



# TMSD 2024

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Second call for papers

## History of Science and Technology Days 2024

*Theme: Technology and Nation*

The Swedish National Committee for the History of Technology and Science (SNTV) welcomes you to the History of Science and Technology Days from 12–14 June 2024 in Stockholm! The conference will mainly be held at the National Museum of Science and Technology, but also at Stockholm University and KTH.

### Keynote speakers

- David Edgerton, Professor of History, King's College, London.
- Maria Rentetzi, Professor of Science, Technology and Gender Studies, Friedrich-Alexander Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg.

### About the conference

Every two years, SNTV organizes the History of Science and Technology Days. The conference is an arena for the presentation of new and ongoing research and for the exchange of experiences regarding teaching, documentation and exhibition activities. It usually attracts researchers from several different disciplines, especially younger researchers and doctoral students, who are given the opportunity to discuss ongoing research and dissertation projects. The conference also wants to create an opportunity for contacts between researchers and professionals in museums, schools and archives related to the history of technology and science.

### **Theme: Technology and Nation**

Historically, technological development and capability have been a tool for building wealth and at the same time contributed to creating national identities, national self-esteem and national hierarchies of power. Technology has been a decisive factor in armed conflicts and political alliances; culture and the media have portrayed technology as a national resource. Technical museums have represented the nation and formulated narratives of national innovativeness in their exhibitions. Scientific academies and foundations have handed out prizes that shine as much on the host nation as on the laureates. Technical universities have nurtured generations of technologists in a spirit that links an innovation culture to national self-esteem.

After the globalization discussions of the late 20th century, the national is experiencing a renaissance today. It manifests itself in historically profound communities and conflicts that are brought to life again. But ideas about the connections between technology and nation also play a role today. In Sweden, the image of "a nation of engineers" is alive, and technology has a central importance in today's debate about national security, preparedness and mobilization. The technology-nation relationship has also gained new relevance through the challenges posed by climate change and environmental impact and through the hopes attached to the green transition. Valuable natural resources are the focus of geopolitics and give rise to energy nationalism. In Sweden and other countries, protectionist positions have taken place in the debate on national energy mix and priorities. Research on the relationship between science, technology and the nation underwent important shifts in perspective around the turn of the millennium. How can we understand and deepen this research against the background of contemporary upheavals?

### **Participation**

The conference welcomes contributions that highlight the expressions of, and the connections between, technology and nation in a historical perspective, but also contributions that demonstrate the breadth of the field of history of science and technology including medical history, economic history, history of ideas, ethnology and other closely related subjects. We welcome contributions from academia, museums and archives, from established researchers, PhD students and young researchers.

The National Museum of Science and Technology in Stockholm celebrates its centenary birthday in 2024. We will have the opportunity to familiarize ourselves with the museum's exhibitions and new initiatives in connection with the anniversary, in one of the most beautiful places in Stockholm.

Submit proposals for independent papers, theme sessions and panels in Swedish, Danish, Norwegian or English. Send your abstract (max. 250 words) as well as contact details and institutional address to [TVHD24@tekniskamuseet.se](mailto:TVHD24@tekniskamuseet.se) no later than October 20, 2023. More information (in Swedish) is available on the conference's website: <https://www.tekniskamuseet.se/teknik-och-vetenskapshistoriska-dagar-2024/>



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