

Call for contributions

Journal of Energy History / Revue d'histoire de l'énergie

Section 'Energy Sources: new collections and heritage'

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The *Journal of Energy History* is bi-annual, freely open-source academic journal, the first dedicated entirely to energy history. It is published online on the academic digital library Cairn.info

We are looking for contributions for the column 'Energy Sources: new collections and heritage': short papers (3000-6000 words) which explores primary resources, methodologies, and archival collections dedicated to energy history.

The papers can focus on any aspect of primary sources and methodologies for the study of energy in a historical perspective. Examples of topics are (without being restricted to):

- Presentation of archives or collections related to energy (from companies' archives to government energy departments, NGOs, think tanks, oral history collections, etc)
- Presentation of art works (in any form) dedicated to energy
- Description of quantitative dataset on energy with a historical component (consumption, production, etc.) or presentation of projects dedicated to the gathering of data on energy
- Presentation of methodologies for energy studies in a historical framework, from any discipline of social science
- Critique of the methodologies adopted for the production of knowledge in energy studies, whether past or contemporary
- Assessment of the methodologies adopted in published studies on energy history
- Description of endangered, preserved, and reconverted industrial facilities that are or could be incorporated in the architectural heritage of an area
- Analysis of how energy heritage can help to understand the present and past relations between societies and energy structures

It is possible to access the previous articles on the Energy Sources section at this link:
<http://www.energyhistory.eu/en/sections/energy-sources-news-archives-and-heritage>

While we welcome papers on any topic, following the current editorial schedule we are particularly interested in papers with a geographical focus: **the German energy economy.**

If you are interested in contributing to the journal, please send a one-page abstract and a short CV to Marta Musso (marta.musso@uniroma1.it or marta.musso@archivesportaleurope.net) by the **17th May 2026**. The first draft of the selected papers will be required by the 30th September 2026, and the final draft should be presented by the 30th November 2026, for publication on the December issue “New historical perspectives on the German energy economy”, edited by Dr Henk-Jan Dekker (Bielefeld University) and Dr Antoine Missemer (CNRS). **Potential contributors are welcome to discuss their ideas with Dr Musso before submitting.**

Contributions shall come in the form of short papers, between 3000 words (20,000 characters) and 6000 words (40,000 characters). Papers can be written in French or English.

Journal presentation

The *Journal of Energy History* / *Revue d'histoire de l'énergie* is the first academic journal entirely dedicated to energy history, in all its declinations.

Energy is at the heart of the questions concerning human development. In recent years, with climate change and the globalised energy shifts occurring on a global level, energy-related issues have been perceived as more and more complex, universal, and urgent. For these reasons, it is important to promote the analysis of energy studies in a historical perspective, whether adopting a social, politic, economic, or strictly scientific point of view. Energy history is a discipline that provides an important framework of analysis to understand societies, the natural world, and their interactions.

The *Journal of Energy History* / *Revue d'histoire de l'énergie* invites scholars to overcome a compartmentalized approach to the different problems around energy, and to adopt a long-term analytical perspective. The Journal will open a new editorial space to unfold the potential of historical research in energy studies in social, political, economic, technical and cultural contexts.

The *Journal* will focus particularly on the period from the 18th Century to the present, in which energy has been theorised in its modern meaning as well as being produced and consumed on a scale previously unknown; however, it will welcome papers on any historical period, especially those with a *long-durée* approach.

The *Journal of Energy History* / *Revue d'histoire de l'énergie* is peer-reviewed and open access; while rigorously academic, it will appeal to a wider audience with an interest in energy issues.



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