

## **Wednesday 8 July**

**Wednesday 8 July 2026  
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: **Valerie Schafer**

*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: Ginevra Sanvitale*

*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 (C<sup>2</sup>DH))

#### **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 Hasenöhrl** (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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#### **W7 - 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)

## **W10 - Graphic histories of technology: making comics**

*Room: Atlas -1.822*

Organizers: **Stefan Krebs** (University of Luxembourg), and **Andreas Fickers** (University of Luxembourg (C<sup>2</sup>DH))

## **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)

**Wednesday 8 July 2026**

**19.00-21.00: Welcome Reception**

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**T1 - Transnational Infra**

*Room:*

Chair: **Katarina Vlanton**

*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 – Electrifying Energy & Reviving Pasts**

*Room:*

Chair: **Bram Bouwens**

*Presenters:*

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

**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

#### **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) **Jurgen van den Hoogen** (UTilburg) and **Andreas Weber** (UTwente): 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**

*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)

## **T9 - Diplomacy & Global Knowledge**

*Room:*

Chair: **Mila Davids**

*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 Maaike 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

## **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 Pihanau** (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 - Company Heritage and the Making of Regional Identities and Futures: The example of Brainport Region**

*Room:*

**Freek Janssen** (Philips museum)

**Sergio Derks** (Philips collections and archives)

**Eric Berkers** (Corporate historian / archivist at ASML)

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

#### **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 Lagendijk** (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 Driessse** (Vrije Universiteit)

*Speakers:*

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

**Tim Moss** (IRI THESys, Humboldt University of Berlin): Benign and harmful histories

**Anne Loeber** (Athena Instituut, VU Amsterdam): Imaginaries and counter-imaginaries

**Jeroen Oomen** (Utrecht University): Imaginaries and counter-imaginaries

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

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

**Pauline Münch** (IRI THESys, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)

**Karena Kalmbach** (Futurium, Berlin)

### **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 – Post War Recovery & Technology**

*Room:*

Chair: **TBA**

*Presenters:*

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

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

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**F6 - 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

**F7 – 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 Poulsgaard** (PhD Fellow Aarhus University): Warmth by design: Danish district heating and the shaping of thermal habitability

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### **Open Tensions of Europe Management Meeting**

TBA

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**13.30-14.00**

### **My PhD in 10 Minutes – part II**

*Presenters:*

**Christel D. Voncken** (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)

**Filip Rozborski**, (Maastricht University) Hydrogen Futures and Pasts

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## **F11 - Locations & Flows**

*Room:*

Chair: **Bram Bouwens**

*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 Typas** (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens)

*Presenters:*

**Aristotle Typas** (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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**15.45-17.15**

## **F16 – Authoritarian Legacies of Technology and Nature**

*Room:*

Chair: **Katarina Vlantoni**

*Presenters:*

**Davide Paparcone** (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

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

## **F17- Tech Education & Thought**

*Room:*

Chair: **Anna Åberg**

*Presenters:*

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

**Christos Karampatsos** (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens), **Nikos Alexis**, (University of Crete) **Antonis Kechrimparis** (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens), **Kostas Alexopoulos** (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens) and

**Aristotle Tympas** (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.

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**17.30-18.30**

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

**Friday 10 July 2026**  
**18.30 – Late**

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



**Saturday 11 July**

**Saturday 11 July 2026**  
**10.30-16.00**

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

