Fashion Justice Symposium
20 March 2020, 9am-4pm
Queensland University of Technology
Gardens Point Campus, OJW Room, Level 12, S Block

The fashion and textile industry are among the world's most environmentally damaging and exploitative. The United Nations estimates that the industry accounts for 20% of global wastewater and 10% of global carbon emissions, as well as resulting in one garbage truck of textiles being sent to landfill or burned every second. With 70 million workers globally involved in garment production, the textile industry also harms humans, by subjecting workers to unacceptable working conditions and pay rates. Recognition of these issues has led to the development of the UN Alliance on Sustainable Fashion, which aims to encourage the private sector and governments to reduce fashion’s negative environmental and social impacts, as well as using the fashion sector to help implement the Sustainable Development Goals. Ranging from industry interventions to fashion activism, this symposium will examine the actions needed from the public, the private sector, and governments, in order to shape the industry's future.

This is an interdisciplinary symposium and is open to people from all knowledge backgrounds. We are calling for abstracts addressing, but not limited to:

- Examination of the ecological impact of the fashion sector;
- Regulatory approaches to improving the fashion sector, including Modern Slavery Acts of Australia and the United Kingdom, and other similar disclosure regulations;
- Efforts to promote and mobilise ethical consumption;
- Critical approaches to Fashion Justice (feminist theories, environmental justice, third world approaches to international law, decolonial theories);
- The relevance of the Sustainable Development Goals for fashion justice;
- Textile waste and the circular economy.

Abstract Submission
Please email a 250 word abstract to Zoe Nay z.nay@qut.edu.au by Friday, January 17, 2020

Participants will be asked to prepare a 3000-word paper by 16 March 2020. Selected Papers will be published in a special edition of the International Journal for Crime, Justice and Social Democracy