

Planning 2: Providing topics by outstanding young researchers in world textile engineering



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1. Lecture topic:
Make/Shift - design research methods for sustainability in Textiles

2. Lecture style:
On-line via Zoom

Speakers Biography

To understand the role of design in this time of climate crisis, design researcher Michelle Baggerman turns to the past. She explores the impacts and costs of technological development and how archaic forms of textile production can provide more than aesthetic inspiration for design. Through this exploration, she uncovers an inherent sustainability in craft practices. She finds smart ways to link this craft sustainability to modern materials and technology and encourages tradition and innovation to reinforce rather than replace each other. Designing objects to generate questions and insights about our current system, Michelle helps make the shift to a sustainable textile future.

In addition to her design research practice, Michelle has a position as research coordinator at Future Makers Center of Expertise at ArtEZ University of the Arts and develops education and talent programs at the TextileLab of the Textile Museum in Tilburg.