

Tensions of Europe Summer school

“Borders and Crises in European Past and Present – angles from the history of technology” Greece (Athens and Delphi), 5-7 September 2017

The Tensions of Europe Early Career Scholars' Group organises the summer school “Borders and Crises in European Past and Present – angles from the history of technology” in connection to the [8th Tensions of Europe Conference](#) (Athens, 7-10 September 2017).

The summer school aims at introducing PhD's and early career scholars to the Tensions of Europe network as well as to facilitate and encourage networks between young scholars across borders, while building their academic skills. The summer school further relates to the overall conference theme, problematizing how history of technology contributes to the study of border related phenomena. It also aims at revisiting the close connections between borders and technology by focusing at another keyword, which is related to the on-going discussion of Tensions of Europe [future research agenda](#): crises. Following the main objective of the Tensions of Europe Early Career Scholars' Group, the event focuses on network building through workshops, discussions and informal events.

One of the main themes we will discuss is the concept of crisis and how it has been co-produced with narratives about technology and borders in a historic perspective. How is a crisis formulated and perceived in relation to technology? How have different politics of crises looked over time? What links or separates definitions of crises over time? And what role does the memory of past crises play in the definition of and coming to terms with later crises? We also invite you to relate these issues to the conference theme of borders, and discuss themes such as migration, security and violence, political regimes and identities, human rights, economic infrastructure and more. We hope for a fruitful discussion that can inspire and help all participants in their future research.

Schedule and structure

In order to promote network building, the summer school is organized to a large extend around workshops and group discussion. The expected schedule of the summer school will include one lecture, one session for introductions, one workshop on writing and publication, one session on funding, one session co-organised with the 'Borders, Technology, Peace' Pre-Conference Meeting (to be confirmed), one workshop on the topic of crises, and two sessions connecting these activities and discussions to the Tensions of Europe network and its research agenda (see link above).

How to apply

In order to participate, we invite applicants to submit a short bio (no more than one page) and a short text (300-500 words) explaining their interest in the topics of the summer school and how their work would benefit from these discussions.

Proposals should be send by e-mail before April 30, 2017 to Elena Kochetkova
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In the beginning of the summer, participants will be asked to read texts and write short contributions for the workshops. The deadline for submitting these contributions will also be communicated to the participants at that time.

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Location and other practicalities

The summer school will take place in Athens, on September 5 and 7, in the seminar room in the Department of History and Philosophy of Science of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, and on September 6 it is expected to take place in Delphi, as part of the 'Borders, Technology, Peace' Pre-Conference Meeting (see <http://8toe2017.phs.uoa.gr/affiliated-events.html>) (to be confirmed).

The participants of the summer school are expected to be on-site, but in some of the sessions, we might also be able to include a few on-line participants. Those who apply for that option should include that in their application.

As usual, the Tensions of Europe network will have travel grants to which the conference participants can apply to. To apply for these travel grants, the summer school participants will also have to attend the conference. See more on travel grants at <http://8toe2017.phs.uoa.gr/travel-grants.html>

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