

WP3 Articulating New Accountability Systems

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Key Questions

- Accountability systems embody normative assumptions about the purposes and uses of S&T
- The boundaries between alternative systems and conventional policies and practices are an important site of contestation in governance involving S&T and of reconfiguration of interests
- What can we learn from alternative accountability systems that attempt to address inequalities?

Approach

Approach to alternative accountability systems in two contexts:

- experiences in capacity-building and priority-setting with the aim of addressing inequality, involving S&T or different forms of expert knowledge and their articulations/confrontations with situated knowledges or configurations of knowledges
- inequality issues associated with the design, development, access and use of a range of forms of scientific knowledge and technologies

Case Studies

Saïd Business School – Oxford

Electronic waste

Textiles

Vaccines

Case Studies

CES - Coimbra

Analysis of languages and grammars of accountability and their situated deployment within different political contexts (in Europe and Latin America)

Experiments in urban government and participation (participatory budgeting, health councils)

Public health and environment (collective health in Brazil, including environmental health and environmental justice; control of vector diseases; health promotion initiatives)