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... each infrastructure is a unique temporal event (Massey 2005: 138–42).

... Geoffrey Bowker (2015: 1) posits that infrastructures do not have “plotlines.”

... the extraction of crude oil, which has fuelled a specific kind of infrastructure construction worldwide (Appel 2018) indexes extensive planetary temporalities...

**Endnotes:**

See Fei 1992 and Duara 1995.

For a discussion of this rhetoric, see Crossley 1997 (189–201).

For detailed analysis of this process, see Flower 2005.

When including more than one citation, start with the earliest publication date, e.g. “... the ways [time] figures in epistemology (Evans-Pritchard 1939; Fabian 1983; Gell 1992; Munn 1992; Bear 2016)...”

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Harvey, Penny, Casper Bruun Jensen, and Atsuro Morita. 2017. “Introduction: Infrastructural complications.” In *Infrastructures and Social Complexity: A Companion*, edited by Penny Harvey, Casper Bruun Jensen and Atsuro Morita, 1–22. London: Routledge.

Harrell, Stevan. 1989. “Ethnicity and Kin Terms among Two Kinds of Yi.” In *Ethnicity and Ethnic Groups in China*, New Asia Academic Bulletin 8, edited by Chien Chiao and Nicolas Tapp, 179–97. Hong Kong: New Asia College.

**Multi-volume:**

Foucault, Michel. 1990. *The History of Sexuality*. Vol. 1, *An Introduction*. New York: Vintage.

**Journal article (always provide URL links):**

Hodges, Matt. 2008. "Rethinking time's arrow: Bergson, Deleuze and the anthropology of time." *Anthropological Theory* 8 (4): 399–429. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/1463499608096646>.

Flower, John M. 2004. "A Road Is Made: Roads, Temples, and Historical Memory in Ya'an County, Sichuan." *The Journal of Asian Studies* 63 (3): 649–85. Available at: <https://www.jstor.org/stable/4133458>.

**Website:**

Bowker, Geoffrey C. 2015. "The Infrastructure Toolbox: Temporality." *Cultural Anthropology Online*. Available at: <https://culanth.org/fieldsights/725-the-infrastructure-toolbox>.

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14 February 1965; in April 2019

**Numbers:**

Spell out one to one hundred, e.g. thirty-two, eighty-eight  
100–102; 101–99

Spell out big round numbers: two hundred, one thousand  
6,540 people; 100,000 years

Partials: 3.4 million

**Year spans:**

1962–63; 1989–99; 1989–2007; 2001–2002

**Decades and centuries:**

in the 1970s; in the 2010s; in the eighteenth century; in the twenty-first century; in the first century BCE; in the second century CE [use CE only when needed for clarity]; seventh-century structures

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