



Design Education Forum of Southern Africa

DESIGNED FUTURES

Design educators interrogating the future of design knowledge, research and education.

Call for Abstracts for the 8th International DEFSA Conference 9-11 September 2019

Design is sometimes portrayed as a practice that can address our damaged environment, mitigate the negative impact of technology, contribute to the global economy and help us to adapt to societal changes. Designers' skills, ways of thinking and doing equip them to address a range of complex tasks that may require innovative solutions.

Given the value of design in an increasingly automated future, how can we prepare our students for a world where they must rapidly acquire new knowledge, learn

new skills and adapt to new contexts and cultures? How can we as educators and researchers support the production of new knowledge and prepare our students for a changing world?

The 8th International DEFSA Conference explores these challenges under the themes of design knowledge, design research and postgraduate design education. We invite members and non-members to submit abstracts for oral presentations and posters that address the sub-themes.

DESIGN KNOWLEDGE

- Local vs global
- Representation, communication and sharing of design knowledge
- Experiential knowledge
- The intersections between texts and objects as the material of design
- Design fictions
- Storying the intersection of design, research and collaborative humans

DESIGN RESEARCH

- Lessons from industry
- Studio based design research
- Applied design research
- Design-based research
- Blue skies research in design
- Collaborative design research
- Design ethics and research
- Design philosophy as research

POST GRADUATE DESIGN EDUCATION

- Challenges and opportunities
- Postgraduate studies, formats and assessment
- Postgraduate supervision
- The young researcher

Bookings for the conference will open on 25 March 2019.

City: Cape Town * Hosts: CPUT and Vega

Venue: Vega Cape Town Campus 130 Strand St, De Waterkant, Cape Town, South Africa

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Criteria for submissions of Abstracts for Posters and Papers

Abstracts for Conference presentations and poster presentations must be uploaded to the DEFSA site by the 28 February 2019.

Abstracts will be reviewed by the DEFSA Abstract Peer Review Panel in a blind review process.

The Abstract submission deadline is on or before 28 February 2019. Your abstract must be no more than 300 words. The abstract should be a concise statement of the problem, approach, and conclusions of the work described. It should clearly state the poster or paper's contribution to the field. A title that communicates the topic, plus three to five Keywords must be included. The abstract should not include your name.

Masters and PhD students of DEFSA member institutions should consult their institution regarding the poster selection process.

Presentations

On acceptance of the abstract, authors will be notified and should prepare a 20 minute presentation for the conference. Presentations should be in PDF, PowerPoint or related format.

Acceptance of an abstract means that you may present your paper, it does not a guarantee that your paper will also be accepted for publication in the conference proceedings.

Poster presentations

Authors will be provided with a display area and a time in which they can speak to the poster. Final posters must be printed no larger than A1 for display at the Conference. (A1: 594 x 841 mm or 23.4 x 33.1 in)

We would recommend that posters be laminated for protection. Posters should include diagrams, images, graphs, illustrations which the author would discuss with small groups of people. Authors would be required to conduct the poster discussions at the specific times allocated.

For final papers

Full papers must be uploaded to the DEFSA submission site at 24:00 on 9 July 2019, prior to the Conference.

All papers will go through a double-blind peer review process. This process will be completed before the conference. Only papers that were presented at the conference will be considered for publication in the Conference Proceedings. Authors will be informed after the DEFSA conference of the double-blind peer review and selection outcome.

Selection will take into consideration the DHET requirement of "More than 60% of contributions published in the conference proceedings being submitted for a subsidy claim must emanate from multiple institutions" (DHET, 2015, p. 19).

The decision of the Editors of the conference proceedings is final.

Important

To be able to see the links to submit an abstract you need to REGISTER and LOG IN to the DEFSA website www.defsa.co.za.

Usernames and passwords are case-sensitive.