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Freiburg im Breisgau: Villa Tannheim, headquarters of the International Solar Energy Society, at Wiesentalstraße 50 (1995).

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1. ICOHTEC News

1.1 President's Letter

Viña del Mar, Chile, Agust 22, 2025

Dear members, friends, and colleagues of ICOHTEC,

I hope this message finds you and your loved ones well.

We are entering a new chapter for ICOHTEC, made possible by the dedication of many colleagues across generations whose generosity, commitment, and collaborative spirit have shaped our society into a vibrant community of knowledge exchange and mutual learning. Together, we celebrate our achievements while looking ahead to new opportunities for growth, improvement, and strengthening our network.

At the recent DHST conference in Dunedin, New Zealand, we once again witnessed this vitality. Warm congratulations go to Saara Matala for successfully organizing the ICOHTEC program. In a conference where nearly half of the delegates joined online, it was inspiring to also see colleagues from five continents present in person at our sessions.

On Wednesday, July 2, the Executive Committee held its meeting with excellent attendance, including many who joined online at dawn from Europe. The following day, Thursday, July 3, we held the General Assembly. Despite technical difficulties in the conference room—which we managed to overcome ourselves—online participation was strong and effective.

On Friday, July 4, we celebrated the Daumas and Turriano Awards ceremony, which was recorded and will be shared soon. On Saturday, July 5, we held an open meeting dedicated to discussing the situation of doctoral students and exploring ways ICOHTEC can contribute to their training and professional development.

A key item of the General Assembly was the election of officers, which takes place every four years. In a collegial and cooperative process, all positions were renewed. The updated list of officers is now available on our website, thanks to the dedicated work of Sławomir Łotysz, to whom we extend our sincere gratitude for his support during this transition period (ICOHTEC Governing Bodies).

Looking ahead, ICOHTEC will hold its next four annual meetings in Europe, following two years of online gatherings during the pandemic and two successful meetings in the Southern Hemisphere. The board is also exploring options for complementary hybrid meetings in other continents, ensuring accessibility and broad participation.

In these times, when borders are hardening and the language of war dominates global agendas, the academic world must reaffirm its role as a space for dialogue, transboundary connection, and the use of peaceful tools for mutual understanding. ICOHTEC is committed to advancing this mission.

We warmly invite you to remain active in our community: share news in our Newsletter, contribute to ICON, and take part in our meetings—whether in person or online.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your past and future contributions, and for your continued commitment to advancing the history of technology.

With gratitude and best wishes,

Dr. Nelson Arellano-Escudero

President

1.2 ICOHTEC New Officers and Executive Committee Members

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ICOHTEC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Term ends in:			
2026	Anna Åberg (Sweden)	Jan Hua-Henning (China)	Leticia Galluzzi (Brazil)
2027	Maria da Luz Sampaio (Portugal)	Animesh Chatterjee (India/ Norway)	Michaela Závodná (Czech Republic)
2028	Guillermo Guajardo Soto (Mexico)	Fanxiang Min (China) 闵凡祥	Jethron Ayumbah Akallah (Kenya)
2029	Jan Hadlaw (Canada)	Henk-Jan Dekker (The Netherlands)	Martin Meiske (Germany)

1.3 ICOHTEC 2025 in New Zealand: Brief Conference Report

The 27th International Congress of History of Science and Technology took place in Dunedin, New Zealand, from 29 June to 5 July. The theme, "Peoples, Places, Exchanges, and Circulation," brought together more than 900 participants from around the world, with over 400 attending in person and another 500 joining virtually. With 22 concurrent streams and a diverse program of plenaries, panels, and discussions, the Congress offered a lively and dynamic platform for sharing knowledge and fostering connections.

The range of topics was equally rich, spanning Indigenous and local knowledge systems, the history of medicine and epidemics, astronomy, mathematics, and physics across cultures, as well as environmental and climate histories. Sessions also explored the history of technology and instruments, science, empire, and colonial encounters, along with science diplomacy and international relations, questions of gender, race, and inequality in science, and the development of computing, communication, and modern scientific institutions. A number of special events added further depth to the program, including the IAHS plenary on the future of the history of science.

More information about the Congress, its program, and its committees can be found here: https://www.icohtec.org/w-annual-meeting/dunedin-2025/

1.4 ICOHTEC 2026 in Alexandroupolis (Greece): Stay tuned!

The 53rd ICOHTEC Annual Meeting will take place at Alexandroupolis (Greece) hosted by the Democritus University of Thrace (DUTH) and the Ethnological Museum of Thrace (EMTHRACE). More information on the Meeting's topic, date and registration will follow soon!

1.5 Become a Member

Annual membership renewals / registration of new members

Form for annual membership renewals / registration of new members

Annual membership includes subscription to ICOHTEC's refereed bi-annual journal ICON, access to all back issues of ICON in electronic form via the ICOHTEC website, a monthly Newsletter, and special registration rates at the annual ICOHTEC symposium.

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2. ICON, Journal of ICOHTEC

2.1 ICON: Submit your Paper

ICON, the bi-annual journal of ICOHTEC founded in 1995, publishes essays, research articles, research briefs, review essays and book reviews on all aspects and periods of technological history by members and non-members. It devotes special attention to the discussion of contemporary problems of technology in their socio-economic and cultural settings. The journal's goal is to foster scholarship by providing timely review and circulation of ideas to an international audience. Please submit your manuscript for consideration (article and abstract) at peeter.muursepp@taltech.ee

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2.2 Current issue: Volume 30 issue 1 (2025)

Stefan Poser

From Prison to Museum: Technology-based Graffiti Since the 1970s, pp. 9-37

https://doi.org/10.11590/icon.2025.1.01

Gildo Magalhães Santos

Mining and the Brazilian Amazon: From El Dorado to Carajás, pp. 45-59

https://doi.org/10.11590/icon.2025.1.02

Dmytro Zhurylo, Volodymyr Levchenko and Oleh Zhurylo

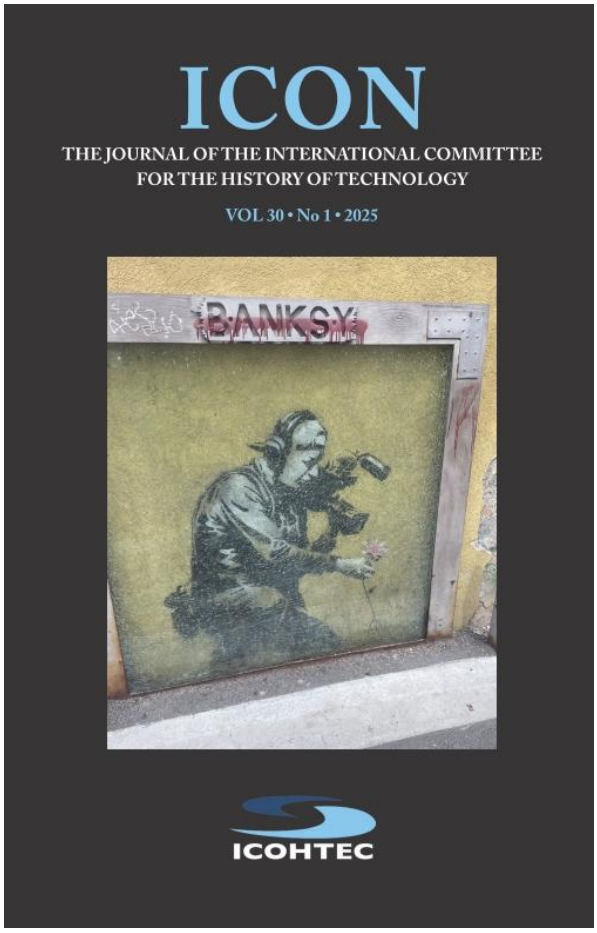
Post-WWI Relations of Soviet Russia and the Republic of Poland: Technical, Economic, and Political Aspects, pp. 59-79

https://doi.org/10.11590/icon.2025.1.03

Stanislav Južnič

Chinese Electricity, pp. 81-139

https://doi.org/10.11590/icon.2025.1.04



Galymzhan Usenov, Anel Sadilbekovna Ussenova, Magbat Uarysbekovich Spanov, Bakyt Kidirbayevna Umbetalieva and Sadilbek Akylbayevich Ussenov

The Chemical and Petrochemical Industry of Kazakhstan: History, Challenges, and Future Prospects, pp. 140-174

https://doi.org/10.11590/icon.2025.1.05

Stefan Poser

Wolfgang König (1949–2025), pp. 175-180

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Note:

ICOHTEC members have access to all volumes on ICOHTEC's homepage: https://www.icohtec.org/icon/

3. ICOHTEC Newsletter Editorial

3.1 Cover page: the headquarters of the International Solar Energy Society (ISES):

Starting with this issue, the ICOHTEC Newsletter cover page will highlight items from the Archives Portal Europe repository. Archives Portal Europe (archivesportaleurope.net) is an online platform that provides access to Europe's rich archival heritage. Established in 2009, its mission is to bring together archival catalogues from across the continent.

Today, the platform offers access to materials from more than 30 countries, presented in 24 languages and five alphabets, including Latin, Cyrillic, and Greek. Its collections represent a wide spectrum of institutions: national and university archives, corporate collections, community archives, and private holdings. Currently, it hosts information from around 7,000 archival institutions, with over 1,000 actively contributing. With more than 280 million records, and continually growing, it is an invaluable resource for researchers. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Archives Portal Europe for their collaboration.

For this issue, we have chosen an item from the collections of Landesarchiv Baden-Württemberg, Abt. 3. Staatsarchiv Freiburg. It depicts Villa Tannheim, the headquarters of the International Solar Energy Society (ISES). Founded in 1954, ISES is a UN-accredited membership organization dedicated to promoting renewable energy and remains the world's largest international solar association. More about the history of ISES can be found at: ises.org

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3.2 Solar Energy in ICON:

Several articles on ICON explore solar energy history topics, below you may find some of them:

▪ **Volume 29 issue 2 (2024): Anthony N. Stranges, Farrington Daniels: Pioneer in the Use of Solar Energy as Appropriate Technology, pp. 9-44**. https://doi.org/10.11590/icon.2024.2.01

Abstract: Farrington Daniels (1889–1972), professor of physical chemistry at the University of Wisconsin (Madison), championed solar energy as an alternative energy source. While solar developments prior to Daniels were few and a mix of large and small-scale projects directed at industrialised and nonindustrialised

countries, Daniels promoted the development and use of small, inexpensive, and easily constructed solar units, such as refrigerators, cookers, and stills, by rural inhabitants in nonindustrialised countries. His research and lecture trips made him familiar with living conditions in many of these countries and convinced him that the introduction of technologies that these societies seemed to need and easily could adopt was the best way to increase their self-reliance and improve their well-being. Daniels's goal of finding the technology that best fit the situation, without causing environmental and social disruptions and problems, anticipated the spirit of the later, and independently developed, intermediate (appropriate) technology movement.

- **Volume 28 issue 1 (2023): Efi Nakopoulou and Stathis Arapostathis, Material Flows and the Geopolitics of PV: Constructing the Geographies of the EU Research Networks for Solar PV Technologies, p. 148-179.** icohtec.org

Abstract: Our article links EU-funded research for photovoltaic (PV) technologies to the material flows and geopolitics of these technologies along the entire production chain. Our entry point is the EU-funded research programmes for renewable energy technologies (RES) from 1975 to 2013, with a focus on PV. The installation targets set in the 1997 White Paper led to the silicon (Si) crisis in PV, which reoriented EU research priorities and activities for PV. In analysing the networks' responses to the Si crisis, we argue that geopolitics was not included in the PV research agenda and did not impact the networks' responses. We argue that although mining activities have transferred to regions in the Global South, these regions do not have access to these technologies and have been "left behind" in the transition to RES, reproducing the Global North–South divide for certain regions (e.g., Peru, Chile). However, China is becoming geopolitically empowered by accumulating control along the PV production chain, resulting in the establishment of complex geopolitical dynamics.

▪ **Volume 27 issue 2 (2022): Antoni Roca-Rosell and Nelson Arellano-Escudero, Maria Telkes, Giorgio Nebbia and Promotion of an International Network of Solar Studies (ca. 1955), p. 17-52.** icohtec.org

Abstract: In 1953, Giorgio Nebbia (1926–2019) wrote to Maria Telkes (1900–1995), asking her for information about the solar distillation of water. After this, an interchange of papers and letters was generated, including those discussing the preparation of the first international congress on solar energy, which took place in 1955.

The archives of Luigi Michelleti Foundation in Brescia, Italy, holds correspondence between Nebbia and Telkes which demonstrate that, in the 1950s, solar energy was again considered as an alternative source of energy, after several decades of being forgotten. The 1955 congress represented an attempt to launch this kind of energy resource, although it seemed that interest would be centred on nuclear energy and fossil fuel energy. Nevertheless, a relevant network of solar energy researchers around the world developed highly interesting work. In this paper, we aim to discuss an example of the origin of the International Network of Solar Research through the Nebbia-Telkes correspondence, the development of expertise, and circulation of knowledge in the middle of the twentieth century.

▪ **Volume 27 issue 2 (2022): Jean Gecit, The First Steps in the Development of Solar Energy in West Africa (1960–1973), p. 53-71.** icohtec.org

Abstract: West African countries gaining independence in the early 1960s gave these new African states the opportunity to integrate solar energy into their development policies. A favourable international context, dominated by United Nations conferences on solar energy, development, and African scientific research in 1961, 1963, and 1964, also contributed to the opportunity.

More specifically, the attraction of solar energy in these countries can be first observed in Senegal in 1960 with the establishment of the Institute of Meteorological Physics in Dakar and the introduction of solar pumps, among these, the first thermodynamic solar pump in the world in 1962. In Mali, the Solar Energy Laboratory was founded in 1964 by the political will of Modibo Keita, a body integrated within the country's national science policy, which develops prototypes for solar water heaters, solar dryers, solar distillers, as well as solar ovens and stoves. The Niger Solar Energy Office was created in 1965 with the

help and action of the United Nations, but the Office only gained momentum with the arrival of Abdou Moumouni Dioffo in 1969, and the experimentation of solar water heaters and solar distillers. Niger also carried out the first photovoltaic experiments in West Africa with the use of solar televisions. However, solar development does not seem to be limited to the Sahel alone and concerns also Ghana, Ivory Coast, and Guinea.

▪ **Volume 27 issue 2 (2022): Elías Amaya Núñez, Solar Energy in Peru: The Energy Institute of the National University of Engineering (1962–1969), p. 72-89.** icohtec.org

Abstract: This article explores one of the first institutional initiatives that promoted the study of solar energy in Peru: the Energy Institute, which remained in operation from 1962 to 1969. The institute was part of a state and academic effort to promote native industry and diversify the energy matrix, evaluating the potential of certain resources displaced over time by oil hegemony. The inclusion of non-conventional energies, mainly solar energy, and the subsequent development of university research allowed a critical advancement in the energetic field. The article analyses the development of solar energy projects through scarcely explored sources like the National University of Engineering's newspaper repositories, newsletters, theses, research papers, institutional reports, and interviews with engineering, which were part of the institute.

▪ **Volume 27 issue 2 (2022): Felipe A. López, Solar Energy and Lithium: Genealogy of the Solar Ponds in the Salar de Atacama (1970s), p. 90-126.** icohtec.org

Abstract: The Salar de Atacama is home to two of the main lithium mining companies, Albemarle and SQM. This salt flat, located in the north of Chile, has not only lithium but also potassium and other salts in high concentration levels that complement the production of these companies. Together, these companies exported more than 900 million US dollars worth of production in 2018. The process for the extraction of salts is based on the sun as a source of energy, using solar ponds technology. Apparently imported from the USA, the technology has an older history in northern Chile than is generally believed. In the light of Basalla's ideas, the process of evolution of this technology is reviewed, following what Gille defined as

technical lines. In implementation of this technology, the article will review how the processes of 'continuity', 'novelty', and 'selection' intertwine and overlap. For that purpose, the period between 1974 and 1980 will be revisited, the years in which the solar ponds technology was consolidated in lithium mining in Chile, and when Foote Mineral Company (US mining company) and Corfo (the Chilean State Corporation for the promotion of production) signed an agreement which led to the creation of the Sociedad Chilena del Litio, the predecessor of what is now known as Albemarle. The article will also review the different designs of solar ponds that existed, which, as will be seen, "did not compete" to be included in lithium mining, showing the non-linear trajectory of this technology and how factors other than technical ones influence and determine this selection.

3.3 Open call for contributions

ICOHTEC Monthly Newsletter invites contributions from scholars and practitioners in relevant fields. Submissions may include announcements of events, descriptions of ongoing projects, reflections, or news items of interest. Contributions should be sent to: Anna Batzeli, Newsletter Editor, at abatzeli@he.duth.gr

In addition, we welcome short blog-style essays (up to 800 words).

The purpose of the Newsletter is to inform members and affiliates of current developments and emerging discussions within the field.

We accept contributions in all official ICOHTEC languages (English, French, German, Russian or Spanish).

4. Blog: Europeana: A Useful Resource for Historians

This short blog aims to introduce Europeana (europeana.eu), a web portal created by the European Union that provides open access to digitized cultural heritage collections from over 3,000 institutions across Europe. Launched in 2008, Europeana offers free access to a wealth of cultural and scientific artifacts, including images, books, archival documents, paintings, sound recordings, and more. The platform is user-friendly and allows both simple and advanced searches across its diverse collections. Currently, Europeana provides access to over 64 million items, which include: 36,590,873 images, 26,315,791 texts, 1,201,557 audio files, 364,755 videos and 6,569 3D objects. Europeana constantly adds new content through contributions from various European institutions, making it an ever-growing resource for researchers and enthusiasts alike.

Europeana is an excellent resource for those working on case studies related to the History of Technology. The portal can be navigated through both simple keyword searches and advanced queries. For example, a simple search for "Technology" results in over 542,000 items, including archival documents, images, books, and more, sourced from museums, libraries, universities, and other cultural institutions across Europe. You can explore these results here. Similarly, a search for "energy" yields app. 30,000 results.

Search results can be filtered by various criteria, including: Theme, Media type (image, video, text, etc.), Copyright status (whether the item can be used freely or has restrictions), Country of origin, Language, Image orientation and size, File format and Item quality.

Europeana supports searches in multiple languages, and you can explore its collections by theme, topic, century, and institution. The page also features popular items, the latest galleries, and recent additions.

Europeana is an invaluable tool for researchers, particularly because it helps overcome geographical barriers. With access to digital collections from institutions across Europe, researchers can avoid unnecessary travel and save time and resources. Whether you're planning field visits to institutions or simply looking to access specific items, Europeana provides a simple and efficient way to search for relevant materials.

5. Funding & Job Opportunities

▪ **Max Planck Institute for the History of Science:** Multiple Job Opportunities: mpiwg-berlin.mpg.de

▪ **Science Museum Group:** Multiple Job Opportunities: ce0111li.webitrent

▪ **Programa de Estudantes-Convênio de Pós-Graduação (PEC-PG):** O PEC-PG tem sua gestão coordenada entre o Ministério das Relações Exteriores - MRE, a Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Nível Superior - CAPES e o Conselho Nacional de Desenvolvimento Científico e Tecnológico - CNPq (instâncias coordenadoras) e funciona como uma iniciativa de cooperação internacional, atraindo estrangeiros para o Brasil e incentivando a troca de saberes entre os países parceiros, ao mesmo tempo em que beneficia as instituições brasileiras com o contato dos discentes e docentes brasileiros com pesquisadores qualificados atuantes no exterior. Modalidades de bolsas e benefícios. Modalidades: Doutorado Pleno no Brasil; Doutorado Sanduíche no Brasil; Mestrado Pleno no Brasil. Benefícios: Mensalidade; Auxílio seguro saúde; Passagem Brasil – exterior (financiada pelo MRE). Inscrição dos(as) candidatos(as) conforme vagas disponíveis De 14 de agosto a **29 de setembro de 2025** até as 17 horas (horário de Brasília): gov.br

▪ **John Scholes Transport History Research Essay Competition:** The John Scholes Prize, is awarded annually to the writer of a publishable paper based on original research into any aspect of the history of transport and mobility. This year the prize will consist of; vouchers up to the value of £150 to be spent on Sage publications, €250 in cash and a year's membership of the International Association for the History of Transport, Traffic & Mobility (T2M). The prize is intended to recognise budding transport historians. It may be awarded to the writer of one outstanding article, or be divided between two or more entrants. Typically, the prize is awarded for research completed as part of a PhD. The **deadline** for the 2025 competition is **30 September 2025**. tensionsofeurope.eu

▪ **The Silicon Valley Archives at Stanford University Libraries Announces New Travel Fellowships:** The Travel Fellowship Program is a pilot program supported by the Silicon Valley Archives to encourage awareness of the rich collections gathered by Stanford University Libraries over the past forty years in the history of Silicon Valley and to facilitate their use. This pilot program will accept applications twice a year and will initially run for academic years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027. The application deadlines are as follows: **October 1, 2025**, **March 1, 2026, September 1, 2026** and **March 1, 2027:** networks.h-net.org

▪ **Research travel grant: University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Library:** The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Library and the Department of History are pleased to announce a Research Travel Grant to support scholars conducting research in any of the Library's collections. The University Library is one of the largest research libraries in the U.S., holding more than 15 million volumes and 24 million other items and materials in all formats, languages, and subjects. Special collections include the papers of literary figures such as Marcel Proust, H.G. Wells, Carl Sandburg and Gwendolyn Brooks, extensive collections of Slavic and East European materials and of materials documenting the history of science, technology, international agricultural programs, and librarianship, the premier collection on international amateur sports and the Olympics, and a unique collection of sub-Saharan African research materials. Travel grant recipients will also have access to the Library's digital collections (including journal subscriptions and licensed databases) during their stay: networks.h-net.org

▪ **Lisa Jardine Grant Scheme:** The Lisa Jardine Grant Scheme offers early career scholars the opportunity to exploit history of science collections, including the Royal Society's own, in support of their research in the field of intellectual history. Deadline: **Oct 02, 2025**. royalsociety.org

▪ **Gerald D. Feldman Travel Grants:** Once a year the Max Weber Foundation (MWS) confers Gerald D. Feldman Travel Grants to internationally oriented researchers in the humanities and social sciences who are in the qualification phase. **Application deadline: 5 October 2025**. The scientists conduct a self-chosen research project in at least two and at most three host countries which are home to MWS institutes and branches or at the Richard Koebner Minerva Center for German History in Israel. Placements (at most one month per host country, shorter stays are possible) are to be used for research, especially in libraries and archives. Academics are expected to produce transnational and transregional studies, providing research with new and original ideas: maxweberstiftung.de

▪ **ERC Starting Grants:** The Starting Grant supports excellent Principal Investigators starting or having recently started their own independent research team or programme. A Starting Grant Principal Investigator should have already shown evidence of the potential for research independence, for example, by having produced at least one important publication as its main author or a publication without the participation of their PhD supervisor. **Deadline: 14 October 2025**: ec.europa.eu

▪ **Leibniz Institute of European History (IEG), Mainz - IEG Postdoc Fellowships:** The Leibniz Institute of European History (IEG) awards fellowships to international postdocs conducting research in European

history, the history of religion, and other historical disciplines (including Digital Humanities). The IEG funds research projects on European history from the early modern period to contemporary history. The fellowship is intended to help you develop your own research project in close collaboration with scholars working at the IEG and to contribute to its ongoing research activities. We are particularly interested in projects: with a comparative or cross-border approach, on European history, including its relation to the wider world, or on topics of intellectual and religious history. Application **deadline: October 15**, 2025: networks.h-net.org

▪ **Gates Cambridge Scholarships for MPhil and PhD in History and Philosophy of Science and Medicine at the University of Cambridge (2026 entry):** The Department of History and Philosophy of Science at the University of Cambridge invites applications for MPhil and PhD study (2026 entry) and particularly draws the attention of applicants who are US citizens normally resident in the USA to the **early deadline of 15 October 2025** for the Gates Cambridge Scholarships: https://www.gatescambridge.org Please note that, in addition to academic excellence and a compelling reason for the choice of course, the selection criteria for these highly desirable awards include a commitment to improving the lives of others and capacity for leadership. We encourage the strongest applicants to our MPhil programmes to apply for Gates funding and particularly urge those outstanding PhD applicants to apply who (with input from a prospective supervisor) can prepare a convincing proposal in time.

▪ **ERC Synergy Grants:** The aim is to provide support for a small group of two to four Principal Investigators to jointly address ambitious research problems that could not be addressed by the individual Principal Investigators and their teams working alone. Synergy projects should enable substantial advances at the frontiers of knowledge, stemming, for example, from the cross-fertilization of scientific fields, from new productive lines of enquiry, or new methods and techniques, including unconventional approaches and investigations at the interface between established disciplines. The transformative research funded by Synergy Grants should have the potential of becoming a benchmark on a global scale. **Deadline: 5 November 2025**: ec.europa.eu

6. Calls for papers

▪ **Consortium for History of Science, Technology and Medicine: Call for Working Group Papers, 2025-2026:** The Consortium invites paper proposals for discussion in our working groups. Consortium working groups bring together scholars for monthly meetings in specialized fields related to the history of science, technology and medicine. Meetings are held online, and all interested scholars are welcome. Anyone interested in sharing a draft article, dissertation chapter or book chapter for discussion should submit, as a single PDF, a proposal including: a description of the paper (maximum 500 words); what you hope to gain from discussion with the group (maximum 500 words); a CV (maximum 3 pages); your preference, if any, for when you would like to present your work. Proposals will be considered on a rolling basis. Accepted drafts should be at an advanced stage and ready for circulation no later than one month before they are scheduled for discussion.. Find out more at: chstm.org

▪ **Nuova Rivista Storica / New Historical Journal:** a distinguished peer-reviewed journal established in 1917 and published in both English and Italian, invites the submission of original research articles, review essays, and proposals for thematic issues in all areas of historical inquiry: networks.h-net.org

▪ **Bulletin for Technology and History:** We, at BTH, initiate a call for research paper in all areas of science, engineering and technology every month. From original research papers, survey papers, case studies and academic or scholarly articles to extended versions of previously published papers in conferences, scholarly journal or academic peer reviewed international journals, we welcome high quality work that focuses on research, development and application in the aforesaid areas: Engineering & Computer Science, Journal / Electronics And Communication, Business, Economics & Management, Chemical & Material Sciences, Health & Medical Sciences, Humanities, Literature & Arts Journal, Physics & Mathematics, Social Science, Life Sciences & Earth Sciences. bthnl.com

▪ **Women's History Today - Share your Project / Research:** Women's History Today is the journal of the Women's History Network. As well as academic articles, which we always welcome, the journal publishes short features on different aspects of doing and researching women's history. These include Spotlight on Funded Research, which showcases funded research projects; From the Archives, about using archives to explore women's history and Doing History, which highlights community/public history projects with a focus on women's and gender history. We are also always open to ideas for 'special' themed issues. If you are

interested in contributing to the journal in connection with any of the above, please contact: editor@womenshistorynetwork.org

▪ **Literature, Art and Medicine: Bodies, Narratives and Critical Interventions:** We are pleased to invite proposals for the interdisciplinary workshop Literature, Art and Medicine: Bodies, Narratives and Critical Interventions, which will take place on November 20-22, 2025, at the University of Bucharest, Faculty of Foreign Languages and Literatures. This event, held both on-site and online, seeks to bring together scholars from literary studies, the arts, and medical humanities to explore how creative and critical forms of representation have shaped, challenged, and reimagined the medicalized body from the 19th century to the present. An abstract of 250–300 words, along with a short bio of 100 words, should be sent to monica.manolachi@lls.unibuc.ro, lorena.mihaes@lls.unibuc.ro, and roxana.doncu@umfcd.ro by **1 October 2025.** Find out more at: networks.h-net.org

▪ **Call for Papers for the book project "Politicized Medicine":** We invite submissions presenting new and original research for our book project "Politicized Medicine," which examines the ways medicine has been instrumentalized for political purposes. We welcome both methodological papers and case studies. If you are interested in contributing, please send an abstract of no more than 500 words and a short biographical note of approximately 150–300 words to Oxana Kosenko (oxana.kosenko@uni-ulm.de) by **October 1, 2025**. networks.h-net.org

▪ **Mainsheet: A Journal of Multidisciplinary Maritime Studies:** We are accepting original research on all topics in maritime studies, and we are open to research from any discipline. We are looking for interesting arguments on maritime topics, original research that advances the field, and writing that is likely to be accessible and of interest across disciplines. See our CFP here. We are now accepting submissions on a rolling basis, but manuscripts received **by October 1, 2025** may make it into our next upcoming issue. mainsheet.mysticseaport.org

▪ **Workshop:Von Geoengineering bis zu Mensch-Tier-Interaktionen. Lehre an der Schnittstelle von Umwelt- und Technikgeschichte.** Organisation: Marcus Popplow (KIT), Nicole Hesse (KIT) in Kooperation mit Christian Götter (TU Braunschweig), Daniel Jankowski (TU Braunschweig) und dem Arbeitskreis Umwelt & Technik (AKUT) der Gesellschaft für Technikgeschichte e.V. Termin: 05.03.-06.03.2026**. Deadline: 15. Oktober 2025.** Disziplinenübergreifende Lehre rückt aktuell wieder verstärkt in den Mittelpunkt von Diskussionen – dazu tragen nicht zuletzt die Realitäten des Einsatzes von KI bei, die auf

unterschiedlichen Ebenen in die Lehre integriert werden müssen. Universitäre Lehre ist zwar ein wesentlicher Aspekt wissenschaftlichen Arbeitens, dennoch wird sie noch immer zu selten konkret thematisiert. Gleichzeitig ist die Lehrbelastung des wissenschaftlichen Personals aus strukturellen Gründen hoch. Early Career Researcher werden oft ins kalte Wasser geworfen und auch vielen etablierten Lehrenden fehlt ein fokussierter Austausch. Im Rahmen umwelt- und technikhistorischer Lehre ergeben sich darüber hinaus spezifische Herausforderungen: Die geringe institutionelle Ausgestaltung dieser historischen Fachgebiete führt dazu, dass häufig eine Integration in anders positionierte, geschichtswissenschaftliche Lehrkontexte stattfinden muss. Zugleich hat die Umwelt- und Technikgeschichte oft eine flankierende Funktion in fachfremden Studiengängen. Dabei stellt sich u.a. die Frage, wie umwelt- und technikhistorische Lehre im Kontext bspw. technikwissenschaftlicher Fächer aussehen kann. Wie können umwelt- und technikhistorische Themen in der Lehre mit anderen Fächern, ihren Methoden und Erfahrungshintergründen verknüpft werden? Wie können in zumeist kurzer Zeit geisteswissenschaftliche Methoden zugänglich gemacht werden? Oder wie geht man mit interdisziplinären Seminargruppen um?

All das gibt Anlass, sich die Zeit für einen Austausch zu nehmen, der sowohl Grundlegendes anspricht als auch einen kreativen Austausch über Best Practice -Modelle zulässt. Der Workshop ist grundsätzlich offen angelegt und richtet sich sowohl an etablierte Lehrende mit einem Interesse an neuen Ideen als auch an Early Career Researcher, die sich neu im Lehralltag zurechtfinden müssen. Nicht zuletzt möchten wir auch Masterstudierende dazu ermutigen, Beiträge aus ihrer Perspektive einzubringen. Folgende Stichworte dienen als Anregungen, darüberhinausgehende Vorschläge sind ebenfalls willkommen: 1. Herausforderungen und Chancen umwelt- und technikhistorischer Lehre im interdisziplinären Umfeld, 2. Umwelt- und Technikgeschichte als Reflexionswissenschaften, 3. Umwelt- und Technikgeschichte an historischen Instituten, 4. Konzepte konkreter Lehrveranstaltungen, 5. Methodisch-didaktische Themen, 6. Praxisorientierte Lehre, 7. Forschendes Lernen und Lehren, 8. Nicht-schriftliches Quellenmaterial in der umwelt- und technikhistorischen Lehre (Objekte, Bilder, Filme, Oral History, etc.), 9. Potenziale und Leerstellen bestehender Datenbanken und digitalisierter, Quellenbestände, neu geplante Projekte, 10.KI in der Lehre.

Eingereicht werden können klassische Vortrags- sowie auch andere Präsentations-/Diskussionsformate. Ihren Vorschlag (max. 250 Worte und eine halbe Seite CV) senden Sie bitte bis zum **15. Oktober 2025** an nicole.hesse@kit.edu; d.jankowski@tu-bs.de Sollten Sie Fragen haben, wenden Sie sich ebenfalls gerne an Nicole Hesse und Daniel Jankowski.

▪ **Scholars' Workshop in Early African American Print, Jan. 12-15, 2026:** The American Antiquarian Society (AAS) is accepting applications for the Scholars' Workshop in Early African American Print. Led by Tara Bynum (University of Iowa), this four-day, in-person workshop is open to graduate students and early career scholars specializing in pre-1900 African American history and culture. For more information visit: americanantiquarian.org. The deadline to apply is **October 15, 2025**.

▪ **Philosophy: Technology: Rhetoric:** This collection invites interdisciplinary work that stages a conversation between rhetoric and the philosophy of technology, asking how frameworks from the philosophy of technology can deepen our understanding of (contemporary) technologies and the cultures they shape in Rhetoric & Writing Studies. While the collection foregrounds frameworks drawn from within the established canon of philosophy of technology—those figures formally recognized as philosophers of technology—any sustained analysis of technologies within RWS that operates as a kind of philosophy of technology in its own right is equally welcome. Deadline for Proposals (300–500 words, plus a short bio): **25 October 2025**. networks.h-net.org

▪ **Science, Technology, and Culture -- SWPACA Call for Papers:** 47th Annual Conference, February 25-28, 2026. Marriott Albuquerque, Albuquerque, New Mexico. southwestpca.org Proposal submission deadline: **October 31, 2025**.

▪ **Mathematics & Engineering with Popular Culture:** Mathematics and engineering are often confined to academic settings, yet they form the foundation of life and popular culture alike. When we examine engineering marvels in movies, books, and other media, we uncover rich symbolism and deeper meanings that reveal how these disciplines shape our understanding of the world. Panels are now forming on topics related to all aspects of mathematics and engineering and their intersection with popular culture. Possible topics may include (but are not limited to): Chaos Theory, Set Theory, Probability, Fractals, Duality, Symmetry, Game Theory, Civil Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Industrial Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering. Individual proposals for 15-minute papers must include an abstract of approximately 200-500 words and a brief summary of 100 words or less. The deadline for submissions is **October 31, 2025**. networks.h-net.org

▪ **Transnational approaches to the long 19th century history in East-Central Europe:** This conference invites scholars to engage with the region's history from a transnational perspective, emphasizing the interconnectedness, transfer and exchange but also the boundaries between different societies, cultures, and

political systems. We seek papers that explore the various dimensions of transnationalism in the long 19th century in East-Central Europe. To submit your paper proposal, please provide a title, an abstract of 250-300 words, and a brief biographical statement. **The deadline for submissions is 30 November 2025.** We are planning to publish selected papers. Find out more at: networks.h-net.org

▪ **Artificial Intelligence and the Future of History Writing:** This is an invitation to submit a paper for the Special Issue "Artificial Intelligence and the Future of History Writing", which we – Matteo Valleriani and Doris Gruber – are guest editing for the journal Histories (MDPI). The recommended length for submissions is 4,000 to 5,000 words, with a maximum of 10,000 words. Accepted papers will be published on a rolling basis and listed together on the Special Issue website. If you are interested in contributing, we would greatly appreciate a tentative title and a short abstract (approximately 100 to 150 words) at your earliest convenience. **Deadline: 30.11.2025**. hsozkult.de

▪ **The Past & Present of Work 6th Biennial Richard Robinson Business History Workshop:** The Richard Robinson Business History Workshop has held small workshops on particular themes in business history since 2012. The keynote address of the sixth biennial Richard Robinson Workshop will be given by Professor Stefano Bellucci (University of Leiden, Netherlands) on the evening of Thursday, April 30. Papers selected for the workshop will be pre-circulated and discussed in plenary sessions on Friday, May 1, and Saturday, May 2. Paper proposals, consisting of a one-page CV and a 500-word abstract, should be sent to the workshop organizers, Thomas Luckett (Portland State University), Chia Yin Hsu (Portland State University), and Erika Vause (St. John's University), at psu.business.history.workshop@gmail.com by **December 1, 2025**. Accepted proposals will be notified by January 15, 2025. networks.h-net.org

▪ **„…never neutral": Practices, concepts and methods of evaluating technology over the last 50 years:** The Verein Deutscher Ingenieure (VDI) (Association of German Engineers) and the Gesellschaft für Unternehmensgeschichte (GUG) (Society for Business History) are jointly hosting the Workshop "'…never neutral': Practices, concepts and methods of evaluating technology over the last 50 years" from June 18 to June 19 2026 in Deutsches Museum München. The workshop aims to explore the often invisible and informal practices, concepts, models and methods that engineers, businesses, politicians and other actors used for evaluating technology, and to discuss the relationship of this form of evaluation to institutionalized, political forms of Technology Assessment — both past and present. Deadline for submissions is **Dec. 10, 2025**. The call for papers can be found at: drive.google.com

▪ **Call for Papers Hiperboreea 13/1 (June, 2025):** You are invited to submit papers to Hiperboreea for Vol. 13, No. 1 (June, 2026) before **December 15, 2025**. This is the biannual journal of the Balkan History Association, which focuses on the study of Southeastern Europe, broadly defined as the states situated in the Balkan region. Without limiting its scope a specific historical period or approach, the journal covers a wide range of topics, such as Cultural History, Political History, Military History, Social History, Economic History and Archaeology, and encourages work on any historical period and interdisciplinary background. From 2020, the journal is published by the Pennsylvania State University Press, and all electronic issues are available on Scholarly Publishing Collective. For further details regarding the submission process, please email to Mihai Dragnea at mihaidragnea2018@gmail.com

▪ **Special Issue: Climate Crises and Social Consequences: Theory, History, Historiography:** Please consider submitting an article to our Special Issue "Climate Crises and Social Consequences: Theory, History, Historiography" in Tempo e argumento, a Brazilian journal in the field of history of the present. We are looking for articles dealing with contemporary climate change, or connecting past and present issues. It is a broad call to researchers working on environmental history, history of science, climate history, environmental humanities, and social sciences. **Deadline: December 15, 2025**. networks.h-net.org

▪ **Flu, Black Death and Cholera in Literary Modernism:** This volume seeks contributions examining how major epidemics—particularly the 1918–19 influenza pandemic, historical outbreaks of the Black Death, and cholera—shaped literary modernism. We invite scholars from literature, medical humanities, history, and related fields to explore the cultural, aesthetic, and theoretical resonances of disease in modernist texts. Proposals may address canonical and marginal voices, comparative perspectives, and the entanglement of epidemic discourse with questions of race, gender, class, and nation. We particularly welcome contributions focusing on Western literature. Please note that the language of all submissions is English. The editor welcome questions and proposals from emerging and established scholars. Please send your CV and proposal PDF by **1 February 2026** to: Dr Gernot Wimmer (University of Vienna), Email: gernot.wimmer@univie.ac.at networks.h-net.org

▪ **Rising Voices on Technological Futures: Newer Scholars Viewing Technoscience on a Generational Scale:** Paper topics will address aspects or impacts of emerging technologies, on human potential, the human condition, ethical and social issues, policy and legal matters, and/or global concerns. Please consult the overall purpose of the book series described above. Specs: 5,000 to 8,000 words are expected including notes and

bibliography. Use in-text citations to (Author Year) and APA style references. **Deadline: March 2026**. brill.com

7. Events – Podcasts – Networks

▪ **Upcoming history of nursing events:** Biz in the Pris: A history of drug use in prisons, Thursday **4 September 2025, 6pm (online event)** & Broadmoor and Beyond: The history of high security hospitals **Thursday 9 October 2025, 6pm (London):** networks.h-net.org

▪ **SHOT 2025 Annual Meeting – 9-11 October 2025 –Technologies of Migration – Migrating Technologies:** Hosted by the Luxembourg Centre for Contemporary and Digital History (C2DH) at the Belval Campus of the University of Luxembourg: historyoftechnology.org

▪ **Sea-border and Airspace Formation in the Middle East and North Africa, 1880s-1950s, 16-17 Oct. 2025:** The conference critically examines the complex interplay of state- and empire-making, technological advancements, and shifting mobilities in delineating sea-borders and airspaces across the Middle East and North Africa. It probes the historical processes that reshaped regional sovereignty and imperial control during the late Ottoman and European mandatory periods, offering new perspectives on the formation of aerial and maritime territoriality. networks.h-net.org

▪ **Modos de ver o património industrial multidisciplinares, territoriais, prospetivos 18 e 19 de novembro de 2025:** O objetivo deste encontro será reunir investigadores que trabalhem sobre temas ligados à indústria e sobre património técnico e industrial, interessados em colaborações interdisciplinares, na relação da sua investigação com questões de sustentabilidade dos territórios e em processos ou ações participativas e de envolvimento de pessoas ou grupos organizados sempre que possível para além do contexto académico. sites.google.com

▪ **No laughing matter: Preserving humour in a digital age:** Data produced online is created and destroyed at an alarming rate, including social media posts, websites killed through linkrot, and many of the nearly one million memes shared daily on the world wide web. Join In this event, Dr Arran Rees as he shares findings from his research into the preservation of the 'Absolute Unit' meme to demonstrate the importance of allowing space for humour in the archive, and the practical challenges faced when doing so. Then, UK Government Web Archivist Jake Bickford will ground the discussion with a talk focused on digital preservation at The National Archives, reflecting on the connection between Arran's research and our everyday activities, while also sharing some of the weird and wonderful digital records in our collection. **October 29 · 3 - 4pm EET**. eventbrite.co.uk

▪ **Hagley History Hangout Podcast - The Power of Patents: Global Intellectual Property, 1880-1950 with Joël Praz:** Tune in here or wherever you find your podcasts: https://www.hagley.org/research/history-hangout-joel-praz Building international cooperation is a slow, painstaking process, one made more difficult when some people don't see the need for it. To businesses, however, international cooperation is positively necessary as a means to secure intellectual property rights, market share, and profit opportunities. In his dissertation research, Joël Praz, PhD student at the École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, is uncovering the significance of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, an international patents union today administered by the World Intellectual Property Organization in Geneva, Switzerland. Using numerous collections held in the Hagley Library, Praz has found that private businesses in the United States began to value international cooperation around patent law increasingly after the Second World War.

▪ **Iron and Steel Heritage Forum (ISHF):** The purpose of ISHF is to create and maintain a lively community of people interested in the heritage of iron and steel, as well as organizations that preserve artifacts, documents, and other items from the iron and steel industries: sia-web.org

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