Histories of Maintenance and Repair

International Workshop, C²DH, University of Luxembourg, 2-3 Sep. 2021

Day 1: Thursday, 2.9.2021 (all times UTC+2)

10:00 – 11:00 Welcome by the Organizers and Introduction of Participants

Philosophy of Repair

11:00 – 11:45 Mark Thomas Young, University of Bergen

Technology in Process: Maintenance and the Lives of Artifacts

11:45 – 12:00 Coffee Break

Maintaining High-Tech (and Power)

12:00 – 12:45 Sangwoon Yoo, Hanbat National University

Innovation in Maintenance: Technical Achievements of Cleanroom Operators and Maintainers in Korean Semiconductor Production Line, 1980s-2000s

12:45 – 13:30 Liliana Gil, New School for Social Research, New York

The Brazilian "Electronics Paradise:" Repair Work, Expertise, and Global Connections in Santa Efigênia

13.30 - 14.30 Lunch Break

Repair Practices

14:30 - 15:15 Kostas Latoufis and Aristotle Tympas, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Makeshift Engineering: Repairing Machines, Crafting Knowledge and Maintaining Relationships with Locally Manufactured Small Wind Turbines

15:15 - 16:00Yovanna Pineda, University of Central FloridaGendered Spaces of Repair, Maintenance, and Knowledge Production in Argentina,
Twentieth Century

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Day 2: Friday, 3.9.2021 (all times UTC+2)

10:00 - 10:30 Summary of Day 1

Visual Inventory of Repair

10.30 - 11.15 Anaïs Bloch, HEAD-Genève

Mobile Repair Cultures: from Informal Repair to Silent Innovation, the Smartphone Case

11.15 - 11.30 Coffee break

Maintaining Infrastructures

11:30 - 12:15 Laura Meneghello, Siegen University

Between Old and New: "Modernizing", Maintaining and Repairing Pneumatic Tube Systems

12:15 - 13:00 Martin Meiske, Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich

Cultures and Costs of Maintenance. The Rise of Creosote and its Precarious Legacy

13.00 - 14.00 Lunch Break

14:00 - 14:45 Amanda McMillan Lequieu, Drexel University

Imagining the Unmaintained Object: Industrial Transportation Infrastructure Decline as Narrative Symbol in the American Rust Belt

Maintaining Everyday Repair Opportunities

14:45 – 15:30 Stefan Krebs and Thomas Hoppenheit, Luxembourg University

The Decline of Repair Businesses? Luxembourg's Repair Sector, 1971-1985

15:30 - 16:00 Closing Remarks