

Call for Papers: Foresight - mapping the territory.

Venue: Foresight Centre, University of Liverpool, UK

Date: 17 & 18 November 2009

This conference provides a platform for both established and emerging fashion and/or textiles, and fashion & textiles related researchers to communicate and discuss current research concerns. There are two forms of submission

- 20 minute presentations of papers reflecting the conference theme indicated below.
- 10 minute presentations for emerging researchers highlighting their current research

The papers will be peer refereed, with papers published by the Fashion & Textile Association following the conference,

The UK is a global hub for the initiation and exchange of fashion and textile education, research, innovation and creative practice. **Foresight – mapping the territory** uses the UK as both a physical and conceptual location to bring educators, researchers and practitioners together to explore contemporary initiatives and global perspectives that are fashion and/or textiles specific, or fashion and textiles related. New synergies are creating enriching partnerships and attitudes, widening research and practice agendas within this field. Papers are invited for submission that will support and provoke discussion around the following themes.

New Space - uncharted territory

Research which examines new territories that may be concerned with:

- The virtual/e-Learning environment
- Enabling technologies – within education, the design process, communication & connection
- New perspectives, interpretations and boundaries

Bridge

Research and inquiry which examines the relationship between past, present and potential future dimensions of the discipline. Historical, socio-political (or sociological and political) and/or technological influences which shape our contextual understanding.

- Learning from the past, acknowledging history, understanding territory
- The past as a creative resource – copy or inspiration?
- The appropriation debate
- Competitive edge – branding – education – the retail environment

Adjacencies

Research which examines dimensions of community and relationships:

- 'Communities of practice' and the relevance to employability, pedagogy and curriculum
- Communities that co-exist, neighbourhood & community relationships
- Global communities, networks and internationalisation
- Recognising synergies – forming partnerships & models of practice
- Education & Industry – who is initiating innovation?
- Knowledge transfer – formal schemes / organic groupings

Submission guidelines: Please apply using the appropriate template @ www.fashion-textiles.org.uk

- 20 minute peer reviewed papers (250 word abstract and a 100 word biographical statement)

or

- 10 minute emerging research presentations (visual and/or text based)
(100 word abstract & 50 word biographical statement)

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Deadline for paper proposals: Friday 1st May 2009

Notification of submission: Monday 1st June 2009