
EDITOR'S INTRODUCTION

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In March 2024, I co-hosted a workshop with my colleague Rachel Katz at the Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology (IHPST) at the University of Toronto. The theme was “A Piece of the Action: Participation and Consumption in/around Science.” In designing the workshop, we wanted to bring together graduate students at various stages of their careers studying history, philosophy, sociology, anthropology, and science and technology studies to get feedback on works in progress. The two-day workshop brought together 15 early-career scholars, and you can find our workshop program [here](#). We felt that gathering such a diverse group would help foster a supportive and valuable environment for discussing and developing our ideas and scholarship.

Each paper was reviewed by a faculty member or post-doctoral fellow of the IHPST, who provided detailed feedback on the participant's work. During the workshop, each participant provided a brief overview of their paper, which was followed by the commentator's feedback and a discussion. A select few presenters were then encouraged to revise their manuscripts and submit them for publication in *Spontaneous Generations: A Journal of the Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology* at the University of Toronto.

This special issue of *Spontaneous Generations* was curated to highlight the quality, variety, and wide range of papers presented during the workshop. In keeping with the interdisciplinary nature of the event, this issue includes the work of one historian, two philosophers, and a political scientist. Moreover, the original commentators provided revised remarks that are available alongside the articles. In publishing both the articles and comments, I hope this special issue emphasizes the original contributions of these participants and highlights the benefits of such a collaborative event.

I want to thank the four participants for their efforts to revise their papers and the commentators for taking the time to read and provide thoughtful feedback. Thank you to Myriam Iuorio, the associate editor, and Jevan Konyar, the assistant editor of the journal for all their help with this issue. I am also grateful to the other workshop participants and commentators who helped make the event a great success.