

**Call for Sessions | 2019AAANZ Annual Conference, 3-6 December 2019
in Auckland, Aotearoa/New Zealand**

The Auckland Conference Committee would like to invite proposals for panel sessions for the AAANZ 2019 Conference in Auckland. We welcome session proposals from practitioners and researchers interested in the relationship between theory, history, and practice.

Session proposal deadline: Friday 31 May 2019.

**2019 AAANZ CONFERENCE
NgāTūtaki - Encounter/s:
Agency, Embodiment, Exchange, Ecologies.**

An unexpected meeting or a purposeful exchange? What is gained and what is lost? How do we understand encounter/s in 2019?

For some, encounters manifest as social, cultural and global provocations, whilst for others, encounters represent the history of exchange and colonial settlement.

Recent events, both locally and globally, have highlighted the urgency for wider conversations regarding encounter. For this year's conference we encourage presentations that re-consider disciplinary boundaries in order to counter dominant narratives, and offer decolonising strategies and alternative viewpoints within the arts and cultural sectors. In this way, encounters have the power to be transformative.

Themes:

The conference will have four major themes:

- Agency
- Embodiment
- Exchange
- Ecologies

The themes are deliberately non-prescriptive to allow for multiple readings and understandings and there will be an additional open stream for papers.

The dynamics of **Agency** are contextual, and are often influenced by hierarchies that determine who speaks and when, whose voices are heard, listened to and valued, and which histories are written and passed on. **Embodiment** explores how a diversity of cultural traditions and historical encounters are written into and onto the body. In this sense encounters *are* embodied with the body potentially becoming a battleground for contesting normative, gendered and colonial models of what a body is, or can be. **Exchange** often describes the art of giving one thing and receiving another, sometimes at the expense of balances in power, gender, and mātauranga/knowledges. **Ecologies** are characterised by relationships within complex networks of natural, social and cultural systems. The cultural properties of land are determined by the specifics of worldviews that produce ways of engaging with and caring for the environment. In what ways can whenua/landscape be considered as medium rather than genre, and can be used as a stimulant for conversations about ecological crises?

We have conceptualised these themes as provocations in order to encourage sessions in such areas such as:

climate change
architecture and design
performance

fashion
materialism
time
posthumanism
sexuality
indigeneity.

What are the connections within our regions and populations which might be strengthened and/or complicated through the conference forum? Come to Auckland and find out!

Panel Session Format

- Conference panel sessions are each timetabled at 90 minutes; consisting of three 20 minute papers plus 10 minutes of questions, discussion, and commentary per paper (except where noted otherwise in the session abstract).
- Alternative formats may be proposed, such as round table or open discussions providing that they can be accommodated by the timetable structure
- Proposals for artistic and creative responses such as performances, screenings, sound and ephemeral works are encouraged
- On Tuesday 3 December there will be a mihiwhakatau or Māori welcome at 9am in Tane Nui a Rangi at WaipapaMarae on the University of Auckland campus, followed by a dedicated Postgraduate Day for presentation of papers from current postgraduate students and those who have completed postgraduate study within the last eighteen months. These papers do not need to relate to the conference theme. The call for postgraduate papers will open on 7 June 2019.
- Postgraduate students are also eligible to propose conference sessions and papers in other sessions.

Session Convenors will manage their designated session, prior to and during the conference, with the aim of best addressing the conference theme *Ngā Tūtaki - Encounter/s: Agency, Embodiment, Exchange, Ecologies*.

Submission Process

Panel session proposals are to include:

- Name and email address of the session convenor(s); institutional affiliation; session title; a brief abstract (of no more than 250 words) that describes the session and how it fits with the conference themes
- Email session proposals to conf@aaanz.info, attention Conference Administrator
- **The deadline for session proposals is Friday 31 May 2019**
- Session convenors are required to be active members of AAANZ at the time of the conference and will be asked to renew or register for membership upon acceptance of their panel proposal
- Session convenors will be notified of the acceptance of their proposed session on or before 14 June 2019.
- Call for papers for sessions will open on **21 June 2019**.
- Session convenors are expected to administer all enquiries and correspondence relating to their session in consultation with the conference committee

Contact

Please address all correspondence to the Conference Administrator conf@aaanz.info