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## Virtual Design Education Conference 2021

Hosted by University of Johannesburg & Inscape Education Group

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DESIGN EDUCATION/AFRIKA /4<sup>TH</sup> INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION

*The First Industrial Revolution used water and steam power to mechanize production. The Second used electric power to create mass production. The Third used electronics and information technology to automate production. Now a Fourth Industrial Revolution is building on the Third, the digital revolution that has been occurring since the middle of the last century. It is characterized by a fusion of technologies that is blurring the lines between the physical, digital, and biological spheres.*

Klaus Schwab (2016)  
Founder and Executive Chairman, WEF

The COVID-19 pandemic has visibly impacted every sphere of life. The Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) and its impact on design education can similarly be viewed through the lens of this global pandemic. The unique context of Afrika adds further layers to this lens. In past DEFSA conferences, design educators would reflect the conference theme on their particular context, lived experience, and specific design discipline. To encourage this self-reflection and forward-thinking, the 2021 DEFSA Conference addresses the past, present and future of design education while considering the Fourth Industrial Revolution in the context of Afrikan scholarship.

### CONFERENCE DATE

5-7 October 2021.

Streamed live from UJ Arts Centre  
Faculty of Art, Design and Architecture  
University of Johannesburg



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## CONFERENCE KEYNOTE

International keynote speakers to be announced.

Should you wish to propose a keynote speaker, please mail [president-elect@defsa.org.za](mailto:president-elect@defsa.org.za).

## CONFERENCE FEE

Free for paid-up DEFSA members and R500 for non-DEFSA members. A page fee will be charged for accepted papers to cover the production costs of the proceedings.

## 2021 DEADLINES

15 February	Abstracts uploaded to the <a href="http://www.defsa.co.za">www.defsa.co.za</a> website.
12 April	Notification of the acceptance of abstracts.
14 June	Full papers uploaded to the DEFSA website.
30 August	Notification of the acceptance of the full paper.
15 September	Video presentation uploaded to the DEFSA website.
30 September	Revised and final papers uploaded to the DEFSA website.
30 December	Publication of the conference proceedings.

## THE ABSTRACTS

Your abstract should be between 300 and 500 words. The abstract should be a concise statement of the problem, approach, results and conclusions of the work, and should clearly state the paper's contribution to the field. Include three to five keywords with your submission. All references to the author/s in the abstract body should be removed before submission.

## FULL PAPERS AND VIDEO PRESENTATIONS

Full papers should be between 3 000 and 5 000 words. The DEFSA editors will communicate the technical requirements for the full papers and the video presentations to authors whose abstracts are accepted.

## PEER REVIEW

All abstracts and full papers will be subject to a double-blind peer review process. Authors with accepted abstracts will be allowed to present at the conference. The outcomes of the full paper review will be communicated to authors once the results are verified by the editors of the conference proceedings. Any decision taken by the editors is final, and no correspondence shall be entered into.

## ENQUIRIES

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