

Call for Papers for Panel at ToE 2017 – Youth and Technology

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Taking the opportunity of the 8th Tensions of Europe Conference, this panel intends to include the study of places, structures and devices that allowed young Europeans to play with and appropriate technology during the long 20th Century, and by doing so to build a common culture, to share references and experiences, or on the contrary to develop specific uses in local contexts.

It will emphasize the children and young adults experience of technology, in response to or independently from adults' (parents, educators, politicians, scientists and engineers) motivations.

Participants are invited to address issues such as:

- Children as targets: educational and ideological motives; discursive consequences of communicating science and technology to children. In particular, we invite analyses that show how the relationship between technology and children can be at stake in the case of crises and societal challenges, through specific exercises (e.g. security exercises in case of nuclear attacks in schools), thematic education (e.g. environmental education), and actions aiming at transforming behaviours in order to “adapt” to modified environmental settings (e.g. diet and lifestyle recommendations in polluted surroundings, near to nuclear infrastructures, etc.). Cross-national comparisons are particularly welcome;
- Children as independent actors: appropriation of technology by children and young adults, youngsters' initiatives and relationships to the authorities;
- Relationship to technology and the forging of youth: we invite analyses that investigate how technology can become an age group indicator (e.g. “digital natives”), or a site of production of youth (e.g. technological clubs);
- International encounters and circulation: international science fairs, networks of clubs, youth movements.

This call is open for other questions. Please, feel free to make your contribution.

I invite scholars to send their proposal to catherine.radtka@gmail.com before 1 January 2017. Abstracts should be no more than 300-words, including title, name and affiliation of the author.

The Panel will then be submitted in answer to the call for Papers for the 8th Tensions of Europe Conference.

For more details about

- the Conference: <http://8toe2017.phs.uoa.gr/>
- the Tensions of Europe network: <http://www.tensionsofeurope.eu/>