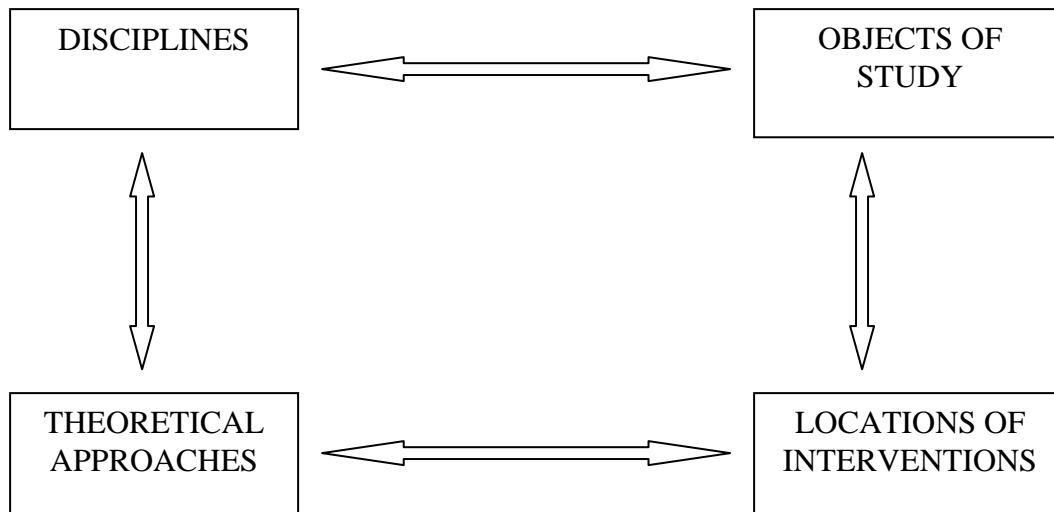


Mission Statement
Rensselaer STS Department

The Science and Technology Studies Department at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute is an interconnected network of scholars, activists, and students invested in studying science and technology from multiple perspectives. The strength of the department lies in its intellectual diversity.

Matrix of Intellectual Diversity



The department has faculty members trained in and students studying the traditional disciplines of Anthropology, Design, Geography, History, Philosophy, Political Science, Sociology, and Social Psychology. Theoretical approaches encompass critical policy studies, cognitive sciences, cultural theory, ethics, linguistics/semiotics, political economy, simulation/ethno mathematics, and social theory. Objects of study range from the material to artificial worlds. Research within the department has focused on the environment, health, information technology, engineering, and design. The Science and Technology Studies Department is a place where faculty and students pursue studies of power, gender, race, colonialism and the interactions between research and activism.

This matrix informs our scholarship as a department and creates an open, productive, and collaborative intellectual location from which to engage in exploring the multifaceted relationships between science, technology, and human existence.