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Tensions of Europe is back in your mailbox! Let me, first, thank you for accepting this newsletter as indeed, for the first time, you receive it because you formally agreed to. Being a network, ToE is primarily about circulating information, and I am eager together with colleagues from the management committee, and Katerina Vlantoni in particular, who prepared this edition, to pursue the efforts of our former chairperson, Aristotle Tympas.

We plan to issue the Tensions of Europe newsletter at least twice a year. This will depend on the amount of information we receive from you. Please contact us if you want to share information in the next edition at [tensionsofeurope\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:tensionsofeurope[at]gmail.com). We will also set up a mailing list. Coming soon, it will be a useful tool to further build up our growing community and strengthen our ties.

A complimentary scoop for those who are still reading this edito: I am happy to announce that the 10th Tensions of Europe conference will take place at Aarhus University in June/July 2021, in conjunction with the final conference of the “Challenging Europe: Technology, Environment and the Quest for Resource Security (EURES)” research network. We are very grateful to Matthias Heymann and his team for hosting us. More on this soon. For now, enjoy reading the rest of the news on the intersection of history, technology and Europe.

Léonard Laborie (CNRS, UMR Sirice, Paris), chair 2019-2021



Aristotle Tympas and Leonard Laborie (handing over the ToE Management Committee chairmanship)

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ToE Network: looking back

New members in the management committee

The management committee is in charge of developing the ToE network, through agenda building, conference activities, information circulation and promotion of the early career scholars. A new management committee was appointed in June 2019 in Luxembourg. The members are: Falk Flade (European University Viadrina, Frankfurt/Oder), Alexander Gall (Deutsches Museum, Munich), Elena Kochetkova (Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg), Jan Korsten (Foundation for the History of Technology, Eindhoven), Léonard Laborie (CNRS, Paris, chair), Valérie Schafer (University of Luxembourg), Katerina Vlantoní (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens), Erik van der Vleuten (Eindhoven University of Technology/Foundation for the History of Technology), Nina Wormbs (Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm).

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"Decoding Europe". Report from the organisers of 9th ToE Conference, June 2019, Luxembourg

This conference held at the University of Luxembourg from 27 to 30 June 2019 was the 9th edition. 170 participants from all over Europe, mainly historians of technologies, attended the conference over the four days. The conference was opened on 27 June 2019 by Prof. Stéphane Pallage, Rector of the University of Luxembourg, Prof. Andreas Fickers, Director of the C2DH, Prof. Aristotle Tympas, Chair of the Management Committee of the Tensions of Europe network, and Prof. Valérie Schafer, Programme Chair. The conference, organised by the C2DH (Centre for Contemporary and Digital History at the University of Luxembourg), was held in English, with 32 sessions of 2-4 papers. Participants were selected via an open and widely disseminated call for papers and a double peer review process.

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"Towards Digital Science and Technology Studies". Report from the organisers of the Early career summer school, Luxembourg, 25-27 June 2019

The Summer School "Towards Digital Science and Technology Studies: Challenges and Opportunities" was held on 25-27 June 2019, at the Centre for Contemporary and Digital History (C2DH) of the University of Luxembourg. Organized by the ToE's Early Career Scholars Group, it was part of the 9th Tensions of Europe Conference. The 2019 summer school, organized by Falk Flade, Elitsa Stoilova, Elena Kochetkova, Roberto Cantoni and Anna Åberg, focused on diverse aspects of digitalization. The organisers invited 25 doctoral students and early career scholars to discuss crises and challenges in European history with an emphasis on technology. Next to several lectures held by local and external experts, a round table was also conducted.

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ToE Network: looking forward

Update on the new ToE flagship research program "Technology and Societal Challenges, ca. 1800-2050"

Tensions of Europe functions as a hub for international research, education and outreach programs on technology and European history, broadly defined. In addition it stimulates international collaboration through broader 'umbrella' or 'flagship' programs. The second umbrella program on Technology and Societal Challenges ca. 1800-2050 was announced in 2015. It aims at historical research of the ambivalent roles of technology in social and environmental 'crises' or 'grand challenges', which an increasing number of scholars wished to engage with.

In 2016-2019 the program focused on exploration of the topic—building new research networks and articulating relevant research questions. In a bottom-up fashion, research teams explored relevant literatures and research agendas for different crisis theme—e.g. the energy challenge, the resource challenge, the migration challenge, the sustainable urban mobility challenge, and more. Researchers were invited to set up such themes, or to participate in existing ones. This endeavor involved over two dozen workshops and conferences, through which a few hundred scholars participated and co-produced a number of research agendas.

The capstone of the explorative program is the publication of a dedicated forum in *Technology & Culture's* January 2020 issue. This includes a general introduction and 5 thematic research agenda's. In addition, the different theme groups published a number of theme-specific special issues and edited volumes.

We are currently discussing where to go from here. Possible routes include maintaining and adding to the current thematic work mode; applying for large collaborative international research programs; and focusing on public outreach and/or political intervention through engagement with relevant stakeholders.

For more information please see the website or contact [Erik van der Vleuten](#)

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Engage with ToE

> Invite your colleagues to register for the ToE newsletter and forthcoming mailing list, by clicking [here](#).

> The [Tensions of Europe Early Career Scholars' Group](#) is a self-organizing network gathering PhD-students, post-doctoral scholars and non-tenured academics within Tensions of Europe. The group formed in Chios in October 2014 during the Tensions of Europe workshop "Quo Vadis?", and contributed to discussing the future directions of the network. Since then, the group has developed into a support network with a dual aim: 1) to actively engage with debates within Tensions of Europe; 2) to facilitate and encourage community-building among early career scholars across borders. We provide an informal, open space for discussing research ideas and career development. Our main tool for doing so are regular meetings that take place both face-to-face and online, enabling participation for those who do not have the financial and/or practical opportunity to travel to meetings. We invite early careers doing research into the history of technology and related fields to join the community by sending an e-mail to [Anna Åberg](#).

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Ongoing research projects

Four new projects - just selected, no website yet

CON-EF: Configuring Environment and Food: Critical echnoscientific Networks and the Agrifood Industry in Greece, 1950-2017. Funded by Hellenic Foundation of Research and Innovation, 2020-2023 (PI: Stathis Arapostathis, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, 2PhDs, 2 Postdocs).

Historical Fundaments of the Mobile Society: Path (Inter-) Dependencies in Traffic Information System. The modern Europeans are mobile: They use their mobile phones, drive their cars flexibly across Europe and communicate whenever and wherever it is necessary or possible. Using cars has made European societies mobile since the 1960s, but, at the same time, the mobile Europeans are experiencing their immobility every day when they get stuck in one of the countless traffic jams. To eliminate immobilities on infrastructures for mobility is a major scientific and societal challenge since then. Funded by the German DFG (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft), this project aims at discovering unknown operating conditions of the mobile society by focusing on path (inter-) dependencies in the mobile societies' origins. Traffic information systems offer an excellent opportunity to analyze the appearance of the mobile society, because automobility is a way of life which has redefined 'movement' in the history of mankind. They are a symbol of the mobile societies' tensions between mobility and immobility. Nevertheless, traffic information systems such as traffic radio are a topic that must be classified as a desideratum of social sciences, media sciences and historical research. This is remarkable, considering the important role of traffic information systems for the modern mass mobile society. A set of interrelated questions guides the project: How does the mobile society work? How can we explain mobilities and immobilities on the mobile societies' road networks? How are sociotechnical systems for a mass mobile society planned, designed and implemented? How do different technical, institutional and medial components match each other? Using a novel model of path (inter-) dependencies, which for the first time interrelates technical, institutional and medial paths, will enable us to understand the underlying logics of the mobile society. The project team includes familiar ToE scholar Christian Henrich-Franke and Veit Damm.

The ["Welfare after the Digitization"](#) project is one of the seven humanities research projects selected this year for support (DKK 6 million) from the VELUX Foundation core group programme (project leader: ToE member Associate Professor Vasilis Galis, in collaboration with Professor Brit Ross Winthereik, IT University of Copenhagen). In four sub-projects, the researchers will use ethnographic, historical and technical methods to investigate the consequences of digitization in four core

areas of the Danish welfare system: the police, the health care system, primary schools and the municipal administrations.

The ToE- related project "**Searching for Oil in the Greek Territory, 1920-1980**", to be carried out at the Institute of Mediterranean Studies, Crete, through funding by the 'Support for Young Researchers -- ESPA' program, is launched (2020-2021, postdoctoral research team: Christos Karampatsos, Spyros Tzokas and Giorgos Velegrakis).

EUROPTT - Infrastructures, infrastructural cooperation and continuity in European integration: the European Union of Posts and Telecommunications in historical perspective

EUROPTT is a research project co-funded by the French ANR and German DFG, led by Guido Thiemeyer (Düsseldorf University), Christian Henrich-Franke (Siegen University) and Léonard Laborie (CNRS). It deals with the continuities and discontinuities of technical integration during the Second World War in continental Europe. The European Union of Posts and Telecommunications created in Vienna in October 1942 is at the core of the project, with two PhDs jointly investigating its history and legacy. Read from them [here](#). An edited volume is in preparation tentatively titled "Conflict and Cooperation: Crossborder infrastructure governance in Europe facing the Second World War". It is still open to new contributors. Do not hesitate to contact us: [sabrina.proschmann\[at\]hhu.de](mailto:sabrina.proschmann[at]hhu.de).

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InsSciDE - Inventing a shared Science Diplomacy for Europe

InsSciDE is a Horizon 2020-funded historical research project, investigating past and present practices of the still largely ambiguous concept of Science Diplomacy. International and interdisciplinary case studies explore Science Diplomacy's role across themes of Heritage, Health, Environment, Security and Space. The themes are complemented by two transversal work packages addressing Power in Science Diplomacy and examining the identities, organizations and networks behind the practice. The research, coupled with active stakeholder engagement, will provide a Science Diplomacy knowledge base for Europe, and equip diverse actors in the fields of science and diplomacy with the tools and guidance to capitalize on the practice, for the advancement of global science and the cultivation of international synergies within the European Union and with its third countries partners.

In 2020, the project will deliver their second Open Conference, and interactive thematic workshops across Europe - on the value of [Science Diplomacy in combatting global health challenges](#) in Vienna in February, and on [Environmental Diplomacy](#) (call for papers now open!) in Stockholm in June. Each of these events will showcase results and probe contemporary applications of the project's research, as well as foster inclusive and innovative dialogue among academics, policy-makers, and the emerging community of science diplomacy practitioners. The project will also have the first edition of an innovative training program - the [Warsaw Science Diplomacy School](#) (WSDS). Trainees of the WSDS will be immersed in historical case studies of science diplomacy and its practitioners, to develop policy and strategic outcomes applicable to today's global challenges. The program is currently accepting nomination of candidates and will open the general application in March.

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Tensions of Europe research network on Technology, Environment and Resources

On 18-20 September 2019, the Tensions of Europe research network on Technology, Environment and Resources organized the workshop "Resources, Infrastructures and the Anthropocene: Dialogues between the Global-North and the Global-South". The workshop was hosted and funded by the Faculdade de Ciências e Tecnologia da Universidade NOVA de Lisboa, the GREASE project, and the EURES project. [See here the full program, report and other information on the workshop.](#)

On 16-17 April 2020, the Tensions of Europe research network on Technology, Environment and Resources organizes another workshop funded by the EURES project. "Coproduction of territories and their resources: technologies of prospecting, extraction and remediation in history" will be hosted by the National Research University Higher School of Economics - St. Petersburg, Russia.

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NUCLEARWATERS

NUCLEARWATERS is a project funded by the European Research Council (ERC) and hosted by the Division of History of Science, Technology and Environment at KTH in Stockholm. ERC projects offer very generous funding, and unlike many other EU-related

funding schemes they do not take the form of networking grants. As a matter of fact, all NUCLEARWATERS project members work in the same physical environment in Stockholm. Yet the project, which is led by Per Högselius at KTH, has a strongly trans-European flair as the project team brings together senior and junior researchers from Sweden, Estonia, Germany, Belgium and Russia, plus guests (so far) from France and Belarus. Three PhD students are fully funded by the project, which will be completed by May 2023. In spring 2020 the project launches its own seminar series, and two workshops with external participants are planned for early 2021 and late 2022. The project has a very active website and blog.

The project boldly sets out to revise the global history of nuclear energy as it has so far been narrated and analyzed. Rather than interpreting nuclear energy history as a history of nuclear physics and radiochemistry, it analyses it as a history of water. It develops the argument that nuclear energy is in essence a hydraulic form of technology, and that, as such, it builds on centuries and even millennia of earlier hydraulic engineering efforts worldwide – and, culturally speaking, on earlier ‘hydraulic civilizations’, from ancient Egypt to the modern Netherlands. NUCLEARWATERS investigates how historical water-manipulating technologies and wet and dry risk conceptions from a deeper past were carried on into the nuclear age. These risk conceptions brought with them a complex set of social and professional practices that displayed considerable inertia and were difficult to change – sometimes paving the way for disaster. The idea is that, by studying these processes, a water-centred nuclear energy history may enable us to resolve several key riddles in nuclear energy history and to grasp the deeper historical logic behind nuclear accidents worldwide.

The project is structured along six work packages that problematize the centrality – and dilemma – of water in nuclear energy history from different thematic and geographical angles. These include in-depth studies of the transnational nuclear-hydraulic engineering community, of the Soviet Union’s pivotal nuclear waters, of the Rhine Valley as a transnational and heavily nuclearized river basin, of Japan’s atomic coastscapes and of the ecologically and politically fragile Baltic Sea region.

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STS-MIGTEC, a scholarly network to focus on the role of technology in connection to migration, security, border

STS-MIGTEC is an independent network of scholars at the intersection of science and technology studies (STS) and critical migration, security and border studies. It seeks to bring researchers from different disciplines and around the world together and to initiate scientific exchange to produce synergies for relevant knowledge production. It is open to new members, including scholars and activists, and in particular migrants. Founded in 2019, its aim is to provide a critical understanding of current developments, shifts and transformations of migration and border control heavily shaped by the development, implementation and usage of new technologies. Moreover, the network targets to create visibility of such research in order to stimulate overall scientific and informed public discourse.

For prospective collaboration between this network and the [‘TOE Research Theme: Technology, Borders, Migration, Labor’](#) you may contact [Aristotle Tympas](#), co-coordinator of this ToE Research Theme.

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Conferences/Meetings

8th STS Italia Conference Dis/Entangling Technoscience, University of Trieste, June 18-20, 2020 - Call for Abstracts

8th STS Italia Conference will be hosted by the University of Trieste, Italy, June 18 through 20, 2020, by the Italian Society of Science and Technology Studies. The conference will be an opportunity to present empirical and theoretical work from a variety of disciplines: sociology, anthropology, design, economics, history, law, philosophy, psychology and semiotics. The focal theme of the 8th STS Italia Conference will be “Dis/Entangling Technoscience: Vulnerability, Responsibility and Justice”. This broad theme refers to the complex and ambivalent role of technoscience and innovation in constituting societies – making possibilities flourish, but also creating new vulnerabilities.

Deadline: February 9, 2020.

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47th Symposium of ICOHTEC *A History of Technology for an Age of Crisis* - Call for Papers

The symposium will be hosted by Eindhoven University of Technology, TU/e, 13 – 18 July 2020. Organizers invite sending in paper- and session proposals on technology & crisis

for a broad range of historical periods, geographies, and crisis domains—including political conflicts, social and civil rights, colonial practices, health epidemics and health care, economic depressions, environmental disasters, and so on, along with the crises of collective identity that are often related to both technological crises and technological solutions. Contributions which examine the correlations of crisis and technology are welcome, as are case studies of specific technologically-related crises, and presentations which explore the implications and interconnections of technological crisis in media representation, art, and legislation for example. Beside contributions to the main theme of the symposium, paper and session proposals on different topics of the history of technology are welcome.

Deadline for proposals is February 22, 2020.

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Annual Meeting Society for the History of Technology (SHOT): New Orleans, 7-11 October, 2020 - Call for Proposals

The SHOT Program Committee is pleased to issue the Call for Papers and Sessions for the SHOT 2020 Annual Meeting to be held 7-11 October, 2020 in New Orleans. The 2020 SHOT Annual Meeting will be held jointly with the History of Science Society. The main theme is: Environment, Infrastructure, and Social Justice.

Deadline: February 28, 2020.

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EASST/4S 2020 conference “Locating and Timing Matters: Significance and agency of STS in emerging worlds”

The next EASST/4S conference will be held in Prague from 18-21st August 2020. The Call for Submissions is open. There are three ways how to take part in EASST/4S Prague 2020: presenting individual paper, organizing Closed Panel, organizing and/or engaging in Making & Doing.

Deadline: February 29, 2020.

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9th International Conference of the European Society for the History of Science (ESHS)

The 9th International Conference of the European Society for the History of Science (ESHS), hosted by the Centre for the History of Universities and Science at the University of Bologna (CIS) and by the Italian Society for the History of Science (SISS), will take place in Bologna, from the 31st of August to the 3rd of September 2020. The theme of the 2020 meeting is “Visual, Material and Sensory Cultures of Science”, a very broad and inclusive topic.

Deadline: February 29, 2020.

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“The role of energy archives in present & future energy policies”, 11th EOGAN conference

The European oil and gas archives network (EOGAN) is pleased to announce a call for papers for its 11th conference, 10-11 June 2020. This year the conference is organised in collaboration with the University of Aberdeen, and will take place in Wick (Scotland, UK), at the very special headquarters of NUCLEUS

Deadline: February 29, 2020.

NUCLEUS, the Nuclear and Caithness Archives, is a new purpose-built facility opened in 2017, owned by the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority. It has won numerous prestigious architectural awards. Historical records of the UK civil nuclear industry from the 1940s to the present day are being accessioned, a programme that is expected to take around six years. New records will continue to be received for 100+ yrs. The facility operates as a long-term records management facility and archive, with Place of Deposit status awarded by The National Archives (TNA) in Kew, England. Nucleus is located in Caithness in the far northeast of Scotland, on the famous North Coast 500 Route, and also houses the Caithness Archive, whose records date back to 1469. Together, the collections will fill over 50 linear kilometres of shelving. NUCLEUS has only recently opened its doors to researchers and the archives are a new addition to the history of nuclear energy.

For more information, follow [@EoganNetwork](#) on Twitter.

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B/ORDERING CULTURES: EVERYDAY LIFE, POLITICS, AESTHETICS

The 6th Annual Conference of the Kulturwissenschaftliche Gesellschaft (KWG) with the title B/ORDERING CULTURES: EVERYDAY LIFE, POLITICS, AESTHETICS will focus on the interplay of borders and orders from the perspective of cultural studies. The Viadrina

Center B/ORDERS IN MOTION together with the KWG section Cultural Border Studies invite you to Frankfurt (Oder) on the German-Polish border to engage in vivid discussions on this highly relevant and debated subject. From 8 to 10 October 2020, a range of border and order concepts will be put up for discussion: possible interrelations between socio-symbolic, aesthetic-material and political-territorial notions of borders and orders as well as micro- and macro-perspectives on these phenomena will be key elements of our reflections.

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Publications

Making Europe Book series Published. Completion of unique decade-long research project kicks off year-long campaign

With the publication of the sixth Making Europe volume in May 2019, the book series has come to completion. Making Europe is a collaborative and interdisciplinary research project in which 13 historians and some 250 scholars of the Tensions of Europe network have researched European history on an unprecedented scale.

At the annual meeting of the Society for the History of Technology (SHOT) in October 2019, the Making Europe authors presented their books and debated the implications of the book series with the wider community. This happening kicked off a year-long Making Europe campaign.

The campaign includes Making Europe events all across Europe, with the next event highlight to follow in spring 2020. Johan Schot, co-series editor and co-author of the volume *Writing the Rules for Europe*, is entering the stage with Beatrice de Graaf, terrorism expert and author of the book *Securing Europe after Napoleon*. Together they will take the audience on a journey through the history of Making and Breaking Europe and invite spectators to join the debate on Europe's future.

Also part of the campaign is the well-received Making Europe Podcast Series. The podcasts provide a compelling mixture of storytelling and personal interviews, in which the Making Europe book authors elaborate on what has fascinated them the most throughout the long process of researching and writing. Three episodes have been launched, with another four episodes yet to come.

To stay up to date on the latest podcast episodes, events, and news surrounding Making Europe, follow @MakingEurope on Twitter and visit: www.makingeurope.eu.

Making Europe is a project initiated by Johan Schot and funded by the Foundation for the History of Technology (SHT). The book series is published with Palgrave Macmillan and is available in Hardcover and Paperback [here](#).

Publications related to the second Tensions of Europe flagship program

Overall "Technology & Societal Challenges, ca. 1800-2050":

Forum "History and Technology in an Age of 'Societal Challenges'". *Technology & Culture* January 2020 issue.

Examples of publications from the working groups (This list was drawn from responses to a roundabout email. It is not exhaustive but already informative about the international collaborative volumes published since the end of 2018):

[Kaijser, A., and J.-H. Meyer \(eds\). "Siting Nuclear Installations at the Border". Special issue of *Journal for the History of Environment and Society* 3 \(2018\): 1-178.](#)

[Arapostathis, S., and Peter P. J.G. Pearson \(eds\). "How History Matters for the Governance of Sociotechnical Transitions." Special issue of *Environmental Innovation and Societal Transitions* 32 \(2019\):1-168.](#)

[Heßler, M., and B. Hitzer \(eds\). "Introduction: Tech-Fear. Histories of a Multifaceted Relationship". Special issue of *Technikgeschichte* 86.3 \(2019\).](#)

[Åberg, A., and F. Veraart \(eds\). "Creating, capturing, and circulating commodities: The technology and politics of material resource flows, from the 19th century to the present". Special issue of *The Extractive Industries and Society* \("in press" i.e. articles are already available on-line\).](#)

Sparenberg, O., and M. Heymann (eds). Resource challenges and constructions of scarcity in the 19th and 20th centuries. Special issue of *European Review of History* (forthcoming).

Martin, E., Schipper, F., and R. Oldenzil (eds). *A U-Turn to the Future: Sustainable Urban Mobility since 1850*. Vol. 4. Berghahn Books (expected 2020).

[Kaijser, A., Lehtonen, M., Meyer, J.-H., and M.d.M. Rubio-Varas \(eds\). *Engaging the Atom. The History of Nuclear Energy and Society in Europe from the 1950s to the Present* \(Energy and Society Series\). Morgantown: West Virginia University Press \(forthcoming\).](#)

[Kirchhof, A. M. \(ed\). *Pathways into and out of Nuclear Power in Western Europe: Austria, Denmark, Federal Republic of Germany, Italy, and Sweden*. Münster: Deutsches Museum Verlag \(forthcoming\).](#)

[Martin, J., and C. Kehrt \(eds\). "Reconfiguring Nature, the Environment, Resource](#)

Security and the Limits of Expert Knowledge". Special Issue of Global Environment (under review).

Digital Encyclopaedia of European History

Among other themes (gender, art, wars, empires, etc.), the Digital Encyclopedia of European History edited by the LabEx EHNE (Paris) comprises entries on European material civilization since the 16th C. [Check new entries](#), from "Mediterranean red coral" to "Responsible research and innovation", and contact us if you want to contribute at: labexehne1[at]gmail.com.

Jobs/Prizes

TURRIANO ICOHTEC PRIZE - 2020, Call for Applications

The Turriano ICOHTEC Prize is an Early Career Prize for Books on the history of technology, sponsored by the Juanelo Turriano Foundation and consists of 2,500 Euro. The prize-winning book will be presented and discussed at a special session of the next ICOHTEC symposium, in Eindhoven, The Netherlands, from 13-18 July 2020.

Deadline: 1st February 2020.

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Postdoctoral Fellow in Environmental and Technological History

The Higher School of Economics Laboratory for Environmental and Technological History of the Center for Historical Research in St. Petersburg, Russia, invites applications for postdoctoral research positions in the field of environmental and technological history. We are particularly interested in applications on either of these aspects: history of natural resources, including history of scientific expertise; history of technological innovations and urban mobility; industrial and natural heritage. The application can focus on the crossroads of all three themes. We invite scholars with a strong record who employ interdisciplinary approaches and are capable of publishing in peer-reviewed academic journals.

Deadline for applications: February 9, 2020.

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Postdoctoral Fellow at University of Padua on science in the history of space diplomacy

The University of Padua, Department on Political Science Law and International Studies, Italy, invites applications for a postdoctoral research position in the framework of the H2020 InsSciDE project, Work Package 8, dedicated to science diplomacy in outer space activities (David Burigana, University of Padua). The research will focus on : "A mission for all mankind? Imaging the Russian Science Diplomacy throughout the Space race from the Cold War "cooperation" to the Global competition". For more information, contact directly david.burigana[at]unipd.it.

Deadline for applications: February 10, 2020.

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ERC-funded PhD position at the TU Berlin/ HRP-IAEA

Position: Research assistant - 0.66 working time - salary grade E13 TV-L Berliner Hochschulen. Faculty I - Institute of History and Philosophy of Science, Technology, and Literature / ERC- project HRP-IAEA.

The ERC research program HRP-IAEA: Living with Radiation led by Prof. Maria Rentetzi and hosted by the Technical University in Berlin is presently looking for a research assistant with excellent qualifications.

The successful applicant is expected to explore IAEA's emerging role in regulating civilian applications of nuclear energy, and the tensions inherent in its activities. Relevant questions involve the IAEA's regulatory practices in competition and/or in collaboration with other institutions (i.e. the World Health Organization, the International Labor Office, and the International Commission on Radiological Protection) and the diplomatic practices that allowed the IAEA to undertake a significant role in radiation protection.

Deadline for applications: February 28, 2020.

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Other News

Obituary Prof. Josep Pujol (1956-2019)

On October 22, in the midst of a storm, Josep Pujol left us. He was a doctor in Economics and professor of Economic History at Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona,

where he developed for over 40 years his academic career.

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