

## Attending [to] Futures (online/Cologne, 18-20 Nov 21)

online / Köln International School of Design, Nov 18–20, 2021

Deadline: Apr 5, 2021

Johanna Mehl, Köln International School of Design

Attending [to] Futures: Matters of Politics in Design Education, Research, Practice:

A conference for design practitioners, researchers, educators, students, scholars, and activists, who engage in a political reprogramming of design!

Acknowledging the ways in which design (as practices, forms of knowledge, and sets of objects) is accountable for social and environmental injustice, ATTENDING [TO] FUTURES is a platform for critical perspectives that scrutinize unchallenged disciplinary norms and designerly ways of knowing, being, doing, and imagining in design education, research, and practice.

Three panels will frame practical and theoretical positions and projects that critically examine the socio-political and ecological consequences of dominant ways of knowing, being, and doing in design and explore the possibilities of subversive practices and alternative teaching-learning scenarios. Lectures, workshops, urban walks, live performances, film screenings, and discussions invite interdisciplinary exchange among designers, activists, researchers, and educators from the fields of design, art, architecture, cultural studies, and anthropology.

The design conference ATTENDING [TO] FUTURES will take place at Köln International School of Design of TH Köln (Cologne, Germany) on 18-20 November 2021, but will be transformed into an online event, if regulations with regard to the Covid-19 pandemic prohibit physical large-scale events.

We accept and encourage submissions of different formats (Talks, Presentations/Workshops/Performances/Other)!

Key dates:

- Submission of abstracts: April 05, 2021
- Abstract feedback: May 07, 2021
- Conference: November 18-20, 2021

Submission modalities: Abstract of submission (500 words max., if needed, up to 5 images can be included). Short biography (200 words max.)

PDF file via e-mail to [submissions@attendingoftutures.de](mailto:submissions@attendingoftutures.de)

For further information please visit our website and download the CfS.

<https://www.attendingtoreflections.de/>

Reference:

CFP: Attending [to] Futures (online/Cologne, 18-20 Nov 21). In: ArtHist.net, Jan 16, 2021 (accessed Feb 2, 2026), <<https://arthist.net/archive/24259>>.