

Tensions of Europe

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EDITO

Faced with the horror of the massive war of invasion waged by the government of the Russian Federation against Ukraine, the management committee initially preferred not to add its modest voice to the legitimate chorus of condemnations. Out of modesty and a sense of reality. But as the silence became too heavy, we wished to show our support to all those who fight for freedom, including academic freedom, and rise our voice against the misuses of history. You can read below our statement (published on the ToE website).

After the pandemic, the war is testing the bonds among societies, including the small society we form in Tensions of Europe. The Aarhus conference (29 June - 1 July 2022) will undoubtedly be marked by the current events. Where our network will go in the coming years, which research topics should take priority, how could we collaborate, disseminate our results and engage with the public together? While we will reflect on the network's past and celebrate its 10th biannual meeting (for those coming, we invite you to bring a wearable object reflecting your belonging to this scholarly community and or your experience in one of the many gatherings that Tensions has initiated so far - a T-shirt, a tote bag, a pin?), we will also think about its future. If you want to give some time to the network and join the management committee, please let us know. After an extra-year of service, I, myself, will pass the relay to a new chairperson. There will be changes. Be part of it!

Léonard Laborie (CNRS, UMR Sirice, Paris), Chair of the Tensions of Europe Management Committee (2019-2022)

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STATEMENT ON THE RUSSIAN INVASION OF UKRAINE

We express our deep shock regarding, and absolute condemnation of, the brutal Russian invasion of Ukraine. We empathize with all those affected, first and foremost citizens in Ukraine. We also empathize with citizens (including colleagues) in Russia who oppose the invasion, and risk being fired and imprisoned when speaking up.

In addition, as a research network on history, technology and Europe, we vigorously reject the official Russian misuse of 'history' to legitimize the invasion. This includes the misleading claim that Ukraine historically was a Soviet creation to justify Russian intervention today. For more on this, also see the [American Historical Associations statement](#) on the invasion, which has already been endorsed by many historical associations and societies.

The Tensions of Europe network is and will be a safe place for historians from Ukraine and neighboring countries, including those from Russia and Belarus, to meet, discuss and rebuild ties with the rest of the community of scholars aiming for a critical history of Europe through the lens of technology.

Finally, we alert Ukrainian colleagues and all those concerned to the [ERA4Ukraine](#) European Research Area initiative and the [ScienceForUkraine](#) platform.

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**10th Tensions of Europe Conference:
Technology, Environment and Resources
Aarhus University, Denmark, 29 June to 1 July 2022**



Aarhus University would like to invite you to the 10th Tensions of Europe Conference!

The special theme of this conference will be the history of interactions among technology, environment and resources. It aims to explore connections among aspects such as scientific exploration, technological development, resource exploitation and use, resource markets and environmental change by investigating both scientific and technological practices as well as narratives and perspectives related to natural resources and environmental issues. The conference places particular emphasis on processes of circulation and appropriation of knowledge, ideas, technologies and resources across space and time, in all historical periods and at local, regional and global scales.

Please note that the **deadline** for the conference registration is on the 31st of May 2022. You can register either on the [conference website](#) or directly through this [link](#). On the conference website, you can also find the [conference program](#) as well as information regarding the venue, accommodation, and other practical matters. In case of any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via [email](#).

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Aarhus!

Matthias Heymann,
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[Conference website](#)

News from the ToE Research Groups

Governing Technology in an Age of Global Challenges Group

• InsSciDE

After four years of research on around 30 case studies and constant exchanges with practitioners, the InsSciDE (*Inventing a shared Science Diplomacy for Europe*) project is holding its concluding conference "New Horizons for Science Diplomacy" in Paris, 23-24 June 2022.

InsSciDE is a Horizon 2020 project that has conducted historical research on the concept and practices of science diplomacy and developed resources to support European science diplomacy theory and strategy, and to facilitate policy action and training programs catering to a variety of stakeholders of science diplomacy.

The Concluding Conference, organized in the framework of the French Presidency of the Council of the European Union, will showcase key messages from InsSciDE and contemplate pressing issues in the future of science diplomacy research and practice.

Day 1 at Sorbonne University is organized in partnership with the EU Science Diplomacy Alliance, a legacy initiative of the three Horizon 2020 projects S4D4C, InsSciDE and ELCSID, and consists of interactive workshops and debates.

Day 2 at UNESCO includes a welcome breakfast in the UNESCO Japanese Garden with an exhibition of InsSciDE case studies and a high-level panel on open science, multilingualism and inclusivity in science diplomacy.

Please visit the [conference event page](#) to learn more and to register.

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ToE Early Career Scholars Network

• News of the Network

The Early Career Scholars Network announces some [new activities](#) and changes that have occurred during 2021. A new core-group has formed and taken over from the original initiators of the network. It 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.

Our meetings typically have an agenda based on the wishes and needs of the participants. We organize meetings around contributions in any form, not restricted to traditional paper presentations, but including brainstorming around research ideas, commenting on project proposals, draft articles and course syllabi, holding workshops on academic skills and strategies, etc. Everyone is welcome to join!

The early career scholars group has a **google group mailing list** where we share cfps, job opportunities, search for panelists for sessions, etc. If you would like to be added to the list, please email [Jakub Mazanec](#).

We want to thank Anna Åberg, Elena Kochetkova, Frank Schipper, Luísa Sousa, and Elitsa Stoilova for their relentless work to establish this network. It is due to their pioneer work that we can now take over and continue with the ECS mission.

- **ToE Pre-conference Summer School for Early Career Scholars**
Young scholars in the history of technology: surviving and thriving in academia
Aarhus University, 27-28 June 2022

This year's summer school will focus on how young scholars can not only survive but also thrive in academia. We will focus on developing tools to get the skills for a happy and successful career in but also outside academia. See the [Program](#).

- **ToE Early Career Scholars Reading Group**

The Tensions of Europe early career scholars monthly reading group that started in spring 2021, will continue in autumn 2022. This is a place where early career scholars can get feedback on their own texts in a constructive and supportive environment. It takes place every 3rd Thursday of the month, at 10 am CET. All early career scholars are welcome to participate. [See the program and read more on how to participate](#).

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Other news/Job announcements

Historian (m/f/d), Knowledge in the Contemporary Period **Max Planck Institute for the History of Science Department**

The Max Planck Institute for the History of Science Department I (Structural Changes in Systems of Knowledge), Director: Prof. Jürgen Renn, is seeking to employ a Historian (m/f/d) of knowledge in the contemporary period. Starting from September 1st, 2022 for a maximum of two years, with a contract according to the TVöD-Bund pay scale (E13) for research in the BMBF project (Grant No. 01 UG2131): Socio-epistemic networks: Modelling historical knowledge processes.

Deadline: June 10th, 2022.

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Lecturer in History of Science, Technology or Medicine (T&R) **University of Manchester**

Applications are invited for a permanent post as Lecturer in History of Science, Technology or Medicine at the Centre for the History of Science Technology and Medicine (CHSTM), University of Manchester. Keen to broaden our teaching and research portfolio in the global history of science, technology and medicine (STM), we encourage applications from candidates with expertise in colonial, postcolonial or decolonized histories of science, medicine or technology. Candidates will have proven expertise in one of these fields (S, T or M), or a combination, as our Centre is dedicated to the integrated modern history of STM, along with science and health communication. We particularly encourage applications from candidates whose research focuses on such knowledges and practices in regions commonly understood to form part of the Global South, such as Africa, Latin America, South Asia or Southeast Asia. We will also consider applicants working on current or recent STM in other non-western contexts.

Deadline: June 10th, 2022.

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PhD positions **Chalmers University of Technology**

The Department of Technology Management and Economics at Chalmers University of Technology will hire a PhD student in [Ethics and Technology](#). The position is based at the Division of Science, Technology and Society. Our research and education covers a wide area including Ethics and Technology, Environmental Humanities, History of Science and Technology, Science and Technology Studies (STS) as well as Gender and Technology, Sociology, and Valuation Studies.

Deadline: June 22th, 2022.

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The Division of Science, Technology and Society (STS) at Chalmers University of Technology, Gothenburg, Sweden, announces a PhD student position in [Gender, Technology and Medicine](#) (full-time temporary employment for a maximum of five years). The PhD research project may be oriented towards areas such as gender, biomedical technologies and the body; gendered dimensions of medical treatments and medical engineering; the consequences of introducing and/or using gender-specific medical technologies in healthcare.

Deadline: June 26th, 2022.

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Postdoc / PhD / Research assistant **Chair of Science, Technology and Gender Studies at Friedrich-Alexander-** **Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU)**

The Chair of Science, Technology and Gender Studies at Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, headed by Prof. Dr. Maria Rentetzi, is inviting applications for the position of a [Postdoc](#) (100 %, TV-L E13) for 3 years (with the possibility of renewal).

Tasks include: Cooperation in the organization, preparation, and implementation of teaching and research at the Chair; Teaching (5 hrs./week) in science and technology studies or related fields; Scientific qualification towards a "Habilitation" with a research project in the chair's key topics, including science diplomacy. Starting date: August 1, 2022, or later.

Deadline: June 30th, 2022.

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The Chair of Science, Technology and Gender Studies at Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, headed by Prof. Dr. Maria Rentetzi, is inviting applications for the position of a [PhD student/research assistant](#) (65 %, TV-L E13) in the ERC-funded research project "Living with Radiation - the Role of the International Atomic Agency in the History of Radiation Protection" (HRP-IAEA). The successful candidate will explore the historical role of the IAEA in standardizing and regulating the use of nuclear energy in the Global South. Starting date: August 1, 2022, or later.
Deadline: June 30th, 2022.

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The Chair of Science, Technology and Gender Studies (STGS) at Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, headed by Prof. Dr. Maria Rentetzi, is inviting applications for the position of a [research assistant](#). We are seeking a highly motivated individual with an MA degree for part-time employment (50%) for 2 years. Led by Professor Maria Rentetzi, STGS is currently developing a new educational program on science and innovation diplomacy with the aim of establishing an executive science and innovation diplomacy certificate in collaboration with the Technical University of Madrid (UPM). The successful candidate is expected to support Prof. Rentetzi in designing and implementing the new program.
Deadline: June 10th, 2022.

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New publications

We are introducing a new section in the ToE newsletter in order to include new publications of relevance to research on History, Technology and Europe.

We are inviting you to share with fellow ToE members your new publications (books, monographs, edited volumes) published within the past year by sending an email to tensionsofeurope@gmail.com.



THE POLITICAL ECOLOGY OF AUSTERITY

CRISIS, SOCIAL MOVEMENTS, AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Edited by
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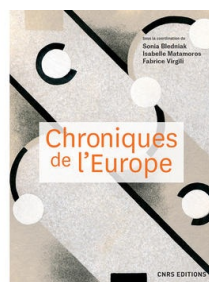


Rita Calvário, Maria Kaika, and Giorgos Velegrakis (eds.). *The Political Ecology of Austerity: Crisis, Social Movements, and the Environment*. Routledge, 2022.

The edited volume, which mobilizes detailed case studies from across the world, documents the ways in which austerity impacts global and local ecologies, shapes environmental conflicts and gives rise to new forms and practices of social mobilization and resistance. This book is included in the series Routledge Explorations in Environmental Studies.

The volume proposes 'the political ecology of austerity' as an appropriate method of analysis that can inform our understanding of the shift in environmental protection policies and the intensification of growth practices (green or otherwise) that followed the 2008 global economic crisis. The Political Ecology of Austerity discloses austerity to be a globalized set of tools not only for budgetary discipline, but also for socio-environmental discipline that justifies the continuation of capital accumulation at the expense of further global environmental degradation. The book's multidisciplinary (geography, sociology, anthropology) and multi-sited (Ecuador, Spain, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Canada, Australia) perspectives, will be of great interest to students and scholars of social and political sciences, environmental studies, urban studies, and political ecology.

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Fabrice Virgili et al. (eds.), *Chroniques de l'Europe*. Paris, CNRS Ed., 2022.

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