
TECHNOLOGY AND RETHINKING EUROPEAN BORDERS

Second Plenary Conference of the Tensions of Europe Network and
Launch of the Tensions of Europe Research Programme

Lappeenranta, Finland May 24th - 28th 2006

PROGRAMME (Compact)

WEDNESDAY May 24th

- 14.00 - REGISTRATION**
Arrival at the Congress Centre
- 16.00 – 19.00 TRANSITION COMMITTEE MEETING**
Place: Lossi (Room 7339)
- 19.00 – 19.15 OPENING**
Place: Laatokka (auditorium)
Chair: Karl-Erik Michelsen
Speaker: Markku Lukka, Rector of the
Lappeenranta University of Technology
- 19.15 – 19.30 Welcome on Behalf of Tensions of
Europe Research Programme**
Place: Laatokka (auditorium)
- 19.30- 21.00 ROUND TABLE SESSION**
Place: Laatokka (auditorium)
- 1. Round Table: *Steps Toward a
Technological History of Twentieth-Century
Europe***
- 21.00 FREETIME**

THURSDAY May 25th

- 08.30 – 10.30 RESEARCH SESSIONS**
- 2. Session title: *Challenging Central
European Borders***
Place: Saimaa (room 216)
- 3. Session title: *Colonial Knowledge
Exchange in European and Post-Colonial
Water Management***
Place: Kannas (room 212)

4. Session title: *Ethnic Issues: Tensions between Traditional and Modern / Consumption in Eastern Europe*

Place: Parras (room 213)

10.30 – 10.45 COFFEE

10.45 – 12.15 RESEARCH SESSIONS

5. Session title: *Technologies in 'Developed Socialism': Crossing the Internal and External Borders.*

Place: Saimaa (room 216)

6. Session title: *Colonial Knowledge Exchange in European and Post-Colonial Development*

Place: Kannas (room 212)

7. Session title: *Consumption in Eastern Europe*

CANCELLED! Paper by Malgorzata Mazurek moved to session 4.

8. Session title: *Contested Water: Technological Systems, Water Quality and the Environment*

Place: Parras (room 213)

12.15 – 13.15 LUNCH

13.15 – 14.45 ROUND TABLES

9. Round table: *Industrial Development Across National Borders and its Influence on Identity*

Place: Saimaa (room 216)

10. Round table: *Experiencing 'Europe' on the Road: Transnational Bus Tourism and the Making of 'Europe'*

Place: Kannas (room 212)

11. Round table: *Knowledge through the Iron Curtain between East and West in Cold War Europe*

Place: Parras (room 213)

14.45 – 15.00 COFFEE

15.00 – 17.30 PLENARY SESSION

Place: Laatokka (auditorium)

Keynote speaker: TBA

Commentators: TBA

18.30 - GOOD TIMES IN LAPPEENRANTA
Summer night party, food, drinks, good
company, sauna and swimming
Place: Skinnarilan Hovi

FRIDAY May 26th

08.30 – 10.30 RESEARCH SESSIONS

12. Session title: *Changing Spatial Orders:
Europe in the Face of Global Networks*
Place: Saimaa (room 216)

13. Session title: *Networks without Borders?
Europe on the Cold War Divide*
Place: Kannas (room 212)

14. Session title: *Technological Styles and
National Ambitions*
Place: Parras (room 213)

15. Session title: *Roads and Networks:
Connecting and Disconnecting Europe*
Place: Vuoksi (room 209)

10.30 – 10.45 COFFEE

10.45 – 12.15 RESEARCH SESSIONS

16. Session title: *Modes of Projecting
Collective Identities by Shaping and Using
Landscapes*
CANCELLED!

17. Session title: *The Rise of the User:
Europe in National Computer Projects*
Place: Saimaa (room 216)

18. Session title: *Pan-European
Technological Integration*
Place: Kannas (room 212)

12.15 – 13.15 LUNCH

13.15 – 14.45 ROUND TABLES

19. Round table: *On the History of Military
Technology Transfer*
Place: Saimaa (room 216)

20. Round table: *Tourism, Technology, and
the Making of Europe*

Place: Kannas (room 212)

21. Round table: *Comparison and Beyond: The Methodological and Theoretical Challenges of a Comparative European History of Technology*

Place: Parras (room 213)

14.45 – 15.00 COFFEE

15.00 – 16.00 The Future of the Tensions of Europe Network in Relation to the ESF Investing Europe Research Program

Place: Laatokka (auditorium)

16.00 – 16.15 COFFEE

**16.15 – 18.15 *TENSIONS OF EUROPE*
RESEARCH COLLABORATION MEETINGS**

A. Electronic Era Technologies, the European Experience: Historiographical Omissions and Ambitions

Place: Laatokka (auditorium)

B. Tourism, Technology and Transport: Preparing a Common Research Endeavor

Place: Kannas (room 212)

C. Making Consumption, Making Technology in Europe

Place: Parras (room 213)

D. Building Europe on Infrastructures

Place: Vuoksi (room 209)

E. Technology Transfer from East to West: Case Studies in Technological Innovation During the Cold War

Place: Saimaa (room 216)

19.00 -

PARTY: Midnight Sun party

On Friday in the evening, we will head to Lamposaari people's house, a remote and romantic resort on an island on Lake Saimaa. We will enjoy the traditional Finnish "lavatanssi" culture, which includes dancing and feasting in the midnight sun.

SATURDAY May 27th

07.00-

ACROSS THE BORDER

Busses leave for Vyborg, Russia

(Estimated arrival time 11.00 local time)

11.45 – 12.30 LUNCH

place: The Round Tower, Vyborg

12.30 -

Welcome on Behalf of the Aalto Library

place: The Aalto Library, Vyborg

12.45 – 13.30 PLENARY SESSION

place: The Aalto Library, Vyborg

Keynote speaker: Professor Daniel Alexandrov

13.45 – 15.00 ROUND TABLE

place: The Aalto Library, Vyborg

22. Round table: *Military-Business Relationships and Cold War Innovation*

15.15 – 16.30 ROUND TABLE

place: The Aalto Library, Vyborg

23. Round table: *Shaping Consumption, Shaping Technology in Europe: The Making of Cooperative, Collective, and Individual Artefacts of Consumption*

16.30- 17.30 VISITING VYBORG

17.30 BOAT DEPARTURE, RETURN TO LAPPEENRANTA

Boat ride through the Saimaa Canal and back to Lappeenranta.

SUNDAY May 28th

08.00 –

JOINT BRUNCH

place: Hotel Scandic Patria

Closing remarks and the Launch of the Tensions of Europe Research programme.

Organizers: Karl-Erik Michelsen and Johan Schot