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Bio



Francesca Bray is a historian of science, technology and medicine in China and East Asia, with a special interest in gender and technology, in the politics of everyday technologies, and in how history of technology can contribute to new directions in global history. Francesca's first published book was the volume on agriculture in Needham's monumental series *Science and Civilisation in China*, which appeared in 1984. Her other books include *The Rice Economies: Technology and Development in Asian Societies* (1986); *Technology and Gender: Fabrics of Power in Late Imperial China* (1997); *Graphics and Text in the Production of Technical Knowledge in China: The Warp and the Weft* (2007); *Technology, Gender and History in Imperial China: Great Transformations Reconsidered* (2013), and *Rice: Global Networks and New Histories* (2015). Her latest project, hosted by the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, is a book in progress, an experiment in collaborative writing with three other historians of technology, entitled *Moving Crops and the Scales of History*. After almost 20 years teaching at the University of California, since 2005 Francesca has been Professor of Social Anthropology at the University of Edinburgh. She is Past President of the Society for the History of Technology (SHOT).

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