The rapid advancement of technologies around the world has fundamentally altered every aspect of human life. Research into the causes and results of these developments, and dissemination of understanding, are crucial to the 21st century. Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, is a major research and teaching institution with local roots and global reach. The local heritage includes the fact that New Jersey has been at the forefront of innovation since the onset of the industrial revolution. Perhaps relatedly, Rutgers has an unusually strong concentration scholars involved in the social and historical study of scientific and technological innovation. However, Rutgers has no specific department of science and technology studies or history and philosophy of science; these scholars are scattered in traditional disciplines across all of the Schools of the University. This event will present an opportunity for members of the University community interested in this subject to come together, meet one another, hear from some of their colleagues about research and teaching opportunities, and begin to build synergies and relationships that will make Rutgers a major global center for innovation studies. A free buffet lunch will be available and all are welcome.

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