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Unique decade-long research project on European history completed

Making Europe authors attend SHOT conference and kick-off year-long campaign

Utrecht, 23 October 2019 – After ten years, the collaborative research project Making Europe, which resulted in the publication of a corresponding book series, has been completed. At this year's annual meeting of the Society for the History of Technology (SHOT), taking place on 24-27 October in Milan, Making Europe authors present their books and debate the book series' implications. This happening kicks off a year-long Making Europe campaign, including events all across Europe.

For producing the Making Europe book series, an international and interdisciplinary team of 14 scholars has researched European history on an unprecedented scale. Looking through the lens of technology, the authors uncover the stories of the people and practices that shaped European society. Comprised of 6 volumes, the book series identifies how institutions, consumption experiences, international relations, infrastructures and communication mechanisms evolved and how Europeans globalised.

'With the book series, we want to present the past 150 years of European history in an accessible manner to a broad audience, ranging from historians to social scientists, engineers, students, and policymakers. The stories position the European Union in a broader historical perspective and show that Europe should not be conflated with the European Union', states Johan Schot, co-editor of the series and co-author of the book "Writing the Rules for Europe: Experts, Cartels, and International Organizations".

During SHOT's annual meeting, Making Europe authors are joining a dedicated round table session called "Meet the book series authors: Making Europe – A new history of Europe and Technology". The session takes place on Saturday, 26 October 2019 from 1:00 PM to 2:25 PM and is accessible to everyone. Attendees who are not yet registered SHOT Conference participants need to register beforehand. All necessary registration information can be found via makingeurope.eu/events.

The session is organised by Erik van der Vleuten, Making Europe co-author and scientific director of the Foundation for the History of Technology. Joining the panel are Ruth Oldenziel and Mikael Hård, authors of "Consumers, Tinkers Rebels: The People Who Shaped Europe", Helmuth Trischler, co-author of "Building Europe on Expertise: Innovators, Organizers, Networkers", Per Högselius and Erik van der Vleuten co-authors of "Europe's Infrastructure Transition: Economy, War, Nature" and Pascal Griset, co-author of "Communicating Europe: Technologies, Information, Events".

Simultaneously with the SHOT Conference, a year-long Making Europe campaign is kicking off. The launch of the new Making Europe website (www.makingeurope.eu) on 23 October marks the start of the campaign, entailing blog posts written by Making Europe authors and designated reviewers as well as a series of podcasts, all providing new angles and personal insights. Moreover, a series of dedicated Making Europe events will be organised throughout the year, taking the debate surrounding the themes covered in the book series on stage.

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About Making Europe

By focusing on key dimensions of technological change, Making Europe offers broad scope, sharp analysis, and critical knowledge, blending 14 distinguished historians' skills. In six compelling



volumes, readers learn how, where, and why technologies were fundamental to shaping modern Europe. Making Europe is a project initiated by Johan Schot and funded by the Foundation for the History of Technology (SHT). The book series got published by Palgrave Macmillan and is available for purchase here: <https://www.palgrave.com/gp/series/14816>

For its significant collective contribution to the study of innovation and its impact on society, the Making Europe book series has been awarded the prestigious Freeman Award by the European Association for the Study of Science and Technology (EASST) in 2014.

For more information on Making Europe, visit: www.makeurope.eu and follow @MakingEurope on Twitter.

About the Foundation for the History of Technology

The Foundation for the History of Technology (SHT) seeks to develop and communicate knowledge that increases our understanding of the critical role of technology in the history of the modern world. Established in 1988, SHT initiates and supports scholarly research in the history of technology. This includes large-scale national as well as international research programs, and numerous individual projects, many in collaboration with Eindhoven University of Technology. SHT also coordinates Tensions of Europe (TOE), an international research network of more than 250 scientists from all over Europe and the United States who study the role of technology as an agent of change in European history.

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