

ArtEZ University of the Arts

searching for the new luxury: two calls for entries

On 1 June, 2018, the exhibitions and events programme **state of fashion 2018 | searching for the new luxury** will open in the city of Arnhem, The Netherlands. State of Fashion is the successor of the Arnhem Fashion Biennale, founded by ArtEZ University of the Arts, which knew five events between 2005 and 2013. ArtEZ University of the Arts has a strong tradition and international reputation in Fashion Design with award winning courses and many renowned graduates such as Viktor & Rolf, Iris van Herpen and Lucas Ossendrijver. ArtEZ is increasingly becoming the home base for researchers in the arts and in design. Since 2002, the Fashion Professorship has played a leading role in developing fashion research and theory in the Netherlands. ArtEZ and State of Fashion are collaborating closely in preparing for the **state of fashion 2018 | searching for the new luxury**. In that context, we are jointly sending out calls for proposals for the Fashion Colloquium and for the Future Scenarios exhibition (deadline 30 September).

Call for Contributions Fashion Colloquium: Searching for the New Luxury

Organized jointly by ArtEZ University of the Arts and State of Fashion, the ‘Fashion Colloquium: Searching for the New Luxury’ is a two-day conference that will explore how to transition to a more resilient, inclusive and regenerative future of fashion. It is increasingly urgent to create interventions in the current fashion system and to redefine its meaning and relevance. The world needs fearless imagination and experimentation in order to develop a new kind of aesthetics and connectivity. We need more critical fashion practices and critical theories to “fashion” a more ethical, inclusive and responsible reality.

The ‘Fashion Colloquium: Searching for the New Luxury’ underlines the importance of redefining value systems – starting from our own fundamental human values. In addition to traditional paper sessions, we invite creative practitioners to send in proposals for performances, film showings, participatory panel discussions or other creative interventions. We are asking for contributions that challenge our perceptions – that move our field forward.

The Fashion Colloquium will take place on May 31 and June 1, 2018 in Arnhem, during **state of fashion 2018**. Conference organisers: ArtEZ University of the Arts and State of Fashion. Academic partners: Wageningen University & Research and Radboud University Nijmegen. We invite abstracts (deadline: November 17, 2017) and proposals for creative practice contributions (deadline: January 26, 2018) related to the conference theme and subthemes. More information can be found here:

<https://www.artez.nl/en/call-for-contributions-fashion-colloquium>

state of fashion | searching for the new luxury

Open Call for Future Scenarios

state of fashion 2018 | searching for the new luxury explores new definitions of 'luxury' against the backdrop of urgent environmental and social issues: less waste and less pollution, more equality, wellbeing, and inclusivity. New (bio-)technologies, digital platforms, and manufacturing processes will be explored for their potential to overturn conventional concepts of luxury and set a more responsible agenda for the future of the industry. *state of fashion 2018 | searching for the new luxury* will provide a platform for ground-breaking current research as well as initiate cross-disciplinary experimental collaboration, preceding and extending beyond the event.

As part of *state of fashion 2018 | searching for the new luxury*, the Future Scenarios exhibition will highlight pioneering and inspiring examples from around the globe of projects addressing these issues. More information on the Open Call for Future Scenarios, which closes on 30 September 2017, can be found here:

<https://stateoffashion.org/en/join/open-call-for-projects/>