

Reassembling society through innovation and technology

Reclaiming (y)our agency

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Non-human elements and Politics

Intentional design(s)

- Giving non-human elements agency
- Inherently political
 - » By decision
 - » By necessity
- Unconscious biases
 - » Assemble society into distinct segregated communities



Science and Technology (STS) assembling society

- A. Science, Technology and Society – « study of science and technology in a social setting; scientific knowledge and technologies do not evolve in a vacuum, they participate in the social world, by being shaped by it, and simultaneously shaping it » (Law, 2004, p. 12)
- B. Society is achieved through people engaging in, and producing various associations with other human beings and non-human elements (Lagesen, 2012)
- C. Feminist reading of STS: relationship between gender and technology



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Gender in action

- A social construct in a constant state of becoming with society that consists of human and non-human elements
- Gender is contextual, time dependent
- Gender interfaces with other social variables or gender identities



Technology relations (brown goods/white goods)

- A. Technology and gender are social enterprises that mutually impact each other
- B. Emerge from everyday experiences
- C. Have the ability to reassemble gender, gender can also reassemble technology
- D. Look at the social practices of associations between humans and non-human elements, see the performance of relations and the objects that constitute those relations

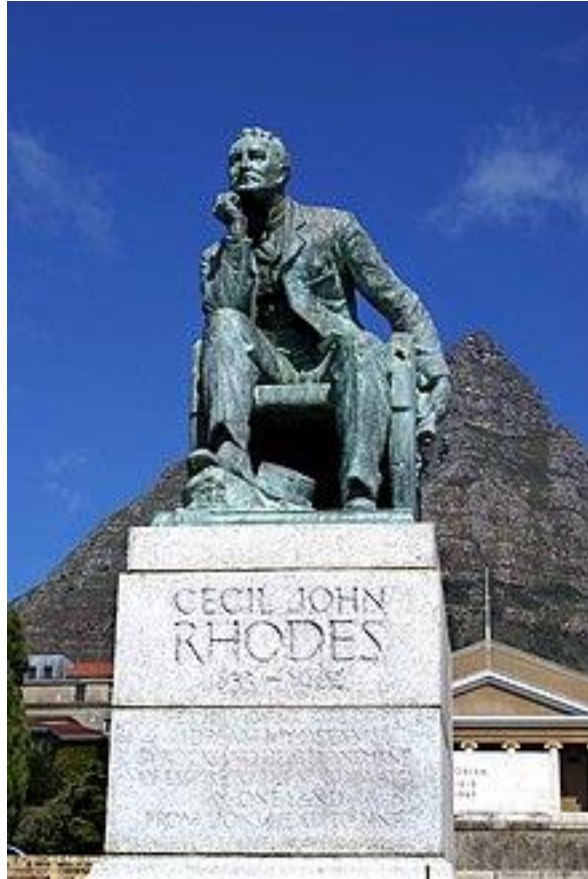




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Technology as culture

- Non-human elements/technology may have that unconscious bias – political properties that speak to the distribution of power, authority and privilege not forgetting social relations
- Non-human elements are a way of building order in our world, structure our communities, organise society
- Technology is established through user perspectives and real world practices





The **Geneva city walk** is designed to explore the urban environment with emphasis on gender diversity. We seek to understand how gender-inclusive cities as a proposal is situated within the discourse of gender-based differences and inequalities in urban cities. The design of public spaces is a complex process and the Geneva city walk is an exploration of the connection between gender and the norms on the use of space.

Why Gender city Walks

As people we interact with spaces, places and other people on a daily basis. The design of public spaces is a complex process that influences how as individuals we interact with our surroundings and with other people. The way places, monuments, and buildings are structured and designed can shape not only our gender identities but also our intersectional identities. Our experiences and negotiations with these spaces and places reflect power dynamics and the specific situations tied to our multiple identities.

Why Participate in the Geneva City Walk?

Participating in the Geneva City Walk offers an opportunity to engage in a gender walk audit. Rather than dissecting and attempting to solve every aspect of inequality within the city, the objective is to create a platform for participants to share their opinions, knowledge, and personal experiences regarding gender-inclusive city practices. This collaborative approach fosters a dialogue that encourages a deeper understanding of the issues and potential solutions.

How to participate? (The Geneva city walk will be preceded by a one-hour interactive lecture)

The Geneva Gender city walk will take place on 20th June at 11:00am. The walk will last for 60 minutes and will be guided by facilitators from the Geneva Graduate Institute who will provide historical background information about the locations visited. Following the walk, there will be a one-hour "post-walk" workshop where participants can share their impressions and experiences from the exercise, further enriching the discussion and contributing to the exploration of gender-inclusive cities.



The weather can be unpredictable, but for an outdoor event, do wear sunscreen and comfortable shoes.



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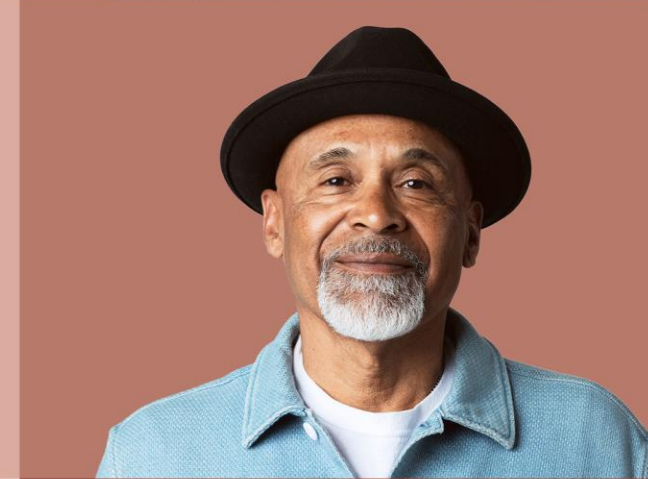


- See human (gendered human beings) and non-human elements as malleable

Reassembling society (gender) with focus on the relationship with technologies, then observe how the performance of gender changes



- A. Negotiating spaces – how inclusive?
- B. Innovations/solutions such as these can turn the situation around
- C. Impact on gender, where pregnant women are afforded agency through an online platform
- D. Women from minority communities assimilate into society and find jobs
- E. Solutions that combat online violence or ensure offline safety
- F. An intersectional lens on gender reassembly changes society, changes technology, mutual shaping, affording agency to underrepresented, underserved communities





INNOVATION CAMP

"From Science to High Technologies and Gender Sensitive Science Communication"

Montenegro, 13-15 August 2022

Winner: **Be heard**

An app for women to share their stories on gender discrimination

<https://equals-eu.org/>



INNOVATION CAMP

"Safer and More Accessible Cities for All"

Sweden, 21 May 2022

Winner: **Get Home Safely**

A safety app for enabling women and non-binary people in urban areas to get home safely

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