

UNMAKING WASTE 2018: Transforming Design, Production and Consumption for a Circular Economy

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CALL FOR PAPERS

Over the last two decades, much effort has gone into developing strategies to reduce waste and emissions in products, systems and the urban environment. Accelerating rates of consumption and discard, however, continue to undermine many of these larger efforts. It is clear that we need new systems-based approaches to reduce rising levels of resource consumption and energy use in order to implement a more equitable and environmentally sustainable society and economy.

Building upon the experience of our first conference, *Unmaking Waste: Transforming Production and Consumption in Time and Place* (May 2015), **Unmaking Waste 2018** will address the following themes from a similarly multidisciplinary perspective:

1. Eco-Design and Development:

Designing and managing objects, buildings, precincts and systems to reduce resource and energy use, and increase environmental and human wellbeing.

2. Sustainable Consumption:

Transforming consumption and service provision, including marketing, to better suit a resource-constrained, environmentally challenged world.

3. Waste Minimization:

Reducing waste and pollution at all scales, in all domains and activities, and transforming waste and pollution into states of greater value for reuse.

4. Circular Economy:

Optimizing social, material and economic relations to further the goals of the Circular Economy, including product and environment life-extension, reuse and repair.

Call for Abstracts

Abstracts should be no more than 300 words, and address the purpose, methods, and implications of the work to be presented. They should include a proposed title, and nominate one or more of the above themes that seem most relevant to the subject. All abstracts, conference presentations and full papers must be in English. Abstracts must be received no later than 5pm, December 15, 2017. All abstracts will be peer-reviewed and all submissions will receive a written response with feedback from the Conference Organising Committee by February 2nd, 2018. The authors of successful abstracts will then be invited to submit their full papers for review by May 4th, 2018.

Full papers will be double-blind peer reviewed, and returned to their authors for revision before June 8th, 2018. Papers that are accepted, or accepted pending revision, will have until July 30th 2018, for completion. The full accepted, corrected papers will be published online in time for the conference. It is anticipated that a selection of these papers will be published in an edited book or special issue of a journal. More details on this will be available on the conference website when they come to hand.

Please send titles, abstracts, with nominated theme(s) and a separate short author bio in a word file to Robert.Crocker@unisa.edu.au no later than December 15th, 2017.