

# Learning Places

TechNetEMPIRE International Conference

3 - 4 february 2022

Call for papers

from 06.04.2021 until 20.06.2021

Keynote Speakers:

**Karel Davids**

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

**Emilie d'Orgeix**

École Pratique des Hautes Études PSL



Call for Papers is now open for **Learning Places, TechNetEMPIRE International Conference** that will be held in a hybrid format, in Lisbon and Zoom, between 3-4 February 2022.

This event aims at tackling the possibility of a comparative view on how, when and where learning institutions of technical and scientific knowledge were organized across empires. By comparing different case studies in fields of knowledge and transformation of the built environment - military engineering, cartography, among others - the goal is to establish a comparative frame of the political-scientific enterprise of empires, across geographies and times.

The conference proposes a comparative reading between formal or non-formal structures of learning and individual agency abilities, that enables the understanding of transformations, influences and entanglements in different geographies from multiple spheres of knowledge and practices.

The conference seeks to answer particular questions such as:

- How did each empire manage the creation and location of its technical learning structures?
- How did each empire handle the circulation of technical agents?
- How did agents circulate and communicate establishing trans-imperial networks of knowledge?
- How was theoretical knowledge transformed by local and global influences?
- How did practical and formal institutional knowledge interact?
- What was the role of go-betweens - translators, local experts or workers, etc. - in the reshaping of knowledge?
- One of the most fruitful moments in the production of knowledge are the exchanges (trading zone or contact zone) between different epistemic communities or communities of knowledge. To what extent can these knowledge spaces be considered "trading zones" and to what extent did they foster the exchange of knowledge?

This event is part of the research project [TechNetEMPIRE - Technoscientific networks in the construction of the built environment in the Portuguese Empire \(1647-1871\)](#) financed by the Portuguese Foundation of Science and Technology (FCT: PTDC/ART-DAQ/31959/2017).

## **Keynote Speakers:**

### **Emilie d'Orgeix (École Pratique des Hautes Études PSL)**

Historian of architecture. Directeur d'études, Section des Sciences Historiques et Philologiques, École Pratique des Hautes Études PSL. Her research is focused on the circulation of technical knowledge in the early modern period with special interest in hybrid, shared and practical knowledge of engineering. Among her various publications, she co-authored "Atlas manuscrits. Villes et territoires des ingénieurs du roi l'époque moderne" (2017), "Les savoirs de l'ingénieur militaire" (2013). Her latest book (2019) is "Au pied du mûr. Bâtir le vide autour des villes (XVIe-XVIIIe siècle)".

### **Karel Davids (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)**

Full Professor Emeritus of Economic and Social History in the Faculty of Humanities and the School of Business and Economics of the VU University Amsterdam. Working in Global History, his focus is on comparative research on the circulation of knowledge, people and goods in the early modern period, Maritime History and the History of Technology. Among other publications in English, he is the author of "Global Ocean of Knowledge, 1660-1860" (2020).

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**Calendar:**

**Call for papers:** 5 April 2021 - 20 June 2021

**Communication of proposals acceptance:** 30 July 2021

**Registration:** 1 August 2021 to 30 September 2021

**Papers submission:** 30 November 2021

**Communication of papers acceptance:** 7 January 2022

**Event:** 3 - 4 February 2022

**Final article submission:** 15 March 2022

**Proposals for papers** (maximum 300 words) must be submitted together with a biographical note (maximum 100 words) in English.

**Please submit by June 20, 2021, using the form:** <https://forms.gle/9X9DASUw6cH87Smq9>

All authors of accepted abstracts must submit a short paper (from 3000 up to 5000 words including footnotes and bibliography), until 30 November 2021.

**Authors of accepted papers will be invited to submit their articles until 15 March.**

Texts must have up to 10.000 words, including footnotes and bibliography and may include some images, but authors must ensure copyrights. Articles will be evaluated through a peer-review process and will be published in an edited book or in an indexed scientific journal special issue. A style guide and a template will be provided.

Hybrid format

Language: English

The sessions will be open to all but registration will be mandatory.

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