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## Communication Maintenance in Longue Durée



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## 24 February 2022

noon-3pm CEST

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| 12.00       | Introduction   |
| 12.15-13.30 | <b>Roundtable 1</b><br><b>What does maintenance mean in communication studies?</b><br><br><b>Roberto Leggero</b><br>Communicating and doing maintenance in Medieval and early Modern time societies. Why is it not only an art history problem<br><b>Stefan Krebs</b><br>"Keeping the lights on" – maintaining (communication) infrastructures<br><b>Gabriele Balbi</b><br>Communication is Maintenance. Towards a maintenance culture in communication and media studies.   |
| 13.30       | Breakfast, lunch or dinner break   |
| 14.00-15.30 | <b>Panel 1 – Infrastructures</b><br><br><b>Felipe Beuttenmüller Lopes Silva</b><br>Large Scale Infrastructure Systems in Lisbon: Politics of repair and maintenance on Europe's periphery<br><b>Laura Meneghello</b><br>Feeling the air: Sense perception and the maintenance of pneumatic mail tubes in the <i>longue durée</i><br><b>Rebecca Mossop and Stefan Krebs</b><br>The delicate balance between expansion, innovation and maintenance of the Luxembourg telephone network<br><b>Matthias Röhr</b><br>Digital timescales? The digitalization and privatization of the German telecommunications network of the 1980s and 1990s and the change of timescales in the telecommunications industry |

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## 25 February 2022

noon-3pm CEST

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| 12.00-13.15 | <b>Roundtable 2</b><br><b>What does <i>longue durée</i> in maintenance mean?</b><br><br><b>Hitomi Sato</b><br>Reflection from the project Spatial and social mobilities in the Medieval and Early Modern Alpine regions: Political, religious, and social dynamics in boundary areas<br><b>Heike Weber</b><br>Maintenance and beyond: A pluri-temporal perspective<br><b>Andrew Russell</b><br>Maintenance and the <i>longue durée</i> in the United States   |
| 13.15       | Breakfast, lunch or dinner break  |
| 13.45-15.30 | <b>Panel 2</b><br><b>Maintenance Theory</b><br><br><b>Erik Koenen</b><br>Only old media: Maintaining the media heritage<br><b>Martin Meiske</b><br>The hidden cost of maintenance. Reflections on the persistence and long-term effects of railway tie impregnation for environment and society<br><b>Julie Momméja</b><br>The clock of the Long now in <i>longue durée</i> : Maintaining a communication "cool tool" through millennia<br><b>Kirill Postoutenko</b><br>Persistence of communication: Non-technological view<br><b>Corinna Peil</b><br>We are all maintainers: Mundane practices of maintenance in the use of digital media as sites of contestation, critical (re-)assessment, and social negotiations |
| 15.30-15.45 | <b>Closing remarks</b>  |

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