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Dr. Simakova is a postdoctoral associate with the Department of Science and Technology Studies and the Center for Nanoscale Systems in Information Technologies at Cornell University. She is currently examining the brokering of collaborations and university-industry knowledge and technology transfer around emerging nanotechnologies. Regulatory and funding agencies, together with governance mechanisms adopted by universities, arguably influence practices of commercialization of science, but in what sense? And how do various forms of accountability relations apply to and enact specific emerging technologies? Accordingly, her research aims at an analysis of collaboration as an element of scientific organizational discourse and as an accountability resource. Dr. Simakova's other research interests include the construction of credible accounts of emerging technologies by corporate actors in the situations of uncertainty about the properties of new technologies.

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