

A DOUBLE VISION OF CARE: Exploring care-ful analytics with Feminist Technoscience Studies

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How to intervene in power-laden technoscientific worlds to generate more liveable and less dominant alternatives? Being a key concern for Feminist Technoscience Studies (FTS) and material-semiotics, in this public lecture I elaborate on the potentials of ‘a double vision of care’ (Lindén & Lydahl 2021) to respond to this question. I suggest a vision of care in STS that is both situated and critical, that stays with the practices, specificities and potentialities of care while simultaneously critically interrogating those practices when needed. Such double vision of care affords sensibilities towards the world-making consequences of what gets cared for, and not. It also encourages attention to how we, as feminists and social scientists, are implicated in those modes of caring and non-caring. To elaborate on this approach to care and FTS, I draw upon my ethnographic fieldwork into gynecological cancer patient activism and HPV vaccination policy-in-practice. I discuss the implications of a double vision of care for how we relate to the actors and worlds we encounter through our research. Ultimately, I argue for an approach that pays fine-grained empirical attention to the easily neglected and devalued, in order to generate better ways of caring and relating in, and through, our research.

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