## THE PROMISE OF INFRASTRUCTURE

## Nikhil Anand, Akhil Gupta, and Hannah Appel, editors

A School for Advanced Research Advanced Seminar

#### CONTENTS

# Acknowledgments vii

Introduction: Temporality, Politics, and the Promise of Infrastructure 1 HANNAH APPEL, NIKHIL ANAND, AND AKHIL GUPTA

PART I. Time

1. Infrastructural Time 41 HANNAH APPEL

2. The Future in Ruins: Thoughts on the Temporality of Infrastructure 62 AKHIL GUPTA

3. Infrastructures in and out of Time: The Promise of Roads in Contemporary Peru 80 PENNY HARVEY

4. The Current Never Stops: Intimacies of Energy Infrastructure in Vietnam 102 CHRISTINA SCHWENKEL

PART II. *Politics* 

5. Infrastructure, Apartheid Technopolitics, and Temporalities of "Transition" 133 ANTINA VON SCHNITZLER

### 6. A Public Matter: Water, Hydraulics, Biopolitics 155 NIKHIL ANAND

PART III. Promise

7. Promising Forms: The Political Aesthetics of Infrastructure 175 BRIAN LARKIN

> 8. Sustainable Knowledge Infrastructures 203 GEOFFREY C. BOWKER

9. Infrastructure, Potential Energy, Revolution 223 DOMINIC BOYER

> Contributors 245 Index 249