



## Tensions of Europe Newsletter:

### *Special issue: Developing Research and Education Goals through Inventing Europe*

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In the light of this year's collaboration with the Europeana Foundation, the Tensions community is able to work on developing its Research and Education goals through Inventing Europe. This update contains an urgent request for input, an invitation to join a Europe-wide debate, as well as inspiring videos and a blog.

#### **YOUR INPUT REQUESTED!!**

Europe's growing digital heritage collections offer amazing new opportunities for your current and future research. End of April, the Foundation for the History of Technology will provide Europeana with recommendations on connecting European digital cultural heritage with university teaching in the area of European history, as well as history of science and technology. These recommendations will serve as guidelines for Europeana to aggregate new historical science and technology-related collections for its online portal that are of real value for our community. Please consider your research/teaching interests, explore <http://www.europeana.eu> accordingly, and write down what materials you would need and could not find. **We appreciate you share your insights, including specified topics (names, technologies, events etc), in an e-mail to [inventingeurope@tue.nl](mailto:inventingeurope@tue.nl) no later than April 17, 2016.** This is our chance to improve the online availability of primary source materials for our research. Let's make it a success.

Please feel free to contact project manager Suzanne Lommers with your questions at [inventingeurope@tue.nl](mailto:inventingeurope@tue.nl). Of course you are welcome to join the Inventing Europe (teaching) community.

Suzanne Lommers, guest editor

### **Join our debate: How to use history to explain present day societal challenges?**

What can we learn from the 1880 Gotthard Tunnel to improve today's Brexit discussion?

Share your ideas at <https://www.facebook.com/InventingEurope/>.

For inspiration about the Gotthard Tunnel check out Inventing Europe's "From Network to Nation" tour at <http://www.inventingeurope.eu/infrastructures/mountains-myths-and-maps> .

For inspiration about the Brexit debate check out [www.europeana.eu](http://www.europeana.eu) and search for Brexit.

*Understanding current debates through the lens of historical objects and events is a great way of actively engaging your students, teaching them analytical skills and learning them to understand or move forward effectively today's Grand Challenges. Inventing Europe and Europeana support your teaching in innovative and creative ways. We invite you to join us in this Europe-wide exercise.*

## Interview with Johan Schot

Initiator of Inventing Europe, former professor at Eindhoven University of Technology and currently director of SPRU at the University of Sussex, Johan Schot, speaks about how he created a full MA course on European integration around Inventing Europe and Europeana materials.

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## Blog Suzanne Lommers “Enriching university learning with Europeana”

[Inventing Europe](#), Europe's Digital Museum for Science & Technology, recently launched “What's like this?” on its site, an improved feature used frequently in university teaching across Europe. [Read more...](#)

## Interview with Bram Verhees

Post doctoral researcher and teacher at Eindhoven University of Technology, Bram Verhees, speaks about how he integrated Inventing Europe and Europeana materials in his teaching at Eindhoven University of Technology. With his innovative and creative teaching methods he knew how to attract the attention of his engineering students and make them feel part of European history in the making. [View video...](#)

## Coming Conference / Workshop

### SPRU Anniversary Conference, 7-9 September 2016: Call for Proposals

In 2016 SPRU is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2016. From 7-9 September 2016 an Anniversary Conference will be organized at the University of Sussex (United Kingdom). Theme of the conference is *Transforming Innovation: Science and Technology for Social Needs*. Proposals can be submitted now. The organizers are seeking a range of main and parallel sessions proposals that explore the nature, determinants and direction of innovation and its contribution to meeting future global challenges in multiple domains - such as economic stability, food security, healthcare provision, resource use, water supply, waste management, energy supply and climate change. The deadline for proposals is March 1, 2016. Read more [here](#).

### **RUCHE Conference Bordeaux-Montaigne, September 8-10, 2016**

RUCHE, the French Network of Environmental Historians, organizes an international conference, that will take place at Bordeaux-Montaigne University on 8-10 September 2016. Theme is *Mobilising and Using Energy, from Antiquity to the Present Time*. Find more on this conference [here](#).

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