



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Call for Papers

### **The 7th Tensions of Europe Conference Stockholm, 3-6 September 2015 Conference theme: Technology and Environment**

*Confirmed key-note speakers:*

*Amita Baviskar and Erik Swyngedouw.*

The 7<sup>th</sup> Tensions of Europe Conference will have as its main theme the interaction between technology and the environment. One way of understanding the environment is to think of it as nature appropriated by humankind through technological, scientific and representational means. From farming to space travel, we use technologies and natural resources to sustain our lives. Our use of technologies leaves traces behind in the form of altered environments. Changes at global historical and geological scales are accumulated as heritage and geophysical strata respectively. The intersection of technology and the environment can also be understood culturally or socially. We use technology in our understanding and appreciation of nature (religious, poetic or physical), in monitoring it, assessing it representing it. Further, technology can be a lens and a tool in shaping our relation to the environment. Technologies not only assist in shaping and transforming nature, they also assist us to perceive, observe, record and communicate natures and environments, including imaginative representations of techno-natures in art, literature and film.

The conference also invites scholarship in the general themes of the Tensions of Europe network, such as trans-border flows, common resources, conflicting interests, hidden integration and cultural practices.

**We not only invite traditional panel-sessions with a number of papers and a commentator, but also strongly encourage different formats and new ideas.** These can concern anything from the archive to the woods, be big or small, structured or spontaneous. The programme committee will not prioritize between formats if the suggestions promise constructive, stimulating and engaging discussion.

We invite scholars from all relevant fields to submit proposals to:

[7toe-2015@kth.se](mailto:7toe-2015@kth.se)

by **15 February 2015**. All proposals should include a title, a short abstract, the academic title and affiliation of the applicant(s) and a short bio. Please name your file with your surname.

Abstracts for individual papers and posters should be no more than 300 words. For panels, we ask for a description of the theme of the panel (max 300 words) together with shorter abstracts (max 150 words) of the individual papers. If you wish to suggest a presentation of a different format, please use these word limits as guidelines.

We will inform applicants by **1 April 2015** whether their contribution has been accepted.

Please note that the Karen Johnson Freeze Fellowship will be awarded for the fourth time at the Stockholm Conference. Information on how to apply will be distributed and be available on the Tensions web in February:

<http://tensionsofeurope.eu/www/en/fellowship-fund>.

Welcome to Stockholm in September 2015!

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The programme committee consists of Helmuth Trischler, Dobrinka Parusheva, Lino Camprubí, Anna Åberg and Nina Wormbs.

Tensions of Europe is a network of historians of technology that biannually arranges a conference trying to engage scholars also in nearby disciplines and with complementing, disagreeing and engaging interests (<http://www.tensionsofeurope.eu/>). The 7<sup>th</sup> Tensions of Europe conference will be organized by the Division of History of Science, Technology and Environment, KTH Royal Institute of Technology together with the KTH Environmental Humanities Laboratory (<http://www.kth.se/abe/inst/philhist/historia/>).