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## NEWSFLASHES

### **Karen Johnson Freeze Fellowships 2011**

The Selection Committee of the Karen Johnson Freeze Fellowship Fund sits in conclave about whom to grant the 2011 KJFF Fellowships. The application deadline was August 21, 2011. The 2011 fellows will be announced during the SHOT meeting in Cleveland (USA), November 3-6, 2011. [Read more](#)

### **New Tensions of Europe website online**

We are pleased to announce that the new, much easier to maintain, Tensions of Europe website has been launched. The new website combines a fresher look and feel with up-to-date and accurate news and information about the network: not only about its history, present and future, but also about its research, publications, and its participants. We hope we managed to capture the lively spirit of our network on the pages of this website. [Visit website](#)

### **Making Europe website online**

As you all know, a new history of Europe entitled Making Europe: Technology and Transformations 1850-2000 is currently being written, and scheduled for publication by Palgrave Macmillan in 2013. More information on this exciting project can now be found on the website. [Visit website](#)

### **Praise for research programme 'Modern Societies in Transition'**

The History of Technology research programme 'Modern Societies in Transition' from Eindhoven University of Technology in the Netherlands received a very positive review. The programme, which builds on the intellectual agenda of Tensions of Europe, started in 2003 at the Faculty of Industrial Engineering & Innovation Sciences and is led by professors Harry Lintsen and Johan Schot. [Read more](#)

## AGENDA

### **SHOT 2011 Annual Meeting**

This fall, 3-6 November, the Society for the History of Technology will hold its annual meeting in Cleveland, Ohio. Over the course of four days, SHOT 2011 will offer more than forty sessions on many aspects of technology, as well as tours of local industrial and engineering sites, an opening reception at the Great Lakes Science Center, and the Society's annual awards banquet. [Read more](#)

### **European Social Science History Conference**

From 11 April - 14 April 2012 the International Institute for Social History organizes the European Social Science History Conference in Glasgow, Scotland, UK. The aim of the ESSHC is bringing together scholars interested in explaining historical phenomena using the methods of the social

sciences. The conference is characterized by a lively exchange in many small groups, rather than by formal plenary sessions. [Read more](#)

## MEETINGS

### **Making Europe workshop**

From May 11-13, 2011 a workshop was organized to discuss the work in progress of the authors and editors of the Making Europe book series. The workshop was held at the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences in Wassenaar. Maria Paula Diogo wrote a sparkling report on this meeting. [Read more](#)

## PUBLICATIONS

### **Material Nation: A Consumer's History of Modern Italy**

This book by Emanuela Scarpellini has been published by Oxford University Press. Keeping a constant eye on wider historical trends, both in Italy and internationally, the book looks at how the basic triad of consumer culture (food, housing, and clothing) slowly developed into a more complex pattern, incorporating transport, domestic appliances, and then electronics, communications, and fashion.

[Read more](#)

### **Special issue on European Technologies in Spanish History**

The journal History of Technology released a special issue about European technologies in Spanish history, which focuses on the development of four key issues in the development of modern Spain: knowledge, manufacturing, energy, and telecommunications and public works. [Read more](#)

### **Final Inventing Europe report published by ESF**

In March 2011 the European Science Foundation (ESF) published the Final report of the Inventing Europe research programme. More information on the research programme can be found on the [RESEARCH](#) pages of the Tensions of Europe website. [Read more](#)

## PROJECTS

### **Inventing Europe Virtual Exhibit**

On May the 19th the Virtual Exhibit development team experienced its first baptism of fire. One of our sponsors, Next Generation Infrastructures, offered us the opportunity to present our work to an external but well-informed audience during its conference Infratrends in the Fokker Terminal in The Hague. For the first time, the team brought together content and technology, creating the first Sneak Preview of the Inventing Europe Virtual Exhibit. [Read more](#)

## SCHOLARS

### **Momir Samardžić**

During the ToE/IE Sofia conference in June 2010, the Selection Committee of the Karen Johnson Freeze Fellowship Fund awarded me with a fellowship to support my research in Austria. My awareness of the profound influence of technological change on political and social processes led me towards a combined domestic/ foreign policy approach to investigating how the idea of railway construction affected Serbian politics in the second half of the 19th century. [Read more](#)

### **Spyros Tzokas**

Spyros Tzokas, one of the Karen Johnson Freeze Fellows 2010, has recently defended his dissertation at the Graduate program in the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology (University of

Athens/ National Technical University of Athens). Title: *On the social construction of the technical objectivity: The formative period of Greek engineering, late 19th - early 20th century.* [Read more](#)

## MUSEUMS

### Deutsches Museum

*Favourite Technologies of the 1950's: Witnesses to the Time from our Depot* (Temporary exhibition until October 2011)

For the purposes of this exhibition, we have selected those objects from the wealth of our collections which are the best and most typical eyewitnesses to the 1950's. Learn about the state of the art in the 1950's and you may rediscover several sought-after and dearly loved items! [Read more](#)

### Science Museum

*Cosmos & Culture: how astronomy has shaped our world* (Temporary exhibition until 30 December 2011)

Explore how astronomy has changed the way we see our universe - and ourselves - through this object-rich exhibition. From ancient heritage to cutting edge technology, trace the history of people and the stars through different stories drawn from around the world. [Read more](#)

### Museum Vapriikki received Award

The Museum Centre Vapriikki's exhibition on Finnish civil war in Tampere, Tampere 1918, has received a Special Commendation in the European Museum of the Year Award 2011 (EMYA) in Bremerhaven on the 21st May. The Gallo-Roman Museum in Tongeren, Belgium, won the European Museum of the Year Award. [Read more](#)

For more news and information about the Tensions of Europe network, please visit our [website](#).

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