

Vincent Lagendijk

Vincent Lagendijk is a post-doc in IP2.

Vincent Lagendijk (1980) studied Economic History at Leiden University. He wrote a PhD thesis at Eindhoven University of Technology. The thesis, *Electrifying Europe. The power of Europe in the construction of electricity networks*, deals with the historical development of ideas on European unification in correlation to electricity network-building in the period 1918-2005. It can be ordered [here](#).

In EUROCRIT he will work in IP2, further exploring Europe's electricity supply system and its historical configuration, and how the issue of risk was handled in the system-building process, and how recent liberalisation changes have affected the existing safety structures. Amongst other cases, he will study several blackouts. He is the webmaster of this site.

In October 200 the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO) awarded Vincent with a so-called VENI grant.

These grants are supplied to researchers that recently completed their doctorates. It enables them to conduct new and innovative research over a period of three years. Vincent will use the grant for his proposal *Transnationalising the TVA*. He will look at the transnational dimensions of the exploitation of international rivers, as inspired by the American Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA, 1933). His research proposal encompasses three cases; the river Mekong, Jordan, and the Danube.

Vincent is a member of the Society for the History of Technology (SHOT), the Dutch N.W. Posthumus Institute, and the Oslo Contemporary International History Network.

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Books:

- *Electrifying Europe: The Power of Europe in the Construction of Electricity Networks* (Amsterdam: Aksant, 2008). Order [here](#).

Articles

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- "High voltages, lower tensions. The interconnections of Eastern and Western European electricity networks in the 1970s and 1980s", in: Éric Bussière, Michel Dumoulin & Sylvian Schirmann (eds.)

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