

Wednesday 8 July

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12.15-13.45

W1 - Keeping/Discarding multimedia exhibition

Room: Atlas 0.820

Organizer: **Kamila Krakowska Rodrigues** (Leiden University Centre for the Arts)

Co-curator: Sanne Rotmeijer (Leiden University Centre for the Arts)

Co-curator: **Bram Ieven** (Leiden University)

W-2 Standards & Patents

Room:

Chair: **TBA**

Presenters:

Jørgen Burchardt (Middelfart Museum): When Standards Arrive Too Late: Technology Assessment in Accelerated Innovation Domains

Elli Danae Vartziotis, Telly Tympas and Katerina Vlantoni (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens): Historicizing Definitions and Evaluations of 'Existential Threats', from AI and Climate Change to Pandemics and Gene Editing

Yaman Kouli (University of Bonn): Legal interdependence as a catalyst for European integration - European patent laws before 1914

W3 - Informed by the Past

Room:

Chair: **TBA**

Presenters:

Corinne Geering (Johannes Kepler University Linz, Austria): Promised Futures, Legacies of Destruction: How the Past Informs Local Resistance to Renewable Energy Infrastructure in Europe's Mountain Regions

M. Luísa Sousa (CIUHCT, NOVA School of Sciences and Technology, NOVA University of Lisbon): Mobilising a history lab for sustainable urban (velo)mobilities. What have we learned from the Hi-BicLab research project in Lisbon?

Elitsa Stoilova (University of Plovdiv): Mobilizing the Past: Terroir, Vernacular Technologies, and the Making of Sustainable Food Futures in Contemporary Bulgaria

W4- Water, Cities Hydraulic

Room: Atlas -1.820

Chair: **TBA**

Presenters:

Carlos Teixeira Alves (Researcher at the RE:CENT - Center for Medieval Visual Cultures and Research Communication, Department of Art History, Faculty of Arts, Masaryk

University): Infrastructures, Knowledge, and the Politics of the Long-Term Governance of Nature in Modern Europe

Matthijs Degraeve (FWO/Vrije Universiteit Brussel): Plumbing the city. Bottom-up expertise and the making of the modern urban waterscape (1850-1940)

Anna Barcz (T. Manteuffel Institute of History, Polish Academy of Science): Monstrous Rivers and/or Monstrous Flood Infrastructure?

W5 - Graphic histories of technology: making comics

Room: Atlas -1.822

Organizers: **Stefan Krebs** (University of Luxembourg), and **Andreas Fickers** (University of Luxembourg (C²DH))

W6: Triple Panel: Sustainable Energy Choices of the Past – Part I

Room: Atlas -1.825

Organizer: **Tensions Energy (Tensions of Europe)**

Chair: **Odinn Melsted** (Maastricht University)

Presenters:

Ute Hasenöhr (University of Innsbruck): Opening up Pathways towards Unsustainability? Lighting Choices in the British Empire and Beyond

Christos Karampatsos (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens/Institute for Mediterranean Studies-FORTH/ University of West Attica): On policy continuity through multi-faceted crises: oil exploration in Cold War Greece, 1960-1985

Mario Bianchini (Leibniz Center for Contemporary Historical Research): Energy vatarization: Anthropomorphizing Energy Usage in East, West, and Nazi Germany

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F7 - Imagining the chip: visions & sovereignty and sustainability challenges in the global semiconductor industry

Room:

Organizer: **Mila Davids** (Eindhoven University of Technology)

Chair: **Andreas Weber** (University of Twente)

Commentator: **Cyrus Mody** (Maastricht University)

Presenters:

Marlise Horvath-Schneider (Technical University of Munich): Global Imaginaries of the Semiconductor: European 'Everything bagel' Futuring vs. American Techniques of Nostalgia

Hein Brookhuis (Maastricht University): Local Science for a Global Technology: visions of semiconductor innovation in the Low Countries

Mila Davids (Eindhoven University of Technology): Competing Futures in semiconductor manufacturing: sustainability in a globally integrated but locally specialized sector

W8 - After and Beyond Stabilisation: Narratives and Traces of Sociotechnical Destabilisations - Part I

Room:

Organizer: **Stathis Arapostathis** (Laboratory of Science, Technology and Innovation in Society, University of Athens)

Presenters:

Bruno Turnheim (INRAE/LISIS): The falling apart of things as serious concern for studies of science and technology: in search for the missing histories and narratives of endings.

Laur Kanger (Institute of Social Studies, University of Tartu, Estonia): Historical evolution of industrial modernity in Anglophone countries, 1900-2025

Pierre Cornu (INRAE/UMR Territoires): Crumpled temporalities? What happened around technique as a “total fact” in the 1970’s. An epistemological perspective

W9 - Sustainable Technologies, Wellbeing & Citizens

Room: Atlas -1.820

Chair: **TBA**

Presenters:

Rien de Bont (Rijksuniversiteit Groningen): Privatisation, Shifting Roles of the State and R&D support for Renewables: The Case of UK Marine Energy Technologies, 1973-2004

Mikkel Høghøj (Danish Museum of Science and Technology): Infrastructure as welfare? Svanemølleværket, Energy Cultures and Infrastructural Citizenship in 20th and 21st century Denmark

Diego Cavalcanti (FCT NOVA - CIUHCT): “A healthy, comfortable, and pleasant city”: The circulation of ideas and the dilemma of “urban concentrations” in Étienne Groër’s plan for Lisbon (1938–1948)

Lyubomir Pozharliev (Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, department Public policy and Social changes): Alternative Energy Transitions - Past and Future of the Trolleybus Technology

W10 - Graphic histories of technology: making comics

Room: Atlas -1.822

Organizers: **Stefan Krebs** (University of Luxembourg), and **Andreas Fickers** (University of Luxembourg (C²DH))

W-11- Triple Panel: Sustainable Energy Choices of the Past – Part II

Room:

Organizer: **Tensions Energy (Tensions of Europe)**

Chair: **Odinn Melsted** (Maastricht University)

Presenters:

Anselm Tiggemann (Bundesgesellschaft für Endlagerung) and **Gregor-Sönke Schneider** (STA-FG0): Sustainability in Radioactive Waste Management – A critical review of Germany’s path to Gorleben in the 1970s

Britta Oertel (IZT Berlin), **Jan-Henrik Meyer** (IZT Berlin/MPI for Legal History and Legal Theory, Frankfurt a.M.): The “Citizens’ dialogue on nuclear energy”: Debating sustainable energy futures in West Germany in the 1970s and early 1980s

Pietro Scoppola (Roma Tre University): How an Italian Nuclear Institution Started Investing in Sustainable Energy

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F17 - Digital History Futures

Room:

Organizer: **Mila Davids** (Eindhoven University of Technology)

W13 - After and Beyond Stabilisation: Narratives and Traces of Sociotechnical Destabilisations – Part II

Room:

Organizer: **Stathis Arapostathis** (Laboratory of Science, Technology and Innovation in Society, University of Athens):

Presenters:

Lea Fuenfschilling (Lund University): Endings Woven in Cloth: Banners and the Multilayered Temporalities of Industrial Decline

Stathis Arapostathis (University of Athens): Entangled Destabilizations in Food Production: Material Politics and Competing Promises of Modernization in Greece, 1950–2025

Anique Hommels (Maastricht University): Decline and revitalization of public shelters as 'infrastructures of preparedness' in times of crisis

Maël Goumri (INSA Rennes, Laboratoire Fabrique de Pensée Critique (LFPC)): Taming the uncomfortable knowledge in the nuclear industry: the major accident risk case

W14 - Roundtable on the Keeping/Discarding exhibition

Room:

Organizer: **Kamila Krakowska Rodrigues** (Leiden University)

Panelists:

Sanne Rotmeijer (Leiden University Centre for the Arts)

Bram Ieven (Leiden University)

W15 - Digital Alternative Mobility Monitor (DMM): Mapping Infrastructural Tensions in Europe's Mobility Transition (Making & Doing)

Room:

Organizer: **Simone Fari** (Universidad de Granada)

W16: Triple Panel: Sustainable Energy Choices of the Past – Part III

Room:

Organizer: **Tensions Energy (Tensions of Europe)**

Chair: **Odinn Melsted** (Maastricht University)

Presenters:

Anna Maria Scognamiglio (Sapienza University of Rome) and **Mauro Elli** (University of Milan): Unconventional, but Integrative: early discussion on photovoltaic in Italy between 1970s and 1990s

Timothy Moss (IRI THESys, Humboldt University of Berlin): District Heating Comes Back to Town: Legacies and Lessons of a Tortuous Trajectory in Berlin

Odinn Melsted (Maastricht University): Sustainable Path Dependencies: Geothermal District Heating in Reykjavík, 1930s-1970s

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18.00-19.00: Keynote Lecture I by Johan Schot (Utrecht University)

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T1 - Transnational Infra

Room:

Chair: **TBA**

Presenters:

Siegfried Evens (Linköping University): Atoms from Abroad: Technopolitical Regimes in the Belgian Nuclear Industry (1950s-1980s)

Claiton Marcio Da Silva (Universidade Federal da Fronteira Sul): Soybean Infrastructures Between the Brazilian Rainforest and the Netherlands

Elena Kochetkova (University of Bergen): Synthetic Foods Projects and Soviet Response to Global Scarcity

T2 - Networks: Energy and Data in the 20th Century Europe

Room:

Organizers: **Marta Musso** (La Sapienza University), **Filippo De Chirico** (Roma Tre University), and **Séveric Yersin** (European University Institute)

Lara Marziali (Technical University Milan)

Elisabetta Mori (Universitat Pompeu Fabra)

Richard Vahrenkamp (Logistic Consulting Berlin)

T3 - Resources Extraction & Global Inequalities

Room:

Chair: **TBA**

Presenters:

Aleksandra Parshina (Public University of Navarre (UPNA)): Beneath the surface: Tracing the historical roots of Russia's resource dependence (1880-2022)

Diana Anselmo (ISCTE Lisbon, Portugal): Green Grabbing, Green Energy, Good Feeling: The Many Lives of Lithium in Portugal

Monika Halkort (University of Applied Arts, Vienna, Austria): Transformative Justice and the New Extractive Frontiers

T4 - Humanities at work: Teaching history to engineering students – Part I

Room:

Organizer: **Nina Wormbs** (KTH Royal Institute of Technology)

Panelists:

Anna Åberg (Chalmers University of Technology)

Jonas van der Straeten (TU Eindhoven)

Nina Wormbs (KTH Royal Institute of Technology)

T5 - Exploring visual meaning in past and present photography: A “Visual Legacies” Workshop

Room:

Organizer: **Sandra Manickam** (Erasmus University Rotterdam)

T6 - Living machines? More-than-human entanglements in twentieth-century engineering, science, and industry – Part 1

Room:

Organizer: **Ginevra Sanvitale** (Trinity College Dublin)

Chair: **Tijana Rupcic** (KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden)

Presenters:

Sophie FitzMaurice (Cambridge University): Live Cargo: The Material Politics of Animal Movement

Nurçin İleri (International Institute of Social History; EUME): Multispecies Entanglements: Animals and the Making of Electrical Infrastructure from the Ottoman Empire to Modern Turkey

Ginevra Sanvitale (Trinity College Dublin): Making egg machines work. Human-technology-animal interactions and the emergence of automated poultry production

Matt Parker (University of Nottingham): The bird mystery of Haflong: Cultures of mass bird mortality

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T7 - Digital Tools to Investigate New Histories of Technology & Environment @ 4TU

Room:

Organizer: **Dulce van Vliet** (TU Eindhoven)

Chair: **Vincent Baptist** (TU Delft)

Presenters:

Dulce van Vliet (TU Eindhoven): Researching Historical Sustainability at the Municipal Scale: The case of Velsen

Annemieke Romein (University of Twente): "Co-Authored" Voicing Grievances, Seeking Justice: Petitioning the Provincial Estates of Overijssel

Jules Schoonman (TU Delft Library): Watertijdreis

Pim de Zwart (Wageningen University): Mapping Deforestation in Southeast Asia since 1850

T8 - Networks: Energy and Data in the 20th Century Europe

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Elisabetta Mori (Universitat Pompeu Fabra)

Richard Vahrenkamp (Logistic Consulting Berlin)

T9 - Diplomacy & Global Knowledge

Room:

Chair: **TBA**

Presenters:

Mauro Elli (Department of Historical Studies "Federico Chabod" - University of Milan "La Statale"): ESA–China Relations after the Cold War: Space Diplomacy, Knowledge Flows, and the Mediation of Geopolitical Risk

Anne Maaïke Pierik (Radboud University): Including local communities in developing telescope projects – Namibian perspectives on the Africa Millimetre Telescope

Oluraranti Ojo (University of Abuja, Nigeria): Technological Dependencies Beyond Europe: African Resources, Migrant Labour, Brain Drain, and the Making of European Technological Development

Muhammet Salih Kahraman (Istanbul University, Faculty of Economics): ECA and European Recovery in Türkiye (1945–1950): The Limits of Alternative Development Finance

T10 - Humanities at work: Teaching history to engineering students

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Organizer: **Nina Wormbs** (KTH Royal Institute of Technology)

Panelists:

Anna Åberg (Chalmers University of Technology)

Jonas van der Straeten (TU Eindhoven)

Nina Wormbs (KTH Royal Institute of Technology)

Harro Maat (Wageningen University and Research)

Carola Hein (TU Delft)

T11 - Mobilizing technological pasts in rethinking science and technology museums in context of today's sustainability crises?

Room:

Organizers: **Mikkel Høghøj** (Danish Museum of Science and Technology), **Jacob Thorek Jensen** (University of Copenhagen), and **Mads Kring** (Danish Museum of Science and Technology)

T12 - Living machines? More-than-human entanglements in twentieth-century engineering, science, and industry - Part 2

Room:

Organizer: **Simone Schleper** (Maastricht University)

Chair: **Jacob Ward** (Maastricht University)

Presenters:

Raf De Bont (Maastricht University): Computerizing Animals: Digital Infrastructures and the Making of the Global Zoo

Rudolf Seising (Research Institute for the History of Science and Technology, Deutsches Museum): "This machine had a body and head that were connected to its 'brain'..." – A biological inspiration for the construction of a learning machine

Dinah Pfau (Research Institute for the History of Science and Technology, Deutsches Museum): The Many Dimensions of the Cat: Feline Bodies in the Experimental Infrastructure

Simone Schleper (Maastricht University): Nature's GPS - Migratory species and global positioning systems

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My PhD in 10 Minutes – part I

Presenters:

Vilde Antonie Haug (Slottemo, OsloMet): Ammunition disposal - what problem?

Line Dalile (University of Antwerp): Heritage from Below: Heritage-making practices of immigrant-Syrian women in Antwerp's urban spaces.

Olha Martynyuk (University of Basel): Bicycle Mobility in Ukraine (1891-1991): Self-Reliance Under Changing Political Orders

Aliaksandr Piahau (KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm): Historicizing Urban Energy Preparedness and Security, 1850-2025

Tanja Riekkinen (University of Oulu): Imagining petrofutures: Sociotechnical imaginaries of energy transition to oil in Finland, 1949–1973

Elisa Angeles Fernández (Historical Laboratory of (Electro)Technology Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Czech Technical University in Prague): Hydroelectric Landscapes as Living Archives: Transnational Infrastructures, Energy, and Sustainability in Mexico and Czech Republic (1880–1930)

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T13 - Dealing with Company Heritage: Philips, ASML & Brainport

Room:

T14 - European Resource Dilemmas in World History Perspective

Room:

Organizer and Chair: **Jeannette Graulau** (The City University of New York)

Panelists:

Jeannette Graulau (The City University of New York)

Martin Straßburger (RUBICON Archaeology)

Mohammadamin Emami (Art University of Isfahan)

Dennis Flynn (University of the Pacific)

T15 - Mapping Extraction: Digital Approaches to the Material History of Empire and Industry

Room:

Organizer: **Dulce van Vliet** (TU Eindhoven)

Commentators: **Andreas Weber** (University of Twente), **Pim de Zwart** (Wageningen University), and **Vincent Baptist** (TU Delft)

Presenters:

Dulce van Vliet (TU Eindhoven)

Thomas Smits (University of Amsterdam)

Marek Jancovic (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)

T16 - Creating engaging histories - an interactive walk

Room: Lobby

Organizers: **Louise Karlskov Skyggebjerg** (Copenhagen Business School) and **Anders Ravn Sørensen** (Copenhagen Business School)

T17 - Discussion Café: From Energy History to Policy

Room:

Organizer: **Odinn Melsted** (Maastricht University)

Facilitators:

Anna Åberg (Chalmers University of Technology)

Michiel Bron (Tilburg University)

Vincent Legendijk (Rathenau Institute & Maastricht University)

T18 - Media, Memory, Modernity

Room:

Chair: **TBA**

Presenters:

Rafael Prezado (University of Évora): Lunar Optimism and Terrestrial Discontent: Media Reactions to Apollo 11 in Authoritarian Portugal

Tijana Rupcic (KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden): Before it was Cool to be Green: Professor Balthazar's Eco Futures

Martin Schmitt (Paderborn University): Images of Ecomodernism and Devastation: Using Vision Transformers to Analyze the Entanglement of Computers and the Environment in Cartoons

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Keynote Lecture II by Edward Jones Imhotep (University of Toronto)

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Afternoon Excursions (pre-registration required)

- **TU/e Campus tour**
- **Philips Museum Tour**
- **Regenerated Leather Works & Steam Engine in Oisterwijk**
- **Bike Tour – Vincent Van Gogh village Nuenen**

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F1 - Networking an Empire: Infrastructures, Intermediaries, and Commodities in the Outskirts of the Northern Eurasia, 1850-1930

Room:

Organizer: **Vasily Borovoy** (University College Dublin)

Chair: **Elana Kochetkova** (University of Bergen)

Presenters:

Ruslana Bovhyria (Freie Universität Berlin): Property, Resources, and Empire: Corporate Intermediaries on the Russo-Iranian Frontier, 1870-1916

Ekaterina Rybkina (Södertörn University): Telegraph Infrastructure at the Edge of Europe: The Indo-European Telegraph in the Caucasus

Vasily Borovoy (University College Dublin): Making a Resource Frontier: Commodity Trade and Infrastructure Building in the European North of Russia, 1856-1929

F2 - Digitizing and Measuring Reality

Room:

Chair: **TBA**

Presenters:

Kostas Raptis (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, University of the Aegean): Digit(al)izing the biological: the computerization of biological systems and the Pap test in historical and epistemological perspective

Marco Pozzi (Politecnico di Torino): Measuring the Reality: Fyodor Dostoevsky and his reason at the origins of Digital Intelligence

John Bessai (independent scholar): Public Code and Sustainable Digital Futures: Do Not Track as Transnational Infrastructure for Rights Learning

F3 - Dialoguing through time

Room:

Organizers: **Evelien de Hoop** (Athena Instituut, VU Amsterdam), **Sjamme van de Voort** (Athena Instituut, VU Amsterdam), and **Moniek Driesse** (Vrije Universiteit)

Speakers:

Evelien de Hoop (Athena Instituut, VU Amsterdam): Benign and harmful histories

Tim Moss (?): Benign and harmful histories

Anne Loeber (?): Imaginaries and counter-imaginaries

Jeroen Oomen (?): Imaginaries and counter-imaginaries

Anique Hommels (Maastricht University): Past-proofing urban living labs

Martin Emanuel (KTH): Past-proofing urban living labs

Pauline Münch (?)

F4 - Understanding the Past – Shaping Mobility's Sustainable Future

Room:

Organizer: **Christian Franke** (University of Siegen)

Presenters:

Robin Kleiner (University of Siegen): Interest Groups and Path Dependencies in the German Railway System: The Case of the Federal Commission on Railways 1989-1991

Veit Damm (University of Siegen): Transport policy strategies for sustainable traffic management and the breakthrough of satellite navigation. Path dependencies in the development of traffic information systems in Western Europe 1980-2000

Christian Franke (University of Siegen): From River Transport to Digital and Sustainable Mobility: Organizational Change in Rhine Navigation

Henk-Jan Dekker (University of Bielefeld): Searching for a Spot: Bicycle and Car Parking as Lenses for Understanding Dutch Mobility Transformations, 1920s-2020s

F5 - European Futures

Room:

Organizer: **Jacob Ward** (Maastricht University)

Chair: **Karena Kalmbach** (Futurium, Berlin)

Presenters:

Jacob Ward (Maastricht University): The Futures of Europe's Post-1945 Transformations

Malin Sternesjö (Chalmers University): Tools of the future, tools of the market? Futuring techniques in Swedish energy research 1974-1996

David Skogerboe (Utrecht University): Imagining Europe through Space Infrastructures: Meteorology in ESRO's Agenda, 1960-1971

Cyrus Mody (Maastricht University): Planning, Scenarios, and the (Business) Environment: Forecasting Techniques in and out of the Oil Industry in the Long 1970s

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F6 - State Empire

Room:

Chair: **TBA**

Presenters:

Olivia Ebertz (New York University): Technocolonialism: Scientific management of Yukon River salmon runs in the mid-20th century

Simona Casonato (Museo Nazionale Scienza e Tecnologia Leonardo da Vinci): IBM in Post-War Italy: Evidence from Museum Collections

F11 – Historicising and Revisiting Techno-Resilience

Room:

Organizer: **Valérie Schafer** (C2DH, University of Luxembourg)

Chair: **Ginevra Sanvitale** (Trinity College Dublin)

Presenters

Yves Bouvier (Rouen Normandy University): Techno-Resilience and Everyday Nuclear Safety

Benjamin Thierry (Sorbonne Université): "Error lies between the chair and the screen"

Valérie Schafer (University of Luxembourg): Designed for Failure: Techno-Resilience in the History of Computing

Sebastian Giessmann (Siegen University): European Techno-resilience and Digital Payments

F8 - Making past infrastructure visions usable today

Room:

Organizer: Timothy Moss (IRI THESys, Humboldt University of Berlin)

F9 - “Promise entrepreneurs”: Solving and/or commodifying resource, environmental and other societal challenges? – Part I

Room: Atlas -1.715

Organizer: **Matthias Heymann** (Aarhus University)

Chair: **Elena Kochetkova** (University of Bergen)

Presenters:

Matthias Heymann (Aarhus University): What are promise entrepreneurs: Introduction through the case of hydrogen technology enthusiasm

Mauro Elli (University of Milan): When promises fail: Testing “promise entrepreneurs” through Italy’s post-Chernobyl waste controversies

Jelena Stanković (Maastricht University): Navigating uncharted waters: The entrepreneurial journey of Solarex and Arco Solar

F10 - Heat and habitability

Room:

Organizer: **Suzanne Ros** (PhD Candidate at University of Stavanger):

Chair: **Jenny von Platten** (Research Fellow at Stockholm Environment Institute):

Presenters:

Jenny von Platten (Research Fellow at Stockholm Environment Institute): Materiality of energy poverty: From solid fuels to liquid inequalities

Suzanne Ros (PhD Candidate University of Stavanger): Stone, steam, skin: geothermal histories in Iceland

Bue Poulsen (PhD Fellow Aarhus University): Warmth by design: Danish district heating and the shaping of thermal habitability

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My PhD in 10 Minutes – part II

Presenters:

Regina Klinger (TU Delft): Visual Narration Along Amsterdam’s Historic Water Infrastructure

Emilian Kavalski (Tampere University): Smart Agriculture Futures, Inherited Pasts: Europe’s Green Transitions and the Afterlives of Technological Power

Abayomi Saibu (Department of History Anchor University Lagos Nigeria): The Entrepreneurial skill of the Ewe female migrants' fisher women and their contributions to food security in Lagos, Nigeria 1916-2016

Riccardo Ferrigato (Università della Svizzera Italiana): Keeping up communication infrastructures: politics, economics and narratives of maintenance

Rafael Prezado (University of Évora): **Moon Landing in the Periphery: Media and Crisis in Portugal (1969)**

Blanca Lozano Navarro (University of Granada): Dismantling the European Mode of Development: Digital Capitalism, Platform Work, and the Role of the State (1970–2023)
Abstract

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F7 - Locations & Flows

Room:

Chair: **TBA**

Presenters:

Richard Vahrenkamp (University of Kassel): Parcel Flows: Collaboration of medium-sized logistic firms in Germany

Miriam Fahimi (Paderborn University): Computing the Cryosphere: Contesting Thermal Pasts and Sustainable Futures of Data Centre Cooling

Saara Matala (Chalmers University of Technology): Navigating the Winter: Winter navigation as a Large Technological System

F12 - Histories of computing in the European South: Human work and artificial intelligence from mechanical to electronic technologies

Room:

Organizer: **Aristotle Tympas** (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens)

Presenters:

Aristotle Tympas (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens): Introducing “Histories of computing in the European South”

Ginevra Sanvitale (Trinity College Dublin): “Two cultures” are better than one, a “third way” even more so. Historiographical challenges in the Italian history of computing

Giorgos Pertsas (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens): Between rational planning and contentious muddling through: the development of information systems in the Greek public administration

F13 - SOY BEINGS: A Fragile Choreography of Coexistence

Room:

Organizer: **Nathaly Yumi Da Silva** (TU Eindhoven)

F14 - “Promise entrepreneurs”: Solving and/or commodifying resource, environmental and other societal challenges? -Part II

Room: Atlas -1.715

Organizer and Chair: **Matthias Heymann** (Aarhus University)

Presenters:

Ole Sparenberg (Karlsruhe Institute of Technology): Abyssal promises: “promise entrepreneurs” in the field of deep-sea mining

Timo Leimbach (Aarhus University): From projectors to planners: The transformation of promissory entrepreneurship in projects

Jiří Janáč (Charles University, Prague): The Smell of French Fries: Burning Rapeseed in Diesel Vehicles in Post-socialist Czechia

F15 - Energy dependence in the German-speaking countries during the Great Acceleration

Room:

Organizer: **Robert Groß** (Department of History, University of Vienna)

Chair: **Ute Hasenöhr** (Department of History and European Ethnology, University of Innsbruck)

Presenters:

Nicolas Chachereau (Department of History, University of Basel): A second-order priority. Energy independence in Swiss policy after 1945

Robert Groß (Department of History, University of Vienna): Past perceptions, present challenges. Natural gas dependence in Austria

Nicole Hesse (Department of History, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology): Governing German Energy (In)Dependence: Great Acceleration and the 1973 Energy Security Act

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F16 - Borders, Security & Empire

Room:

Chair: **TBA**

Presenters:

Anna Breidenbach (European University Institute): Managing Movements. Authorized travel, useful mobilities and the making of a German visa policy, 1916-1923

Davide Papparcone (Università della Campania "Luigi Vanvitelli", Napoli): Neofascism as Transnational Infrastructure: Security, Anti-Communism and Authoritarian Legacies in 1950s–1960s Europe

Pavel Vasilyev (HSE University): Transforming Nature, Reproducing Empire: Soviet Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Main Turkmen Canal

F17- Tech Education & Thought

Room:

Chair: **TBA**

Presenters:

Jakob Henningsson (KTH Royal Institute of Technology): Where is the Engineer? Taylorism and Power Struggles over Swedish Technical Education 1911—1930

Christos Karamatsos (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens): Engineering the territory, or How to write the history of a technical university?

Max Bouttell (Maastricht University): Alexander Pike: jobbing avant-gardist, reluctant eco-freak

F18- Work Session: Setting the Agenda for Making and Doing History (of Technology)

Room:

Organizers: Evelien de Hoop (Athena Institute, VU Amsterdam) and Sjamme van de Voort (Athena Instituut, VU Amsterdam)

F19 - “Promise entrepreneurs”: Solving and/or commodifying resource, environmental and other societal challenges? - Part III

Room:

Organizer: *Matthias Heymann* (Aarhus University)

Chair: *Elena Kochetkova* (University of Bergen)

Presenters:

Matthew N. Eisler (University of Strathclyde): Demonstrating environmental society: Operationalizing promise in energy conversion futures

Stathis Arapostathis (University of Athens): Extracting Value, Promising Futures: Academic Laboratories, Technoscientific Assets and the Politics of Food Commodification in Greece, 1990-2025

F20 - Unsustainable Infrastructures for a Sustainable Future. Coastal landscape engineering between economy and ecology in postwar Denmark, England and Germany

Room:

Organizer: **Daniel Jankowski** (Technische Universität Braunschweig)

Chair: **Christian Kehrt** (Technische Universität Braunschweig)

Presenters:

Nina Toudal Jessen (University of Copenhagen): Afterlives: Engineered landscapes – measured, planned and forgotten.

Christian Götter (Technische Universität Braunschweig): The Imagined Barrage: The Severn Barage as Focal Point for Conflicting Interpretations of Sustainable Futures in the 1970s and 1980s.

Daniel Jankowski (Technische Universität Braunschweig): “Compensation zones”: The embankment of the Beltringharder Koog between coastal protection, agricultural land reclamation and nature conservation, 1980–1984.

Friday 10 July 2026

17.30-18.30

City walk from TU/e campus to Eindhoven Strijp-S (no registration needed)

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18.30 – Late

Tensions of Europe - Social Event (registration required)
In Ketelhuis

Saturday 11 July

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10.30-16.00

Excursion to Rietveld's renewed De Ploeg factory in Bergeijk (registration required)

