The York University Science and Technology Studies Department (STS) and the University of Toronto’s Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology (IHPST) welcome submissions for their fifth annual joint Binocular Graduate Conference.

What makes something invisible or visible? What are the contingencies of visibility? Who chooses to make something or someone visible or invisible and how do they become that way? Are some things necessarily or inherently visible or invisible? What is the relationship between (in)visibility and what is considered ‘real’? What causes infrastructure or institutions to be visible or not? Who does (in)visible labour? How is work in science, technology, and medicine considered or made visible?

Keynote: Sergio Sismondo

Professor in Philosophy and Sociology, Queen’s University (Kingston, ON)

As an interdisciplinary graduate student conference, we invite emerging scholars from diverse disciplines to consider and share with their peers the (in)visibilities they consider and encounter, as well as the roles they may or may not play in their research, their field, the world, or within their graduate school experience more generally.

We invite graduate students to submit 250-word abstracts for a 15 minute presentation on (in)visibilities related to any of the aforementioned or similar questions. Interdisciplinary contributions from beyond HPST/STS are encouraged and welcomed.

Abstracts due: March 15th 2019

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