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New histories of technology

Call for papers (abstracts) for special issue of temp no. 32

The history of technology is a dynamic research field that constantly evolves in interaction with related historical disciplines. In a world captivated by new technologies, it is not surprising that historical perspectives on technology are in demand. However, the non-professional approach to the history of technology all too often results in simplistic narratives of innovation and acceleration featuring familiar actors, periodisations, and geographies. There is a need to elevate the conversation about the history of technology in Danish research and public discourse. Therefore, we are inviting contributions to a special issue of *Temp*, which will focus on technology throughout time.

We aim for chronological and geographical diversity in this special issue and especially welcome contributions that challenge the traditional focus on Western technology and explore global perspectives. We are interested in the local and the global, the old and the new, the masculine and the feminine, the familiar and the exotic, the methodologically innovative and the more traditional historical work, and finally, both empirically rich and theoretically driven contributions. Our definition of technology is broad, so whether you want to shed light on contemporary social and economic challenges in areas such as health, security, inequality, or the environment, or if you are interested in the history of the fork or medieval canal and cathedral construction, your topic falls within the scope of this special issue.

We are looking for technology stories that inspire, nuance, and surprise. We seek contributions that demonstrate the diversity and richness of various approaches to the history of technology and address questions such as:

- How can we gain a better understanding of everyday life changes through the history of technology?
- How can perspectives from the Global South expand our horizons?
- How does a focus on technology interact with modern environmental history?
- What are the historical connections between technology and gender?
- What can deep historical perspectives that link evolutionary and technological historical development lines and challenge traditional distinctions between prehistory and history contribute?

The special issue is inspired by new approaches within the history of technology and their constant dialogue with other historical sub-disciplines such as environmental history, evolutionary history, history of knowledge, gender history, global history, and business history. It aims to show what history and related disciplines such as archaeology and anthropology can contribute to understanding the development and significance of technology. The editorial stance is that technology is far too overlooked in historical studies relative to its enormous role in societal development on both the micro-level of everyday life and the macro-level of the planetary scale. We hope you will help address this.

Deadlines:

- Deadline for abstracts (minimum ½ page): September 15, 2024.
- Deadline for article submissions: May 15, 2025.
- Abstracts should be written in Scandinavian languages except by native English speakers.
- Abstracts – and any questions – should be sent to temphist@cas.au.dk

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