

# **International Upcycling Symposium 2020**

**Research and Practice**

De Montfort University, Leicester, UK (and online)

**4 September 2020**



## Welcome

We are pleased to invite you to the first International Upcycling Symposium 2020: Research and Practice. This symposium aims to collate state-of-the-art research and practice on upcycling in the world and identify opportunities for future research and business collaborations. We have three objectives:

- 1) to present, discuss and publish the latest high quality research and practice on upcycling. Participants will be invited to publish in the Special Issue of *Sustainability*, “Sustainable Consumption and Production by Upcycling: Advances in Science and Practices”. <sup>1</sup>
- 2) to attract international upcycling experts and practitioners to the AHRC (Arts and Humanities Research Council) Networking Scheme. <sup>2</sup>
- 3) to generate ideas for future collaborations and networking activities.

The symposium will be held at the campus of De Montfort University (and online) on Friday 4 September 2020 as a joint effort between De Montfort University, Lund University, Nottingham Trent University, and Newcastle University.

The symposium targets audiences of academics, researchers, educators, research students, upcycling practitioners (e.g. artists, designers, engineers, craftspeople, hobbyists) and other stakeholders in upcycling businesses (e.g. material suppliers, retailers, consumers). This event is envisaged as a multidisciplinary arena in which all participants will share their ideas, opinions, research and practice to learn from each other.

<sup>1</sup> [https://www.mdpi.com/journal/sustainability/special\\_issues/Sustainable\\_Consumption\\_Production\\_Upcycling](https://www.mdpi.com/journal/sustainability/special_issues/Sustainable_Consumption_Production_Upcycling)

<sup>2</sup> <https://ahrc.ukri.org/funding/apply-for-funding/current-opportunities/researchnetworking/>

## Topics

- Conceptual studies with a lifecycle focus on the potential of upcycling in slowing and closing material loops, achieving industrial sustainability and sustainable waste management
- Case studies and comparative case studies (involving different sectors, countries, disciplines or challenges) illustrating best practices, organisations, entrepreneurs, policies and interventions
- Experimental studies, interviews and surveys of consumers and producers, and of do-it-yourself and maker movements
- Studies on upcycling practices, and barriers and opportunities for upcycling businesses
- Supply chain value mapping and management through new business models
- Extended literature reviews on the topic of upcycling
- Holistic viewpoints or new insights proposing innovative ways to bring researchers, practitioners and a variety of stakeholders in upcycling-related initiatives and businesses (e.g. material suppliers, retailers, consumers) into productive collaboration
- Any other interesting pieces of work regarding upcycling

## Type of submission: 1000 words extended abstract

The extended abstract must be clear and concise addressing the context of the study/issue/problem, research question and methods (in the case of research paper), main findings or how your business/practice addresses the issue/problem, and key conclusions. The abstract should be no more than 1000 words. A maximum of one figure/table can be included.

## Submission

Please submit your abstract(s) to Dr Kyungeun Sung via email ([Kyungeun.sung@dmu.ac.uk](mailto:Kyungeun.sung@dmu.ac.uk)).

## Important dates

- Extended abstract submission: **15 June 2020**
- Acceptance of abstracts: **15 July 2020**
- Publication-ready abstracts: **15 August 2020**
- Final symposium programme: **25 August 2020**
- Symposium: **4 September 2020**

## Registration

There is no registration fee. This symposium is funded by De Montfort University.

## Reviewing policy

The abstracts will be subject to a single-blind review process. The review criteria will be originality/novelty of the contribution, significance of content, quality of presentation, and interest to readers (in the case of research papers, scientific soundness is also applied). All accepted abstracts will be published as conference proceedings with a DOI identifier. Selected abstracts will be recommended for publication in the Special Issue of *Sustainability*, “Sustainable Consumption and Production by Upcycling: Advances in Science and Practices”.

## Symposium programme

This symposium will provide an interactive environment where participants proactively create opportunities to share knowledge and new cross-disciplinary research that leads to potential collaboration.

### Plenary sessions

Keynote speakers will present new ideas and visions.

### Topic-oriented sessions

Session chairs will host accepted abstracts to foster discussion.

### AHRC Research Networking Scheme brainstorming workshop

Anyone interested in being part of the AHRC Research Networking Scheme for future collaboration may participate in a workshop for brainstorming activities to generate ideas for future collaborations and networking activities.

## Organising committee

- Dr Kyungeun Sung (De Montfort University)
- Dr Jagdeep Singh (Lund University)
- Prof Tim Cooper (Nottingham Trent University)
- Dr Ben Bridgens (Newcastle University)
- Dr Amal Abuzeinab (De Montfort University)
- Dr Claire Lerpiniere (De Montfort University)
- Dr Lionel Dean (De Montfort University)

Any queries regarding submission or symposium, please contact Dr Kyungeun Sung ([Kyungeun.sung@dmu.ac.uk](mailto:Kyungeun.sung@dmu.ac.uk)).