

Commons in Design (Basel, 15–17 Feb 23)

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Deadline: May 31, 2022

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In the conference "Commons in Design", we aim to explore the relevance of commons and commoning within design as a discipline and field of research. It aims to shed light on the complexity of commons and commoning from a design perspective and to present future models and scenarios pointing towards a more sustainable, just and peaceful world. Central to this is the question of how principles of commoning can benefit design processes, methods, and ways of working, ultimately changing the way designers position themselves.

We seek contributions that address the following topics, approaches and/or methods, but are not limited to:

- knowledge sharing in design
- commoning methods relevant for design
- identity versus economy (this format does not impose that identity and economy are exclusive)
- (dis)advantages of open design
- relation between working environments (physical and virtual) and collaborative design processes
- modes of sharing (people to people, people-to-thing, thing-to-thing, other...)
- commoning linked to other inclusive approaches (e.g. feminism, postcolonialism, other...)
- design principles, practices, infrastructure – examples for design commons and/or commoning design
- ethical and data-related factors in commons and commoning

We especially encourage submissions that relate to one or more of the following thematic areas:

1. Design, Gender, Working Environment
2. Design, Activism, Body and Ecology
3. Design, Networks and Digital Fabrication

We invite proposals for full papers, short papers/case studies, or workshops related to the conference theme from all fields related to design and/or commoning. The deadline for abstracts is May 31, 2022. The conference will be held at the FHNW Academy of Art and Design, Basel, Switzerland.

More details can be found on the conference website at <https://commons-in-design.ch/>.

Reference:

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