





KPAKPAKPA DESIGN SESSIONS

Design is no longer only about making beautiful chairs, tables and dresses. In the 21 st century, it includes designing systems, reimagining urban identities and building new worlds!

How is this revolution taking shape in South Africa and what creative links are being forged across the Continent? Come and learn more from pioneering designers and academics in the fields of robotics, fashion design, architecture and video games design as they shed light on this transformation.

Curated by Cher Potter from the London College of Fashion and the Victoria and Albert Museum, alongside the AfriDesignX network, a pan-African network of designers championing exciting initiatives across the continent.

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SUN 18.02.2018 ON ROBOTS

This session explores: designing robots. We speak to artificial intelligence designers, amateur robot makers, digital artists and tinkerers about the future of robotics across South Africa, Zimbabwe and Uganda.

16:00

POTTED PAPERS hosted by Cher Potter (UAL / V&A)

Prof. Mugendi K. M'Rithaa, President of the World Design Organisation shares 5 design megatrends for the 21 st Century, highlighting the growth of robotics. Roboticist Leanne Raw presents her research on bio-inspired robots.

LIVE DEBATES hosted by Njoki Ngumi (Nest Collective, Nairobi)

Participants include:

Dr Ralph Borland (Artist, designer and researcher / Founder of 'African Robots') Prof. Mugendi K. M'Rithaa (Industrial Designer / President of the World Design Organisation / Professor, Cape Peninsula University of Technology)

Leanne Raw (Roboticist / Lecturer, PhD scholar, University of Cape Town Robotics &

Agents Research Lab)

Solomon King Benge (Amateur roboticist / Founder of Fundi Bots Ugar



MON 19.02.2018 ON FASHION

This session explores: designing clothing. We speak to art directors, performance artists, fashion academics and clothing designers who use style to test 21st century identities.

POTTED PAPERS hosted by Cher Potter (UAL / V&A)

Storytellers with style, Wanda LePhoto and Xzavier Zulu present the work and ideas of The Sartists. Fashion academic, Erica de Greef discusses performing urban identities through clothing design.

LIVE DEBATES hosted by Njoki Ngumi (Nest Collective, Nairobi)

Participants include:

Xzavier Zulu (Art director / Sartists fashion collective) Wanda Lephoto (Designer / Sartists fashion collective) Erica de Greef (Fashion academic / PhD scholar, University of Cape Town) Lukhanyo Mdingi (Fashion designer / Founder of Lukhanyo Mdingi) Anees Peterson (Clothing designer / Founder of Young and Lazy) Celeste Arandse (Fashion Designer / Founder of SELFI)



WED 21.02.2018 ON URBAN SYSTEMS

This session explores: designing urban systems. We speak to city architects, social medi specialists, drone journalists and taxi drivers about redesigning our city from within, from

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THU 22.02.2018 ON VIDEO GAMES

This session explores: designing video games. We speak to game developers, coders, interaction designers and professional storytellers about building new worlds in South Africa and Kenya.

16:00

POTTED PAPERS hosted by Cher Potter (UAL / V&A)

Games developer Wesley Kirinya reveals how local mythology informs his game narratives and superhero characters. Curator and games designer Benjamin Myers discusses his exhibition 'Africade: Contemporary Games from Africa'.

16:30

LIVE DEBATES hosted by Njoki Ngumi (Nest Collective, Nairobi)

Participants include:

Cukia Kimani (Coder, games designer / Co-Founder Nyamakop)

Benjamin Myers (Game designer, computational artist / Curator of Africade / Co-Founder Nyamakop)

Wesley Kirinya (Video game developer / Co-Founder Leti Arts Nairobi)