

Call for Articles

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The purpose of this special collection is to offer a variety of critical analyses of the history of technology in Latin America from colonial times through the present day. Although research on the history of technology in Latin America has undergone major advances in recent years, we still lack a publication in English that brings together articles on the region’s various countries. Meanwhile, studies that are explicitly comparative and transcend a purely national approach remain rare.

This special issue will bring together contributions from researchers that examine the history of technology, considered in a broad sense, from the colonial period through the post-independence era, including twentieth-century history. We invite researchers to submit papers on any country in Latin America, including the Caribbean. Both general analysis and case studies will be considered. We are especially interested in articles that go beyond national historiography. We likewise welcome critical contributions that consider methodological, theoretical and conceptual issues related to the history of technology in Latin America.

This publication will accommodate any and all contributions focusing on the history of technology in Latin America. Possible topics to be addressed may include:

- The globalisation of technology and transnational knowledge networks.
- The history of technology in specific sectors, including case studies on mining, textiles, agriculture, transportation, communication, infrastructures, manufacturing, etc.
- Cultures of technology and innovation.
- Everyday technologies and technologies in use.
- Technology and industrialisation.
- Technology transfer and the circulation of knowledge.
- Resistance to technology, indigenous knowledge and the dynamics of appropriation.
- Technology and intellectual property rights.
- Energy transitions, environmental topics and technology since the beginning of the Anthropocene.
- Technology, colonialism and post-colonialism.
- Education, class structure and technological progress.
- The political context of technological development.

This is a representative, but by no means exhaustive, list of topics that might be addressed. Prospective contributors are invited to reflect on these and other issues from various perspectives.

Submission of Papers

Abstracts (about 200–250 words, with a tentative title and reference to the special issue) can be sent to guest editors until **15 September 2017**.

The deadline for submission of **full papers** is **15 March 2018**.

Earlier submissions are especially welcome. All papers submitted will be assessed by an internal as well as an external referee.

The deadline for the submission of finished manuscripts (corrected and properly formatted) will be in August 2018.

Ten contributions will be selected for publication in Volume 34 (2018).

Please submit your abstracts and papers by email to:

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