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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.

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“... the ways [time] figures in epistemology (Evans-Pritchard 1939; Fabian 1983; Gell 1992; Munn 1992; Bear 2016)...”

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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.

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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>

Numerals, dates, measures:**Dates:**

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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“137 kilometres/kilometers” BUT “a 137km two-lane highway”

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