your time to this. I don't know how to best set up a group mailing list - does anyone know what to do?

We also see that special issues, conference panels and maybe workshops are a way to go. I think that these are all worth pursuing. As I understand it, 4S will be in New Orleans next year so that's one conference to aim for, Tamara you are going to AAA later this year ... When EASST announce their call for funding applications for workshops etc, perhaps we can discuss whether we want to bid for support?

Is everyone supportive of this as a way forward?

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Am 20.08.2018 um 11:17 schrieb Nina Witjes <nina.witjes@univie.ac.at>:

Dear Richard and all,

sorry for the late response, I was traveling and changed institutions (from TU Munich to U Vienna).

Thanks again, Richard, for getting this exciting endeavor started! Here's are my two cents on what has been discussed so far:

1. Social Studies of Outer Space = I really like, it, too, and we could still use some sub-titles to refer to specific aspects of it for presentations, panels etc.
2. Mailing list: would be very nice to have and gmail works quite well for this, I think.

Blog: I think it would be great to have a blog but agree with some of you that we have to have some interesting things (e.g. essays, commentaries, op-eds etc) for this. Its great to reach out to others as Alex suggested, but again, this is

quite an effort to maintain a blog. As an outcome of the last EASST conference, some colleagues also made blog that hasn't been very active lately unfortunately but provides an overview of the people involved and their research interests which is quite nice, I think:

<https://stsandsecurity.wordpress.com>

3. Network: I agree with what has been said so far and would be happy to (co-)organize a panel for the next EASST / 4S. I am also working together with Dr. Danielle Wood who heads the new research group „Space Enabled“ at MIT and who is interesting in exploring networks between the US and Europe but also emerging space countries.

4. Special issue: I think we should definitely aim for a special issue and that it's a good point in time to increase the visibility of SSOS :-). I am currently guest editor for a special issue on socio-technical imaginaries in Science as Culture (yes, a lot of work...;-). For space-related topics, Science, Technology and Human Values might be a very good fit but also others, e.g. science and public policy.

I'd be happy to be involved in co-writing a draft call for abstracts / proposal if there's interest.

Looking forward to outer space engagements!

Best, Nina

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Hi Everyone,

This is just a quick update I want to provide you on our latest activities!

For a few weeks now, Matjaz and Alex were so kind as to work on a preliminary version of your envisioned web representation of "Social Studies of Outer Space". ☺

As the soft launch of the website is approaching, we thought about adding a "Members" subpage in the not too distant future.

Here is where you could help us if you want to participate. We would need:

- a suitable **picture** of you to appear on the page, if you are OK with that.
- a **mail address** that you want to provide page visitors with.
- a **short Bio** - no more than 150 words - and up to three bullet points on your most important research foci.

Once we have this kind of content provided by some of you, we can get into designing the subpage!

Best Wishes from Munich,

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Thank you, Michael!

Please find my info+pic below.

Greetings to all,

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Bio: Tamara Alvarez is a Teaching Fellow and a PhD candidate in Anthropology at The New School for Social Research. Since 2016 Alvarez has been doing research at several space institutions, most notably the European Space Agency. Her research project, "Living on the Moon: Humans as Interplanetary Species," focuses on the legal, political, and sociotechnical practices that are transforming the Moon into an extractive site and a home for humans. Alvarez has taught courses in Global Studies, Anthropology, and Transdisciplinary Design and has spoken at the European Space Research and Technology Center, University College London, and Strelka Institute, among others. Alvarez is member of the Space Generation Advisory Council's Space Law & Policy Working Group and the Moon Village Association. Currently, she collaborates with the International Lunar Exploration Working Group in the Swiss Space Center's IgLuna project.

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Hi All,

this is just a quick reminder since we are planning to launch the website soon.

It would be great if all of you interested to participate could send me the info mentioned below by **the end of next week**.

Thanks to those who already did!

Best,

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Hi Michael,

Thank you for sorting all of this out and apologies for taking so long in responding! Please find a picture attached and a blurb below. Please let me know if all's well or if anything needs changing.

Cheers,
Craig

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About: Craig Jones is a PhD candidate and Associate Lecturer in Geography at Lancaster University. Craig completed his MRes project entitled 'Ethnofuturism: Addressing the Cultural Divide in Outer Space' in 2016 and his PhD research aims to build on this work. His research project '(De)Colonising the 'Final Frontier': Extraterrestrial Extractivism and Ethnofuturist Engagements' considers the ways outer space is (re)constructed through different sociocultural imaginaries and articulations, centring itself around asteroid mining as a new extractive 'frontier'. The project has engaged with both actors in New Space Economy and Ethnofuturist artists, exploring how these futures are constructed and how they may be challenged and contested through different sociocultural positionings. Craig has taught on Qualitative Research Methods and on Geosocial Spaces. He has presented work at the RGS-IBG, SiP, POLLEN, and EASST conferences. He is an ESRC 1+3 Studentship recipient.

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Hi Michael;

I hope all is well! I've seen Bron's call for the Moon panel it has reminded me that I am super behind on this! If its not too late, I'd be delighted to be added to the network! See attached and below for a photo and a brief bio blurb. Looking forward to hopefully seeing you all again soon.

-Aaron

My research interests are broadly focused in medical anthropology, the anthropology of science and genetics, cyborg anthropology and space medicine, anthropology of the body, and anthropology of Islamic societies. My PhD research focused on the ways in which identity is constructed in the United Arab Emirates in the face of religion, rapid development, health systems, technology, and immigration. My thesis, *Genes and Djinn: Anxiety and Identity in Southeast Arabia*, draws upon ethnographic data collected over three years in Dubai and Abu Dhabi to explore how foreign knowledge systems, both medical and social, are incorporated into indigenous bodies of knowledge to reshape the ways in which local people see themselves in the world. New research projects include ethnographic studies of British cyborgs, new bioethics, Medical Materiality, the anthropology of emerging technology, the anthropology of sport, the anthropology of space, and health policy and planning in the UK.

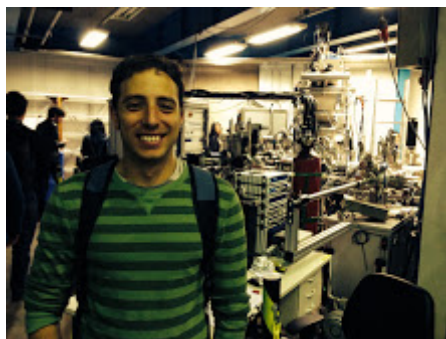
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