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CALL FOR PAPERS

Calls for papers on:

- ***Design contributions for the COVID-19 global emergency***
- ***Relating Systems Thinking and Design / Systemic Design and co-creation processes for territorial enhancement***

Design contributions for the COVID-19 global emergency

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The 2019-20 coronavirus pandemic disease (COVID-19), appeared for the first time in Wuhan (Hubei Province, China) in late 2019 and rapidly spread in the rest of the world since the early months of 2020, has produced a significant and sad/dramatic impact in the life of all people. To date (April 22th, 2020), over 2.550.000 people have shown symptoms and over 175.000 died for health and respiratory problems [1]. While the entire humanity feels dangerously powerless at the same time an unprecedented amount of initiatives across the world have shown human creativity and resilience. The entire scientific community is cohesive in facing this emergency and the severe health-related issues that have arisen in

the last months.

In this unparalleled scenario, the global Design community is called to act. And it is doing it! The new instances pointed out by the global emergencies allow reflecting to the ways the Design discipline can answer to unprecedented phenomena, with the will to foresee likely solutions in the long run from the lesson that we can learn in these months. At the same time, it is possible to immediately underline all bottom-up and top-down reactions that formally and informally are arising as conscious designed actions to solve the COVID-19 both at the small scales and at the large ones.

There is a widespread perception that this worldwide crisis will change all aspects of our way of living and relating to each other. Governments, companies, NGOs, communities and individuals are already dedicating their time to reflect the future scenarios, devising solutions that can enable a transition to the new world that might come after the pandemic. Whilst contributing to the on-going challenges of the pandemic, the Design community can also contribute through its abductive reasoning, with propositions for new scenarios on the post-pandemic aftermath.

The aim of this Special Issue of the Strategic Design Research Journal is to enrich the cultural and scientific debate by gathering and mapping all progresses produced in the COVID-19 emergency scenario and, then, to understand the role of the Design discipline in facing the complex global emergencies.

Therefore, manuscripts developed for this Special Issue can include, but not limited to:

- Cases studies, design projects and experimental applications carried out in emergency-driven scenarios, and their contribution in facing the COVID-19-related difficulties, or indirectly generated from it.
- Phenomenological investigations of regional / local policies, and their impact at the international scale, including the scalability of trials in the way of sustainable and inclusive applications.
- Studies on socially inclusive and human centred solutions connecting communities, enabling technologies and societal needs after the emergency scenarios.
- Studies on the role of Design in distributed / greener economies during and after pandemics or crisis situations aimed to trace promising business models and competitive forms of sustainable wellbeing.
- Inductive studies using technology-led and design-driven approaches aimed to create more resilient and sustainable social forms of wellbeing.
- Interdisciplinary explorations and proactive design-led scenario studies concerning positive multidisciplinary impact within the Discipline after the COVID-19 emergency.
- Theoretical / methodological studies on future research lines that the Design discipline may consider for the next decades, even taking into account the advances proposed within the Discipline in last years.
- Impact of COVID-19 in HE systems and strategies adopted to face education-related issues.

To help bring new insights into this topic, the Guest Editors welcome papers from researchers, designers and professionals working in all fields of Design, for review and possible publication in this forthcoming Special Issue of the Strategic Design Research Journal.

SUBMISSION

The manuscripts must be written in English and they must follow the APA style.

Authors are invited to submit full papers (**NO MORE THAN 5000 WORDS including all text parts**) responding to one of the topics described above.

All submissions are double blind peer reviewed, and accepted papers will be published in Vol.13 No.3 (September-December 2020).

Previously published articles will not be accepted. Submitted articles must not be under consideration for publication anywhere else. The publication of the article is subjected to the previous approval of the journal's Editorial Board, as well as to peer review made by, at least, two reviewers using the double blind review process.

Manuscripts must be sent through the journal's online submission system. You have to register in the platform in order to submit your article: <http://revistas.unisinos.br/sdrj>.

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Before submitting, authors should consult the referencing, style and formatting information in the Instructions for Author here: <http://revistas.unisinos.br/index.php/sdrj/about/submissions#onlinesubmissions>

TIMELINE

April 2020: Launch of the call for papers.

July 15th, 2020: Full papers submission deadline (no more than 5000 words including tables, references, figure captions, and endnotes). Please strictly follow the author guidelines: <http://revistas.unisinos.br/index.php/sdrj/about/submissions#authorGuidelines>

August 15th, 2020: Notification of accept / reject / revisions to authors.

September 1st, 2020: Final manuscript submission deadline.

October 1st, 2020: Publication of the special number.

[1] Source: Johns Hopkins University, Coronavirus Resource Center. (<https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>).

Relating Systems Thinking and Design / Systemic Design and co-creation processes for territorial enhancement

Guest editors: Silvia Barbero, Amina Pereno

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Information for Contributors

The world we live in is hectic and multifaceted, characterized by continuous changes that are more frequent, radical and dramatic than ever before. Their dimension rapidly shifts from local to global and viceversa, due to the increased interconnected nature of relations, affecting society at many different levels. This results in a rising complexity that requires new creative solutions with a high degree of adaptability to be properly addressed. It is in this scenario that Systemic Design can effectively integrate systems thinking and its methods with design to address this multi-stakeholder complexity, by creating new resilient systems moving towards sustainability at environmental, social and economic level. Systemic Design adapts from known design competencies to frame, understand, explore, propose and design complex services and systems, acting in the context of the indeterminacy of wicked problems.

The systemic approach enables to address all aspects of designing sustainable sociotechnical systems, thus promoting social innovation to improve the quality of life and economic wellbeing of people, evaluating engagements with people to develop local economies and acting in full respect for the environment and natural resources. The challenge of territorial enhancement has close links with the broader concept of Sustainable Development, since it deals with complex issues concerning the manner, the scale, and the time of the design intervention in order to achieve environmental, social and economic sustainability. To that end, Systemic Design considers the need to design locally supportive structures for economic and social flourishing, organically co-created and co-produced within the regions themselves. The concept of co-creation is crucial for the long-term sustainability of the territorial systems; it includes a wide range of participatory practices for design and decision making aiming at facilitate user participation and multi-stakeholder engagement. The process of local participation in the design and implementation phase of territorial systems, requires the adoption of cultural, environmental, and community values. Regional development processes are strongly dependent on people's ability to develop sustainable structures that, on the one hand, facilitate all forms of innovation, creativity, new ideas, and visions in acting and, on the other hand, maintain the essential stability of the system.

We welcome contributions addressing collaborative research domains in which design is boosting innovation and sustainability. Authors are invited to provide their view on how systems thinking in design disciplines can help our territorial and socio-technical systems to face the complex challenge of sustainability.

We especially invite authors to opening up the discussion about the following research topics:

- Co-creation approaches in Strategic Design and Systemic Design;
- Participatory practices for design and decision making with stakeholders and users in complex systems;
- Strategic tools for enhancing local participation in territorial systems;
- Systemic Design for social, economic and environmental sustainability;
- Implementation of innovative territorial systems.

Other research topics concerning Systems and Design Thinking are welcomed.

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Schedule

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Submission guidelines

- Manuscripts must be prepared using the guidelines and the template that our editorial team will upload in July, 2019;
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- The manuscript must follow APA style;
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