

Outer Edge: Queer(y)ing STEM Collections

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How can the science and technology museum, as a cultural and social institution, explore the opportunities of reflecting and developing a plural society? In what ways are these museums still bound by existing collecting, labeling, and exhibiting practices? How are museum curators, practitioners, scholars grappling with these problems, and what tools, tactics and methods are helping tackling these tasks?

The Technisches Museum Wien instigates the first Vienna workshop on gender and sexuality in STEM collections. As a part of the museum's "Focus Gender", this workshop will critically attend to constructions of gendered and/or heteronormative technology and science, and to emphasise the role of the object and material culture in queer and feminist approaches to science and technology studies. This workshop will bring together scholars and practitioners to scaffold actions in museums, and build a network of interested parties. We invite papers, workshop activity ideas and creative responses that engage with collecting, representations and enacting gender and sexuality in science and technology museums.