

Dear EUCALAND members and friends,

This November newsletter is mainly about our working meeting and member's assembly in October in Spain as well as the organisation of next year's GA and PECSRL conference. Therefore, please find the minutes included in this newsletter and attached the board presentation. The later will give you an update on EUCALAND's activities and plans. It was a very nice and fruitful meeting; allow me to say "as always" ;-)

Also as always: Please do not hesitate to contact us in case of questions, additions, ideas.

Last but not least: On the next pages you will find further calls and information in the customary form. We hope that they will be suitable for you. Your feedback is always welcome.

We would like to thank everybody for her or his active participation in the network, in projects and proposals!

With our very best regards,
On behalf of the board,
Alexandra

EUCALAND Meeting: Terraced Landscapes 2015, Parada de Sil, Spain

Host: Prof. Ignacio Cañas Guerrero, Padoc Research Group, Universidad Politcnica de Madrid, Spain.

Dates: 18 October: arrival; Workshop: 19 -21 October 2015.

Assembly Meeting Minutes.

1. Landscape type 2012: wooded grasslands.

- A book chapter was included into the 'Biocultural diversity in Europe' of the book series Environmental History, edited by Mauro Agnoletti and Francesca Emanuelli.

2. Landscape type 2013: water meadows.

- Hans Renes and contributors will work on the water meadows article; we go for a publication in the Hungarian Journal of Landscape Ecology.

3. Landscape type 2014: enclosed fields.

- Goran Andlar is the coordinator (Hans Renes and Della Hooke have offered support); the questionnaire and call for the participation will be circulated within the EUCALAND soon.

4. Landscape element 2015: Terraced landscapes.

- Drago Kladnik will be the coordinator for the landscape element 2015; email: drago.kladnik@zrc-sazu.si. A short introduction and the manual together with the questionnaire will be circulated within the EUCALAND soon. We had presentations from Spain, Slovenia (and the world), Croatia, The Netherlands with UK (provided by Della Hooke), Slovakia, Hungary, Italy and Germany.

- Deadline: 31st December 2015; Reminder will be sent in the 1st week of January 2016.

5. Landscape topic 2017: Hay making structures.

- Coordinators: Jana Špulerová and Alexandra Kruse.

- We will focus on hay making structures/elements and particular attention will be given to overlap with former investigated landscape types.

6. Later topic was proposed.

- Different forms of altitude management.

7. Publications of our findings.

- Goran Andlar and Alexandra Kruse with co-operation of Filip Srajer and Goran Frange (web application developers) proposed the elaboration of a mask layer (structure) and some keywords fixing in frame of the web application available at: <http://suhozid.geof.unizg.hr/>. The main objective is the completion of dataset with new data of the EUCALAND members, firstly about one landscape type and after, coordinators of other landscape types will expand databases. If it works out, we will present it on the PECSRL conference in 2016.

8. PECSRL conference 5- 9 September 2016.

- Title: "New activities in historic mountain landscapes"

- Chairs (in alphabetical order): Csaba Centeri (HU), Alexandra Kruse (FR), Hans Renes (NL), Maurizia Sigura (IT), Jana Špulerová (SK)

9. Preparation of biannual General Assembly in 2016.

- The minutes of the assembly members will be circulated by the EUCALAND. Pay attention to the point "elections".

10. Next EUCALAND working meeting.

- Next working meeting will organized Jana Špulerová in spring 2017 in Slovakia.

11. Proposals for project submissions.

- Several proposals, calls and programs have been discussed and the respective person in charge will contact partners.

Conferences

Energy Transitions in the Making Sociotechnical Collectives at Work

Location: Paris, France

Date: 26-27 November 2015

Web: <http://www.centre-cired.fr>

One of the local organisers is a member of the RELY Action (COST Action TU1401). More information in the Supplement.

ICOM Milano 2016 24th General Conference of the International Council of Museums in 2016

Location: Milano, Italy

Date: 3-9 July 2016

Web: <http://network.icom.museum/icom-milan-2016/>

Seminar on Landscape Representation

Location: Imola, Bologna, Italy

Date: 9 December 2015

Web: <http://www.uniscape.eu>

Global Landscapes Forum

Location: Palais de Congrès de Paris, France

Date: 5-6 December 2015

Web: <http://www.landscapes.org/glf-2015/#>

International Congress Waterscapes and Historic Canals as a Cultural Heritage

Location: Istituto Veneto di Scienze, Lettere ed Arti. S. Marco 2945. Venezia, Italia

Date: 14-16 December 2015

Web: <http://www.waterscapesculturalheritage.org/>

LE:NOTRE Landscape Forum Pafos 2016

Location: Pafos, Cyprus

Date: 16-20 March 2016

Web: <http://forum.ln-institute.org/>

Tasting the Landscape 53rd IFLA World Congress

Location: Turin, Italy

Date: 20-22 April 2016

Web: <http://img.musvc2.net/static/51121/documenti/12/ListDocuments/1438100989010-RYID498E.pdf>

Living Planet Symposium 2016

Location: Prague, Czech Republic

Date: 9-13 May 2016

Web: <http://www.esa-cci.org/>

World Congress Silvo-Pastoral Systems 2016

Location: The University of Evora, Portugal

Date: 27-30 September 2016

Web: <http://www.silvopastoral2016.uevora.pt/>

Supplement

Flyer: Energy Transitions in the Making Sociotechnical Collectives at Work.

ENERGY TRANSITIONS IN THE MAKING

SOCIOTECHNICAL COLLECTIVES AT WORK

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
Paris, November 26-27th 2015

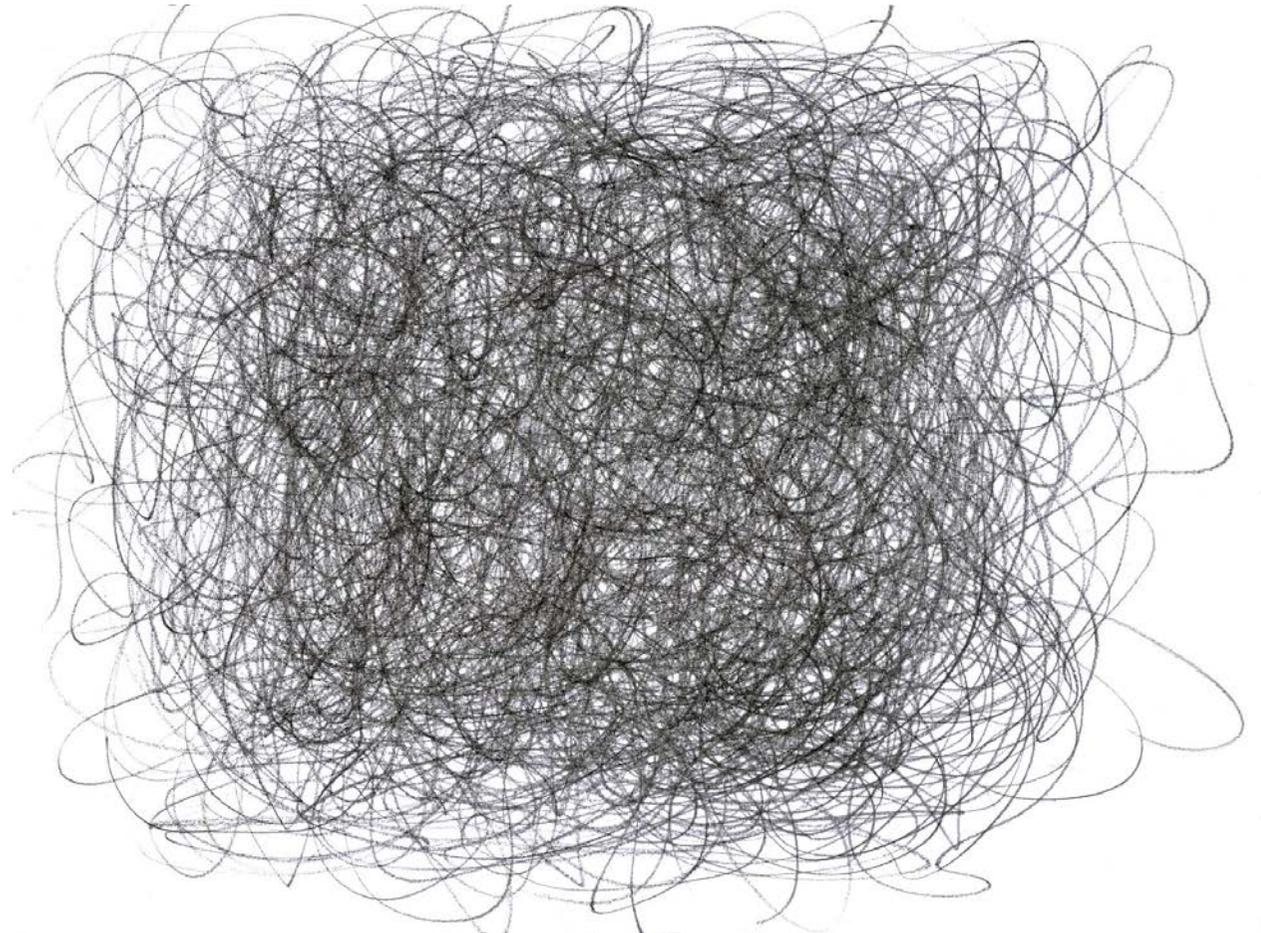
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Venue 5' WALK FROM RER A 'NOGENT-SUR-MARNE' EXIT
RER, MAKE A LEFT ON "AVENUE DES MARRONNIERS",
TURN RIGHT ON "AVENUE DES CHATAÎGNIERS", FOLLOW
STRAIGHT AHEAD, ENTER THE GARDEN (GREEN GATE),
FOLLOW THE WAY STRAIGHT AHEAD INTO THE GARDEN

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The notion of « energy transition » has emerged during the past decade in order to point at processes or ambitions of decarbonising our energy path.

Transition scenarios, quantitative visions and “technological potentials” have been produced in order to inform the steering of this transition. As witnessed by the raising number controversies about new energy technologies (NET), the overarching quantitative, economic and technological framing through which the energy transition is steered fails to point at a consensual transition path.

The COLLENER conference aims at offering an occasion for confrontation, exchanges and scientific community building around social science analyses of critical dimensions of the ongoing energy transition. It stems from an eponymous interdisciplinary research project (economics, sociology, geography, urbanism, land planning) initiated in 2011, which allowed seven French research partners to follow, with the method of social sciences, ongoing processes of energy transitions on different scales (transnational, national, local), about different technologies (solar, wind, smart grids, biomass, low energy building, CCS) and in different countries (France, Germany, Tunisia).

A key argument of the COLLENER project is that the only potentials are « transition potentials »: they are potentials-in-the-making, emerging through the processes of socio-spatio-technical assemblage of NET. The project gathers an impressive empirical material, following the socio-technical collectives at work in the making of transition processes. It totals up to 30 case studies from which we pulled transversal lines of analysis in order to address key dimensions of the energy transition, such as:

- the socio-technical construction of energy resources,
- the role of inherited socio-spatio-technical configurations and the temporality of the energy transition,
- the territorial reconversions and the production of new spatialities,
- the consequences of passing through market, technology/demonstration or economic instruments on the production and distribution of wealth and powers in and from the transition.

In so doing, the project and the conference aim at contributing to a new perspective about the energy transition (process approach, dynamics, trans-scalar perspective) as well as about the notion and definition of transition potential.

SESSIONS THEMES

FLOW-AND STOCK- ENERGIES

Underlying notions such as ‘renewable energies’ or ‘fossil energies’, through which the current energy transition is framed, do not account for the processes of formation energy resources and their related sustainability issues. Building upon empirical material in different energy fields (solar PV, wind power, biomass, smart electricity) and ongoing developments in social-sciences (Castree, Bakker, Bridge), this session will aim at bringing into discussion different dimensions of the current processes of formation of new energy resources, such as: the processes of commodification, appropriation and politicization of these resources ; the role of materiality (heterogeneity / homogeneity of the resource, ability to meet the uses...), technological configurations (dimensions, modularity, temporality, spatiality...) and socio-technical collectives (solidarities, power struggles) ; the ways in which other resources are conjoined into the chain of their formation and the related sustainability issues.

ECONOMIZING THE ENERGY TRANSITION

Official policy circles and decision-making sites nowadays consider market as a privileged vehicle for the energy transition. Once associated to markets, the energy transition should no longer pose any threat to the current living standards and norms of comfort of the Western world. To the contrary, it is expected that the energy transition will fuel new economic growth and create more wealth, especially in Europe.

This session aims at examining the practical consequences of that close association between energy transition and markets using concepts derived from STS and economic sociology [the performativity programme]. Following the ANT-tradition of careful examination of minute empirical details considered as sites of “actors” formation and creation of power relations, the session proposes to follow and discuss the ways in which new goods and new markets of the energy transition are established, and the related consequences as regards to which actors or collectives become empowered in the energy transition.

THE SPATIALITIES OF THE ENERGY TRANSITION

The session aims at describing and discussing the ways through which territories are re-geocoded and new spatialities politically constructed (spatial opening or closing processes within or between territories, redistributive effects along the new spatialities) in the processes of energy transition. Drawing upon empirical material in different domains – wind-power, solar PV, biomass energy – and development in the field of STS which allow for a relational and material appraisal of new energy technologies (e.g. “*milieu associé*” Simondon 1958), it will seek at developing an account of energy transition processes in which the technological dimension is both constituting and transforming territories. This will also be the occasion to discuss approaches that understand the unfolding of NETs as the crowning of the ‘local’, tend to romanticize localism, autonomy and decentralization.

INHERITED SOCIO-GEOGRAPHICAL CONFIGURATIONS

The session aims at sharing and discussing a non-linear approach to the temporalities of energy transitions. A key argument will be that space (materiality, relations, scales, heterogeneity), once seized through inherited socio-geographical configurations, provides an alternative perspective on time and allows for a multi-temporal analysis of the energy transitions. These configurations are diverse by nature (institutional, technical, landscape...). Based on empirical material from different historical periods (XIIth – XXIth) and countries (France, Germany, Tunisia), the session will explore their role in the emergence of new socio-technical collective as well as the ways through which these heritages are (re)arranged, called into action and become part of the emergence of transition potentials.

THE POLITICS OF POLICY INSTRUMENTS

This session interrogates the central role of support policies in the recent takeoff of renewable energy in Europe. These policies generally revolve around instruments – such as, investment incentives, calls for tenders, feed-in tariffs ... - designed to act as diverse forms of financial incentives and that seek to enable, frame and accelerate the deployment of markets for renewable energy and/or renewable energy technologies. A great diversity of collectives, sociotechnical arrangements, forms of engagement and mobilisation, more or less perennial agencies develop and grow around them. These often take instruments beyond their economic dimensions, transforming and reconfiguring them and thereby affecting the capacity of regulators to monitor and adjust their policy tools. We offer to analyse and discuss on the basis of a series of case studies (France, Germany and Tunisia) the diversity and materiality of the arrangements that grow around these instruments and to revisit on this basis the notion of “economisation policies”, as economisation often leads to re-politisation.

GOVERNING POTENTIALS : THE MOMENTUM OF THE GRENELLE DE L'ENVIRONNEMENT (FRANCE)

Since the beginning of the 2000's, sectoral renewable energy policies have been reformulated in the EU into climate-energy policies that became better articulated with the regional / territorial level. In France, such a reformulation took place within an unusual process of stakeholders consultation and policy devising known as the “Grenelle de l'environnement”. This session will bring into discussion the role and the outcome of the Grenelle. It will more broadly aim at discussing the capacity of such national political processes to allow stakeholders to evolve policy framework and formulation, and to foster the emergence negotiated transition potentials.

DEMONSTRATION AND THE ENERGY TRANSITIONS

Bringing research closer to market and market actors in order to generate growth and employment out of innovation, is a neoliberal vision that has emerged in the wake of the Lisbon Summit (2000). This vision has fostered a redefinition of the roles of government and industry in research and technological development (RTD) policies, whereby public-private partnership, industry-lead fora and technological demonstration have acquired a key role. This session aims at exploring and discussion, from a social science perspective, the "demonstration" which is at the heart of energy transition policies in France and Europe and its consequences as regards to which collectives or processes are empowered to steer the transition.

PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER

09:00-09:30 INTRODUCTION

09:30-10:00 ICE BREAKING

10:00-10:45 PLENARY KEYNOTE

11:00-13:00 FLOW-AND STOCK- ENERGIES

14:15 16:15 ECONOMIZING THE ENERGY TRANSITION

16:30 18:30 THE SPATIALITIES OF THE ENERGY TRANSITION

FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER

9:00-10 :20 INHERITED SOCIO GEOGRAPHICAL
CONFIGURATIONS

10:35-11:55 THE POLITICS OF POLICY INSTRUMENTS

11:55-13:15 GOVERNING POTENTIALS

14:30-15:50 DEMONSTRATION AND THE ENERGY
TRANSITIONS

[Detailed program soon online at:

www.centre-cired.fr]