

Seminar invitation for Friday March 2, 2012, 13.00 at the Technical University of Denmark, Lyngby, building 101, meeting room S01

Johan Schot presents his historic studies of Modernization and socio-technical transitions in the post war period

The seminar will combine a history of technology perspective with an approach from studies of socio-technical transitions in viewing modernization processes.

The presentation and discussion will be based on the recent book edited by Johan Schot et al. entitled 'Technology and the Making of the Netherlands — The Age of Contested Modernization, 1890-1970' (MIT Press). His focus will especially be on the chapters on urban planning and the modernization processes after WWII.





Johan Schot is professor in social history of technology at Eindhoven University of Technology and University of Twente. He is scientific director of the Foundation for the History of Technology, and also Co-directing the Foundation for Systems Innovation (KSI). He has been program leader of the National Research Program on the History of Technology in the Netherlands in the 20th century. This program included the publication of a series of seven volumes, Ph. D. theses, monographs, and scientific and popular articles, and contributions to exhibitions, policy workshops and websites for teaching and the publication. He is co-founder (together with

Kurt Fischer) of the Greening of Industry Network and project leader of several EU funded international projects. He is chairing (with Ruth Oldenziel) the European Science Foundation Network Tensions of Europe, Technology in the Making of Twentieth Century Europe. He is also responsible for developing a larger research program of the KSI Foundation on historical understandings of long-term change.