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Steven Yearley works at the University of Edinburgh where he is Director of IASH (the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities) and holds the Chair in the Sociology of Scientific Knowledge. Steven is known internationally for his work in social studies of science and in environmental social science.

In his most recent work, Steven is particularly interested in topics and areas where these specialisms of science studies and environmental social science overlap. He's fascinated by environmental controversies with a pronounced scientific element (from climate policy to current concerns around synthetic biology) and by attempts to foster public engagement in technical decision-making in environmental areas (for instance, through his work on citizen engagement in urban air-quality modelling). His interests in the circular economy derive very much from his work in environmental sociology and in the politics of environmental monitoring.