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Icohtec-SHOT 2024 in Chile, city tour to Valparaíso. Photo credit: Saara Matala

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1 Icohtec News

1.1 Reminder: Icohtec 2025 in New Zealand as a part of ICHST.



Icohtec 27th Annual Meeting is going to take part as the [International Congress of History of Science and Technology ICHST](#) in New Zealand in the summer of 2025.

If you have submitted a proposal but have not received an email from the program committee, please contact your session's organisers or the committee chair Saara Matala (matala@chalmers.se).

If your proposal has been accepted, follow the three steps:

- 1) Registration in the conference. The registration to the conference will be open from 11 July 2024 until 1 May 2025. More information and registrations [here:](#) <https://www.ichst2025.org/registration>
- 2) Upload the abstract in the conference system using the link sent via email. If you haven't received the link, contact the program committee.
- 3) Confirm your participation to the Icohtec program committee (matala@chalmers.se).

If you missed the Icohtec call for papers, the ICHST has opened an opportunity to submit a stand-alone paper directly to the ICHST organisers. The DL for proposals will in on December 1, 2024.

For more information and the submission system, [visit the conference website.](#)

Key Dates:

Call for stand-alone papers closes: **1 December 2024.**

Decision on accepted symposia announced: **19 July 2024**

Registration opens: **11 July 2024**

Programme published online: **1 May 2025**

ICHST Congress opens: **29 June 2025**

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Please direct any queries regarding **Icohtec submission process** to the Chair of the ICOHTEC programme committee, Dr. Saara Matala, via email (matala@chalmers.se).

For inquiries regarding the submission of **stand-alone papers** to the ICHST, contact directly the organisers: <https://www.ichst2025.org/contact-us>

2 Conferences

2.1 Baltic Connection in Helsinki, May 21-23

CFP DL: February 15, 2025

The Baltic Connections is a conference in social science history. The conference hosts a session track on **History of Technology and Industry** organized by the Finnish Society for the History of Technology. The session track accepts paper and session proposals about all aspects of history of technology and industry but focuses especially on the theme of transnational and regional histories in the Nordic and Baltic areas.

Moreover, the [Finnish Quarterly for History of Technology, Tekniikan Waiheita](#), also offers conference participants the possibility to submit their papers for fast-track consideration in the journal.

In 2025, the conference will take place at the University of Helsinki, Finland, from May 21-23. It is hosted by the University of Helsinki, the [Faculty of Social Sciences](#), and the [Unit of Economic and Social History](#). As with the earlier conferences, the aim is to bring together scholars working on comparative, economic, social, global, and other types of history and related social sciences to address various “East-West” historical processes and events as well as comparative and transnational analysis, including at the Baltic region, Europe, and the world. Potential topics include but are not limited to trade, migration, comparative development, international political economy and the diffusion and transplantation of institutions, ideas and cultural influences. The organizers hope to promote interdisciplinary encounters and discussions, with the goal of bringing together scholars working in Western, Nordic, Central and East European, Baltic, and other universities. The call is open to proposals that incorporate new digital technologies and ideas for roundtables. This year’s conference will also be a formal pre-conference host for the [2025 World Economic History Congress](#) to be held in Lund, Sweden. The organizers particularly welcome panel proposals for single or double sessions which are also planned for the World Congress. Please note this somewhere in the proposal.

The sixth Riitta Hjerppe Lecture in Social Science History will be given by [Gregory Clark](#) (University of Southern Denmark). Additional plenary sessions will be delivered by [Ann-Kristin Bergquist](#) (Uppsala University), and [Mirva Peltoniemi](#) (Tampere University).

The deadline for proposals is **February 15, 2025**. In addition to individual papers, proposals for whole three to four paper panels are also appreciated. The participants will be notified of acceptance by *March 15* at the latest. To be fully considered, please include a main contact person and their email, plus the names, affiliations, and emails for all the participants (including coauthors who may not be planning to attend). Proposals for papers should be up to 500 words and for panels, a panel description of up to 500 words plus a listing of papers and/or presenters with brief, 150-word individual paper abstracts. The [Scandinavian Economic History Review](#) is offering a special fast-track consideration. Please specify that you would like to be considered for this in the proposal.

The conference will be held in-person, and we cannot guarantee a hybrid option for participation. Conference fees will be 170 euros for full registration and 80 euros for graduate students. The organizing institutions consist of University of Helsinki, University of Jyväskylä, the Finnish Society for the History of Technology, and the Finnish Economic History Association. For more information, please email balticsocsciencehist@gmail.com, or Jari Eloranta and Olli Turunen directly.

2.2 Save the date for SHOT 9-11 October 2025

The SHOT is coming to Europe. The annual meeting of the [Society for the History of Technology SHOT](#) takes place at the Belval Campus of the University of Luxembourg in the second week of October. Meeting dates are **9-11 October 2025**.

3 Open positions

3.1 Assistant Professor in the History of Science and Technology

DL for applications: November 15

Starting date: August 1

The [Department of History at the University of Georgia](#) invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor in the history of science and technology.

The successful candidate will develop offerings in the history of science and technology and help to promote the new departmental minor in the History of Science, Medicine, and Engineering. Requirements include teaching undergraduate and graduate courses (two in each semester); mentoring and advising students; and maintaining an active scholarly research and publishing agenda. Areas of specialization may cover any historical period, any region or geography, and any field in the broader history of science and technology. Teaching capabilities beyond the history of science and technology will be considered an advantage. The successful candidate will also participate in activities related to the academic mission of the department and the university, including service on committees and recruitment.

Applications should include a cover letter detailing how the applicant's credentials and experience meet the requirements and responsibilities stated above; a C.V.; a teaching statement; an article- or chapter-length writing sample; and an unofficial transcript. Applicants will be asked to provide contact information for three references. Letters of recommendation will be requested later in the search process. Evidence of teaching effectiveness and transcripts will be requested from a smaller pool of applicants at a later date. Applications received by November 15 will receive full consideration. Inquiries should be addressed to J. P. Short, Search Committee Chair: jshort@uga.edu.

For more information, [follow the link](#).

3.2 Beer History Studies Fellowship at Newberry Library

Application deadline: January 3, 2025

Fellow begins term: June 1, 2025

[The Beer Culture Center](#) and the [Newberry Library](#) announce the Beer History Studies Fellowship, an opportunity open to BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) MA students, PhD candidates, or post doctoral scholars engaged in a project focused on beer history and culture research. By financially and academically supporting this student, the ultimate goal is to help diversify the academic field of beer history studies and the adjacent beer industry in a new and dynamic way.

This fellowship is available to BIPOC scholars from any accredited university who has a specific need for research in the Newberry Library collection. The fellow is required to be in residence at the Newberry in Chicago during the one-month term of the award and will be provided a \$3,000 scholarship for the tenure.

3.3 Reminder: PhD Fellowship in Energy history, Aarhus University, Denmark

DL for applications: November 1st

Link to the announcement: [here](#)

Preferred starting date: February 2025 or later

Applications are invited for a PhD fellowship/scholarship at Graduate School of Natural Sciences, Aarhus University, Denmark, within the mathematics programme (science studies programme). The position is available from February 2025 or later.

Title:

Energy Lives! Infrastructural Citizenship in Nordic Energy Transitions

Subproject: Citizens for District Heating in Denmark

Research area and project description: The project Energy Lives! scrutinizes the conjoined lives of energy and people in the Nordic countries. It seeks to understand how publics and communities emerge around ways of living with and through energy transitions and how such publics shape and constrain energy transitions over long time periods. The project applies the concept of infrastructural citizenship to uncover mechanisms of agency, appropriation, and resistance in energy transitions, distributed among people, politics, and infrastructures.

The project is a cooperation of researchers in Norway (coordinators), Sweden and Denmark funded by Nordforsk. The Danish subproject covers the history and governance of district heating in Denmark with a particular focus on how Nordic stakeholders and citizens transitioned from heating with coal and oil to district heating (DH) with a mix of increasingly sustainable energy carriers. Contrary to common representations, the project explores the idea that DH infrastructures were not merely top-down projects with passive citizens. Many local questions needed to be answered and problems solved. The project argues that citizens played a pivotal role, as their willingness to transition from controlling their own heating systems to relying on a centralized infrastructure for heat distribution was crucial.

The project aims at putting the agency of citizens in the focus to gain knowledge about opportunities and challenges for the urgent future energy transitions to fully sustainable and emission free energy use. It includes the organization of an academic workshop focusing on governance of energy transitions, a field trip with project partners and an Infrastructural Citizen Week.

The PhD candidate will pursue historical research including literature studies, archival studies, oral history interviews among others in an interdisciplinary setting of history and community-based participatory research.

Qualifications and specific competences: The candidate ideally has a master and relevant experience in history or anthropology or in any relevant historical discipline and is fluent in Danish.

Application:

For more information, detailed instructions how to apply and submissions, see the [Application Guide](#) and the [Call for Applications](#) at the Aarhus University website.

Contacts:

Applicants seeking further information for this project are invited to contact: Professor Matthias Heymann, matthias.heymann@css.au.dk or Associate Professor Kristian Hvidtfelt Nielsen, khn@css.au.dk

4 Prizes, research funding and grants

4.1 Pedro Navascués Prize for PhD theses

DL for applications: December 20.

[Fundación Juanelo Turriano](#) is accepting entries for the second Pedro Navascués Prize for PhD. theses.

Topics must be confined to the history of engineering including all branches and historical eras. The doctoral research must be completed in a Spanish institution. Papers relating to the Foundation's career will receive preference in scoring.

For more information, requirements, and registration form (in Spanish), [follow the link](#).

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