



28 June - 2 July, 2021

MEDIA ARCHITECTURE BIENNALE *#FUTURES IMPLIED*

Join us online!

Call for Student Volunteers: MAB20 – *Futures Implied*

Online | June 28th – July 2nd, 2021

Student volunteers are an essential part of the Media Architecture Biennale: without their help, the conference would not be possible! Also, the 2020 edition (happening in 2021 for obvious reasons!) is looking for students who would like to help out to make MAB20 a big success. During the conference, student volunteers execute all kinds of tasks such as helping out with technical support, setting up the (online) exhibition and assisting in the paper sessions. Being a student volunteer is a unique experience and comes with many advantages, so do not wait longer and apply!

Important dates

- Deadline for submission: **30 April 2021**
- Notification of acceptance: **20 May 2021**

Preparing your submission

To apply, please fill out the [application form](#). In case of any questions, don't hesitate to contact the SV-Chairs Geertje and Waldemar by mailing to g.slingerland@tudelft.nl and w.jenek@qut.edu.au.

What we expect from you

- Support in preparing the conference, in light of the online format
- About **20 hours** of work during the MAB20 from **June 28 - July 2nd 2021**

- Attending the welcome and briefing meeting shortly before the actual conference (will be announced later)
- Being enrolled as a student while MAB20 takes place (BA, MA or PhD)

What you will get

- Free entrance to the conference. Attending MAB allows you to get up to date with the most recent research and talk to interesting people working in similar areas as you.
- Exclusive SV social gathering (virtual) during one of the conference days. You get to know the other SVs who might be your future colleagues.
- Certificate of appreciation for your volunteering work. You learn what happens behind the scenes of organising a conference and get to meet the people behind it.

MAB Theme: Futures Implied

The theme for the Media Architecture Biennale 2020 is [Futures Implied](#). Submissions should address one or more of the following issues:

- **The Aesthetics and Poetics of Responsive Urban Spaces:** How can media architecture contribute to a sense of place, deepening citizens' understanding of and attachments to local sites and making them more legible, imaginative, and inclusive?
- **Citizens' digital rights in the era of platform ecologies:** How can media architecture articulate public values and allow citizens to govern through digital platforms, rather than be governed by them?
- **Playful & Artistic Civic Engagement:** How can media architecture help to enact people-centric interventions through which citizens themselves learn, negotiate, and create innovations through play and games?
- **Restorative Cities:** How can media architecture enable societies to regenerate socially, ecologically, and physiologically on multiple levels, from the individual to the city as an entity of systems?
- **More-Than-Human Cities:** How can media architecture move beyond its legacy of human-centric design, and foster and embrace the well-being of the natural ecosystem as a whole?

About the Media Architecture Biennale

The **Media Architecture Biennale** is the world's premier event on media architecture, urban interaction design, and urban informatics. It brings together architects, artists and designers, leading thinkers on urban design, key industry and government representatives as well as community activists. Together, they explore the design and role of media in the built environment and its implications for urban communities and ecosystems.

The **MAB20**, themed #FuturesImplied and originally planned for the fall of 2020, will take place on **June 28th - July 2nd, 2021 in an online format**. All of the major events such as workshops, keynotes, awards and paper sessions will be accessible online from locations throughout the world. We still hope to be able to accompany these with some smaller scale, on-site meet-ups in Amsterdam and Utrecht, depending on Covid-19 regulations at that time. Our goal is to ensure we provide an exciting and safe experience to the MAB-Community.

More information & Contact

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