



**AusSTS
Conference
9 - 11 July
2025**

signals & noises

We invite submissions for presentations, posters, meet-ups, making and doing sessions, and pre-submitted papers - the CFP will be open until **Friday 14 March (11:59pm AEDT)**.

Please submit [here](#).

Signals and Noises

Sociality – be it more-than-human, cybernetic, embodied, urban, queer or quotidian – is premised on signalling.

Any signal - a symptom, a code, a cry, a whisper - is predicated on noise.

Shannon and Weaver famously defined noise as those changes or unintended things which trouble the signal - such as distortions, static, errors in transmission.

To perfectly silence noise would also mean perfectly silencing the signal to which it belongs. Signal and noise are intimately, iteratively bonded in their material production, reception and translation.

What questions then might signals and noises ask of STS? Is it simply a case, as it was for Shannon and Weaver (1949) of eliminating noise as far as possible in the service of signal? Or can we listen to 'noise' differently?



WHEN + WHERE:

9–11 July 2025
NCM, Hawthorn and
Deakin Downtown
Docklands,
Melbourne/Narrm



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