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Computer Networks Histories

Local, national and transnational perspectives

14th December 2017 USI - Università della Svizzera italiana
First session- Room 354 (USI main building)

8:00 / 9:00 Registration / Introduction speech

9:00 / 10:00 Keynote Speaker - Hu Yong, Peking University

The metaphoric chinese cyberspace: the Highway, the Wall and the Cloud

10:30 / 12:00 Panel 1 / Focus on China - Chair: Hu Yong, Peking University

Bo An, Yale University

Infrastructure, amateurism, and radical networking: FidoNet in China (1995-1998)

Liu Jinhe, Tsinghua University

Regime evolution of China's regulation on transborder flow of data from 1994 to 2017

Clément Renaud, École Polytechnique de Lausanne

Grégory Bahde, Université Jean Monnet St Etienne

From Davos to Beijing: the historical trajectory of the concept of sovereignty in Internet territories

12:00 / 13:00 Lunch

Second Session - Room 355 (USI main building)

13:00 / 14:30 Panel 2 / The legacy of the 1980s' - Chair: Enrico Natale, Infoclio.ch

Camille Paloque-Berges, CNAM - Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers

Gerard Alberts, University of Amsterdam

Beyond the protocol wars: 1980s user cultures in Dutch inter-net nodes

Valérie Schafer, ISCC - Institut des Sciences de la Communication

Benjamin Thierry, Université Paris Sorbonne

The Internet and the Web as a "Super Minitel"

Kevin Driscoll, University of Virginia

Thou shalt love thy BBS: a framework for the moderation of online communities



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15:00 / 16:30 **Panel 3 / European Histories** - Chair: Christiane Sibille, *Geschichte und Informatik*
Mato Brautovic, University of Dubrovnik

*Origins and development of Internet in Croatia: times of transition from communism to democracy
and war for independence*

Félix Tréguer, ISCC - Institut des Sciences de la Communication

Dominique Trudel, Concordia University

From internet access provider to political advocacy: the history of the French data network

Luciano Lenzini, Fabio Gadducci, Giuseppe Lettieri, University of Pisa

On the Italian pioneering network projects: issues and challenges

17:00 / 18:30 **Visit at the Swiss National Supercomputing Centre (CSCS)**

20:00 **Conference Dinner**

15th December 2017 – USI - Università della Svizzera italiana

First session- Room 354 (USI main building)

9:00 / 10:00

Keynote Speaker - Benjamin Peters, University of Tulsa

The network and the historian: opportunities, challenges, surprises, disobedience

10:30 / 12:00 **Panel 4 / Infrastructures** – Chair: Simone Natale, *Loughborough Univ.*

Christian Henrich-Franke, University of Siegen

Computer networks on copper cables

Paolo Magaudda, University of Padova

The rising of Tor and the history of a network “in the dark”

Sebastian Gießmann, University of Siegen

*Networking with/out computing? Remarks on the *longue durée* of networking practices*

12:00 / 13:00 **Lunch**



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Second session - Room 354 (USI main building)

13:00/14:30 **Panel 5 / A taste of BRICS' histories** - Chair: Benjamin Peters, *University of Tulsa*

Sophie Toupin, McGill University

Hacking Apartheid

Marcelo Savio de Carvalho, IBM Brazil

Henrique Luiz Cukierman, Federal University of Rio

The dawn of the internet in Brazil

Manushi, Indian Institute of Mass Communication

Towards Digital India: Internet in India

15:00 / 16:30 **Panel 6 / Networking Memories** - Chair: Marco Colombetti, *USI*

Raúl Carnota, FCEN Argentina

Lucas de Almeida Pereira, UNESP Brazil

SHIALC: History and memory of computer science in Latin America

Guido Koller, Swiss Federal Archives

Of men and register. The foreigner's central register in Switzerland – An early digital federal administrative network

Benedetta Campanile, University of Bari

Robert Fano, an Italian computer scientist from Project Mac to Internet

16:30 / 17:00 **Closing Remarks**