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TRANSITIONS
Design Research in 5 thema's

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Transitions

The Dutch design research community has to continually deal with the ever-changing relationships between technology, society, and our planet. Given these changes, design research is in a continuous state of transition. These transitions impact the things we create and investigate, the questions we ask, and the tools and methods we develop and use. Technological developments in Artificial Intelligence, Bio-engineering, and networked systems trigger us to make and study things where the natural ends and the artificial starts. It also evokes questions such as: ‘What makes us human?’ or, ‘How to live our lives in times of planetary and economic crisis?’. The 5 themes address different transitions in design research, from the natural to the artificial, from the past to the future, and from traditional to novel methods of creation. Discover the challenges we face today in design research! Join our workshops at Microlab: https://bit.ly/3CarrjQ

5 Design Research Themes - 5 x Design Research Afternoons @Microlab

24 October More than Human Design We entered an eco-age, which spans and traverses the social, natural, and artificial. How can we create value for future habitats that are natural for the ‘life’ and growth of humans and nonhumans? 25 October Futuring Design is a future-oriented practice. Ways to envision the future, speculate and reflect on it, and even to rehearse what it may feel like to inhabit alternative futures, are all critical components of the designer's toolkit. 26 October Politics of Design What is the relationship between design, power, and social justice? How do designers navigate the complex intersections of social structures, cultural differences, biases, stereotypes, and domination? 27 October Entanglements with AI Artificial Intelligence (AI) will be fundamentally shaping our future societies. It is therefore of great importance to understand AI as a design material. 28 October Neo Craftsmanships While critical debates on the future directions of design are in full swing, crafters of advanced enabling technologies have already started to make the new everyday a reality; the crafts of tomorrow are taking shape today. https://bit.ly/3CarrjQ

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More than Human Design, Futuring, Politics of Design, Entanglements with AI, and Neo Craftsmanships.

1 More than Human Design We entered an eco-age, which spans and traverses the social, natural, and artificial. How can we create value for future habitats that are natural for the ‘life’ and growth of humans and nonhumans? Can design be at the heart of such ecosystems? How can we manipulate leverage points that affect all within the system? Which collaborations and ways of thinking are needed to shift towards decentralizing the human? In this theme, we move from human-centered design to more than human design. 2 Futuring Design is a future-oriented practice. Ways to envision the future, to speculate and reflect on it, and even to rehearse what it may feel like to inhabit alternative futures, are all critical components of the designer's toolkit. As the fate of our planet lies in the balance, the ways design shapes our futures – the kind of relations, experiences, meanings, and behaviors it forms – need to be explored, problematized, and reoriented. We need to figure out, collectively, where opportunities for responsible innovation lie, and help society move forward in respectful, responsible, and exciting new ways.

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schermafbeelding-2022-09-22-om-144528_1663850744.png	Politics of Design	One size fits some, Maartje van Proosdij, TU Delft
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