

Zeitschrift: Itinera : Beiheft zur Schweizerischen Zeitschrift für Geschichte = supplément de la Revue suisse d'histoire = supplemento della Rivista storica svizzera

Herausgeber: Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Geschichte

Band: 49 (2022)

Register: Author biographies

Nutzungsbedingungen

Die ETH-Bibliothek ist die Anbieterin der digitalisierten Zeitschriften auf E-Periodica. Sie besitzt keine Urheberrechte an den Zeitschriften und ist nicht verantwortlich für deren Inhalte. Die Rechte liegen in der Regel bei den Herausgebern beziehungsweise den externen Rechteinhabern. Das Veröffentlichen von Bildern in Print- und Online-Publikationen sowie auf Social Media-Kanälen oder Webseiten ist nur mit vorheriger Genehmigung der Rechteinhaber erlaubt. [Mehr erfahren](#)

Conditions d'utilisation

L'ETH Library est le fournisseur des revues numérisées. Elle ne détient aucun droit d'auteur sur les revues et n'est pas responsable de leur contenu. En règle générale, les droits sont détenus par les éditeurs ou les détenteurs de droits externes. La reproduction d'images dans des publications imprimées ou en ligne ainsi que sur des canaux de médias sociaux ou des sites web n'est autorisée qu'avec l'accord préalable des détenteurs des droits. [En savoir plus](#)

Terms of use

The ETH Library is the provider of the digitised journals. It does not own any copyrights to the journals and is not responsible for their content. The rights usually lie with the publishers or the external rights holders. Publishing images in print and online publications, as well as on social media channels or websites, is only permitted with the prior consent of the rights holders. [Find out more](#)

Download PDF: 09.02.2026

ETH-Bibliothek Zürich, E-Periodica, <https://www.e-periodica.ch>

Author Biographies

Gabriele Balbi is associate professor in media studies at the Institute of Media and Journalism, USI Università della Svizzera italiana, Switzerland. He chairs the ECREA Communication History section, and his recent research deals with the history of media and digital technologies. His most recent book (co-edited with Andreas Fickers) is *History of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). Transnational Techno-Diplomacy from the Telegraph to the Internet* (De Gruyter, 2020). Address: IMeG – USI, Via Giuseppe Buffi 13, CH-6900 Lugano, email: gabriele.balbi@usi.ch

Paolo Bory is a postdoctoral fellow at the Department of Design at Politecnico di Milano, Italy. His research focuses on the histories and imaginaries of digital technologies such as the Internet, AI, and supercomputing. Paolo has published peer-reviewed articles on these topics in international journals such as *New Media & Society*, *Convergence*, and *Critical Studies in Media and Communication*. He is the author of *The Internet Myth: From the Internet Imaginary to Network Ideologies* (University of Westminster Press, 2020). Address: Dipartimento di Design, Via Durando 10, 20158 Milano IT, email: paolo.bory@polimi.it

David Gugerli, born in 1961, is professor of history of technology at ETH Zurich. His research is focused on historical changes in computational reality. Most recently he published *Wie die Welt in den Computer kam. Zur Entstehung digitaler Wirklichkeit* (S. Fischer Verlag, 2018) and David Gugerli and Ricky Wichum, *Simulation for All. The Politics of Supercomputing in Stuttgart* (Chronos Verlag, 2021). Address: Clausiusstrasse 59, RZ F11, CH-8092 Zurich, email: gugerli@ethz.ch.

Ely Lüthi is a PhD student and teaching assistant at the Institute of Media and Journalism at USI Università della Svizzera italiana, Switzerland. Her PhD research focuses on the history of Swiss digitization, Swiss political economy of communication and digitization policies. Her research interests also include (digital) media history, media policy and management, company cultures, and radio and television broadcasting. She has also been a research assistant for the project «Digital Federalism. The early history of

SWITCH and CSCS Manno (1985–1995)», funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation and jointly conducted with ETHZ. Address: IMeG – USI, Via Giuseppe Buffi 13, CH-6900 Lugano, email: ely.luethi@usi.ch

Moritz Mähr is a research assistant in the Chair of the History of Technology at ETH Zurich and at the Collegium Helveticum. He studied history and philosophy of knowledge, computer science, and banking and finance in Zurich and Berlin. He is currently working on a dissertation on the automation of migration authorities in Switzerland from 1964 to 1984. The study is part of the «Trading zones» project funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation. His research interests include computer history, migration studies, and digital history. Address: Institute of History, Chair for the History of Technology, ETH Zurich, Clausiusstrasse 59 (RZ F16), CH-8092 Zurich; email: [mmaehr@ethz.ch](mailto:mmahr@ethz.ch)

Nick Schwery has been a PhD candidate in the Chair for History of Technology at ETH Zurich since 2018. He studied social and communication sciences at the University of Lucerne from 2008 to 2011 and history and philosophy of knowledge at ETH Zurich from 2014 to 2017. His dissertation examines the genesis of the Hermes project management method and the structuring of the space between the computer and the federal administration between 1960 and 1976. Address: ETH Zurich, Institut für Geschichte, RZ F16, Clausiusstrasse 59, 8092 Zurich, email: nick.schwery@history.gess.ethz.ch

Laura Skouvig is associate professor at the Department of Communication, University of Copenhagen. Her research field is information history and early modern Denmark in the period from 1784 to 1820. The focus of her research, and her publications, is information cultures, information networks, and implications for surveillance and communication in late absolutist Denmark. Address: University of Copenhagen, South Campus, Karen Blixens Plads 8, 2300 Copenhagen S, Denmark, email: laura.skouvig@hum.ku.dk

Ricky Wichum, born 1982, is a research assistant at the Institute of History (History of Technology), at ETH Zurich. His recent work examines the use of information systems in the Swiss federal administration (Swiss National Science Foundation project «Trading Zones. Computers and Swiss Federal

Administration, 1960–1990»). Selected publications include *Biometrie. Zur Soziologie der Identifikation*, Wilhelm Fink-Verlag, Munich 2017, and David Gugerli and Ricky Wichum, *Simulation for All. The Politics of Supercomputing in Stuttgart* (Chronos Verlag, 2021). Address: Clausiusstrasse 59, RZ F15, CH-8092 Zurich, email: rwichum@ethz.ch

Daniela Zetti is a historian of technology and a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Lübeck, Germany. She teaches interdisciplinary courses in the medical, computer, and engineering sciences. Since April 2020 she has been vice head of the Ethical Innovation Hub at the University of Lübeck. Her topics of research are technology, innovation, and data sovereignty. She recently published, together with Christine Hämmerling, *Das dokumentierte Ich. Wissen in Verhandlung* (Chronos Verlag, 2018). Address: University of Lübeck, Institute for the History of Medicine and Science Studies, Königsstrasse 42, D-23552 Lübeck, Email: daniela.zetti@uni-luebeck.de