

Call for Papers – Science Museum Group Research Conference 2019: The Place of Industry

The 2019 Science Museum Group Research Conference will take place 4-5 November 2019, at the Science and Industry Museum in Manchester. Here, on an internationally significant industrial heritage site, in the world's first industrial city, we will emphasise the place of industry.

As ever, all Science Museum Group staff and students are invited to come and speak about their current research. Each year we also have a central concern and this year we particularly welcome offers of papers, panels, case studies, screenings and performances on the following topics:

- Place-based approaches to science and industry. From the coffee house to the technical school, from bricks and mortar to regional strategies. What does a focus on place and space bring to our understanding of science and industry?
- Interfaces and juxtapositions of industry with other disciplines and frames. From applying a science, technology, engineering and maths lens to industry to making space for artists and creative practitioners to extend industry's meaning. What potentials are there in pushing and exploring the boundaries of industry?
- The proximity of industry. From the haptic perception of technologies to the sensory qualities of industrial cities and spaces. How does industry being close-at-hand alter human experience? And how does experience design respond to industrial spaces?

This Science Museum Group conference is in its 4th year. It seeks to showcase research from across the Science Museum Group, our partners, and our collaborators in HEIs and to broaden the participants in – and audience for – that research. Alongside the overarching theme, the conference gathers together new thinking that resonates with the collections and practices of the Science Museum Group and draws out emerging work from our research community.

If you are interested in contributing, please get in touch with Abi Wilson

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Your proposal should include the following information:

- Proposed format of your contribution (presentation, performance, panel etc)
- Working title
- Abstract– at this stage a brief paragraph is fine
- Name(s) of speaker / contributors
- Home institution.

The deadline for receipt of proposals is Friday 28 June 2019.