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PRODUCTION LANDSCAPES THROUGH ENERGY TRANSITIONS FROM 18TH TO THE 20TH CENTURY: TANGIBLE AND INTANGIBLE NETWORKS

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"Energy transition" represents a significant structural change throughout industrial history. Since the 18th century the gradual passage from local raw materials and energy production exploitation occurred to a regional, continental, and ultimately, in the post-WWII period, a global approach of production infrastructure. Indeed, the first crucial step was the transition from biomass to coal in the late 18th – early 19th century, followed by hydroelectric and later petroleum power production between the late 19th and the early 20th century, natural gas, and nuclear energy since the end of WWII. The session aims at an interdisciplinary and international debate concerning the various energy transitions throughout the modern history and their impact on the territories that shaped, modified, and transformed in a matter of tangible and intangible "networks". Thus, the session aims to stimulate at theoretical, methodological, and localspecific understanding and interpretation of a territorial transformation under the lenses of the energy transition, linked and interconnected from a spatial, economic, political, environmental, and socio-cultural perspective with the industrialization/deindustrialization processes. The session aims to open the debate on the coexistence of previous energy transitions and the manner they impacted our territories transversally, in different geographical and socio-cultural settings, and what are their aftermaths, given a new triggered energy transition. The session is open to heritage experts, architects, urban planners, historians, economists, sociologists, and anthropologists.

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