



2020 Gieryn Lecture

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**An Inquiry into the Contemporary Politics of STS:
Democracy, Expertise, and Post-Truth Worries**

There has been an outbreak of anguish recently concerning the place of STS in what seems an increasingly populist post-truth world. After some preliminaries concerning parallels with the Lippmann-Dewey controversy of an earlier era, I posit the existence of a sharp divide between what might be called the Levellers vs the Diggers -- those who believe in 'epistemic democracy' vs those who seek to shore up walls between scientists and the public. I finish with consideration of recent developments in 'open science' as revealing weaknesses in both positions.

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