

Tensions of Europe

RESEARCH NETWORK ON HISTORY,
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Dear colleagues, dear friends,

As we eagerly anticipate the upcoming ToE 2024 Conference, our excitement is palpable. We are sincerely grateful to the incredible organization team at the European University Viadrina, in Frankfurt/Oder, that is energetically working to ensure a successful event.

Looking ahead, we are also already planning for the future and are excited to announce a Call for Interest for hosting the ToE 2026 Conference. We invite interested colleagues and institutions to submit their application by June 15, 2024.

We look forward to receiving your proposals and thank you for your interest in contributing to the success of our future conferences.

Warm regards,

Valérie Schafer (C²DH, University of Luxembourg), chair of the Tensions of Europe Management Committee (2022-2024)

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News from the Tensions of Europe network

11th Tensions of Europe Conference (ToE24) September 19-21, 2024, European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder)

The preparations for the upcoming 11th Tensions of Europe Conference “Transformations. Fundamental Change and Technology” (ToE24) are proceeding. Currently, participants are registering for the conference and additional activities. The [conference programme](#) is available online at the conference website and constantly updated. Helmuth Trischler, until recently senior researcher at the German Museum in Munich, will reflect about “Writing Transformative Envirotech History in the Anthropocene: Provocations and Opportunities” in his keynote speech.

Currently, participants are registering for the conference and additional activities (the deadline for registration and hotel booking is May 31, 2024). At the conference website, participants can also find other important information regarding the [venue and accommodation](#).

The programme for the Early Career Scholars Summer School “Transformations in/of the History of Technology”, taking place September 16-19, 2024, will be online soon.

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**Mentorship for Early Career Scholars:
Sixth session on June 20, 2024**

The Tensions of Europe network is organizing mentoring sessions that aim at supporting early career researchers (PhD students and post-doctoral researchers). **The sixth session, and the last for this academic year, focused on the topic of 'Writing academic articles', will take place online on Thursday, June 20, 2024, from 13.00 to 14.30 (CET).** To participate in this meeting, please register by sending an email to Tirza Meyer (tirza@kth.se) until the 10th of June in order to get access to the link of the session.

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Call for Interest for hosting the ToE 2026 Conference

Looking ahead, we are excited to announce a Call for Interest for hosting the ToE 2026 Conference. We invite interested colleagues and institutions to submit their proposals by June 15, 2024, to [Valérie Schafer](#). The proposals will be reviewed by the ToE Management Committee.

To host the ToE conference, your proposal should include the following details:

Overall theme: An envisioned theme for the conference.

Local organizing team: Information about the team that will manage the event.

Venue information: Some details about the proposed location for the conference.

Provisional budget: A very preliminary budget outline. Please note that the ToE conferences are typically three-day events (preceded by an Early Career Scholars Summer School), and the local organizer is responsible for covering all associated costs, either through conference fees or/and additional financial contributions. The ToE Management Committee is there to support, guide, help during the whole process and support the organizers.

We look forward to receiving your proposals and thank you for your interest in contributing to the success of our future 2026 conference.

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ToE institutional partnerships

Tensions of Europe has always been an open, inclusive network, supporting early career researchers and allowing scholars to participate and join as an individual. The management committee remains convinced that this is a path to be pursued and that it is one of the strengths of our network.

In order to develop its activities and to further support the organization of pre-conferences for early career researchers, intermediate networking events or to cover modest but real operating costs, we are introducing institutional partnerships that will allow us to continue our development.

The partnership rate for 2024 is 500 euros.

As an institutional partner you will support the missions and goals of the network:

- To develop our transnational scholarly network as a hub for transnational research, education and outreach initiatives on history, technology and Europe.
- To foster discussion and cooperation among historians, through the ToE conferences, building collaborative research agendas, and activities, such as the remote day, summer schools, mentorships, etc.
- To encourage and support early scholars' participation to our activities.
- To disseminate news of interest in the topics at the core of the ToE network.

As an institutional Tensions of Europe partner, you would be associated with the institutions supporting the ToE conference (with your logo on the programme) and mentioned on our website. We sincerely thank you in advance for supporting our activities.

[You can join as an institutional ToE partner here.](#)

Administratively the Foundation for the History of Technology (SHT) will manage the institutional partnerships. SHT is a non-profit organization and is one of the founders of Tensions of Europe Network.

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CfPs

Call for Participation - "Politics of connections: Investigating (personal) data in transit" - Autumn School, October 14-18, 2024, Paris

The EHESS and the [CNIL \(French Data Protection Authority\)](#) are organising an international and multidisciplinary Autumn School to explore the political implications of data flows.

The Autumn School is open to early-career researchers (doctoral and post-doctoral) from all disciplines, fields and sectors, who are interested in studying data flows through their socio-technical structures from a multidisciplinary perspective. It will address the circulation of all types of data, with a particular focus on personal data.

Senior researchers from different disciplines (law, political science, sociology, STS, history, philosophy, geography, IT) will provide the selected candidates with theoretical and methodological resources and support. Time will be devoted to discussing the participants' own research. Meetings with practitioners, documentary screenings and thematic tours will also be organised.

Deadline for applications: May 22nd, 2024

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CfP: IRHA 9th Conference, Railways and Environmental Sustainability, Siena (Italy), 7-10 November 2024

The International Railway History Association (IRHA), together with the University of Siena, will hold a scientific conference in Siena (Italy) in November. The title of the conference is *Railways and Environmental Sustainability. A long-term view on a global scale from the origins of railways to the present*. This is the first IRHA conference to be held in Italy since its foundation in 2002; the choice of Siena is primarily a scientific and intellectual one, but it is also an excellent location from a tourist and logistical point of view (accessible from Florence, Pisa and Rome airports). In accordance with the customs and convictions of the Association, as laid down in its Statutes, the Conference will be open to anyone who wishes to attend and to anyone who wishes to present a proposal, without any exclusion or prejudice against anyone. No distinction will be made between academics, researchers working in museums, archives and other cultural institutions, professionals and scholars of railway history in general from all over the world. There are no restrictions on the historical periods studied nor to the areas of the world investigated.

Deadline for applications: May 31st, 2024

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CfP: International Conference "Confronting Decline (CONDE) - Challenges of Deindustrialization in European Societies since the 1970s", University of Luxembourg, 25-27 June 2025

The conference will focus on the European particularities of deindustrialization since the 1970s - in Western and Eastern Europe, with an East-West comparison over the epochal years 1989/90, and in terms of entanglements among European states and beyond. What distinguished Europe from the US and Canada, from the North American experience of deindustrialization? To what extent did European reactions to deindustrialization differ from one country to the next? Did the Cold War resonate in deindustrialization policies, in the ensuing political mobilization or in personal experiences? In what ways did deindustrialization leave its mark on the co-transformation process after 1989/90, both in the East and in the West? Last but not least: is it possible to conceive of a specifically 'European' deindustrialization?

Deadline for applications: June 30th, 2024

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Call for proposals for a themed issue of the journal Flux: New historical perspectives on 'off-grid' techniques (Vol. 2)

Contribution proposals can relate to all regions of the globe, to techniques operating in various spaces, those of production as well as those of consumption, from the domestic space to urban, regional, national and international scales. Case studies outside France, inter- or transnational comparisons, the international circulation of techniques (and associated practices, discourses and imaginations) are very welcome. The journal [Flux](#) publishes articles in French and English.

Themed issue: New historical perspectives on 'off-grid' techniques (Vol. 2): 'Off-grid' techniques and network/off-grid dichotomy (18th-20th centuries) in France and in international perspective.

Editors: Benjamin Bothreau, Olivier Coutard, Jean-Baptiste Fressoz and Joel A. Tarr

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Lectures/Events

STAND 2024 ECS Prize event, June 6, 2024

The Commission on Science, Technology and Diplomacy (STAND) is proud to announce a special virtual seminar to celebrate the 2023 STAND Early Career Prize. The prize rewards early career scholars who are the authors of an outstanding unpublished essay discussing science diplomacy and its history.

STAND ECS Prize seminar: **Thursday 6 June, 14:00-15:00 CET**, virtually award the prize to Jiya Pandya, PhD Candidate in History and Gender & Sexuality Studies at Princeton University, for their paper entitled "Disability as geopolitics. India, the UN and transnational welfare". Virtually confer honourable mentions to two other papers: Sungeun Kim (PhD candidate, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology) for his paper on the geopolitics of transnational cooperation in East Asian oceanography, and to Chloë Mayoux (PhD Candidate at the London School of Economics and Political Science) for her paper on nuclear knowledge, technology and development during decolonisation in West Africa. This special event, part of the ECR virtual seminars, will include short presentations of the winning papers by their authors followed by a discussion and Q&A session.

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