

# Preface

This book is the outgrowth of a conference organized at the *Interdisciplinary Centre for Science and Technology Studies (IZWT)* of the University of Wuppertal, Germany, in 2010, July 21–23. Around that time the editors of the present volume had the pleasure of a close interdisciplinary cooperation for several years. We thank the centre for giving us the opportunity to organize the conference. We also express our gratitude to the Fritz Thyssen Foundation and the University of Wuppertal for their financial support. Two of us would like to use this opportunity to acknowledge that the bulk of work for preparing the conference was generously taken over by *D. L.*, who also acted as the main editor of this book. However, most of all, we want to thank all contributors to the conference and to this book.

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