

CALL FOR PAPERS

IN THE LOOP: KNITTING PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE  
A THREE-DAY INTERNATIONAL INTERDISCIPLINARY  
CONFERENCE

WINCHESTER SCHOOL OF ART,  
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHAMPTON  
15-17 July, 2008

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

Sandy Black  
Barbara Burman  
Liz Collins  
Sabrina Gschwandtner

In response to the resurgence of public interest knitting has enjoyed in recent years, this interdisciplinary conference proposes an exploration of knitting from a broad range of theoretical and practical perspectives. Proposed abstracts that cross geographical or chronological boundaries in the following areas are of particular interest:

knitting narratives including film, literature and the internet  
knitting, fashion & the industry  
knitting culture including subversion, gender, tradition and stereotype  
knitting, technology and the future

We welcome abstracts from practitioners, knitters, historians, conservators, theorists, educators, curators, technologists and the industry. Abstracts will be considered for formal 20 minute papers or poster presentations.

Selected papers or visual essays will be considered for publication in the 2008 edition of the Textile Society's Annual Journal *Text*.

Deadline for abstracts: Monday October 1, 2007  
Notification of decision: Monday November 5, 2007

300 word limit to abstracts for presentations/poster presentations  
Enquires and abstracts to the Conference Administrator: [J.A.Horgan@soton.ac.uk](mailto:J.A.Horgan@soton.ac.uk)

Please forward to any interested parties

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