Hello!

RSD9 is hosted by the National Institute of Design in Ahmedabad, India

In these unprecedented times, this year’s conference theme, *Systemic Design for Well-being: from human to humane*, befits our lives as we are living them at this very moment. Being humane is marked by compassion and empathy not only for humans, living beings and our cultures but also our natural world and surroundings. RSD9 explores the connections between the well-being of our bodies, surroundings, and the planet.

RSD9 brings together over 50 live online presentations and group discussions on design outcomes and programs informed by research, real applications, and practices to address problems in the unbounded complexity of social and ecological systems.

This mini-program provides an overview of RSD9. The full program, including special features for delegates is available at rsd9.org.

**THE RSD9 TEAM**

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ONLINE PROGRAM

Here’s an overview of the RSD9 program features and tips on using the interactive online program as a guide to organizing your RSD9 WEEK.

RSD9 starts on Friday, October 9 with a program of workshops that run through the weekend of October 10&11. The core program begins on Monday, October 12 at 5:30 PM (17:30) IST and runs through to Friday, October 16 with a culminating Systemic Design Association session at 9:30 PM (21:30) IST. Workshops continue on Saturday, October 17.

Plan your RSD9 week by blocking off approximately four hours from Monday to Friday. RSD9 offers a plenary session at the start of each day, followed by 90-minute parallel Talks, dedicated to a subtheme and four to six presentations on related topics. A facilitator, knowledgeable in the sub-theme and topics being discussed, weaves together the points of view of authors and brings in the comments of participants in a town-hall format, using the chat as a mic.

Choose the track that interests you and bookmark topics to My Program (Bookmarks) using the “save to my program” feature at the bottom of every abstract. If you are searching for a specific topic or author, try the search, which can be found at the top-right of every page.

Finally, as the ideas and inspiration surface throughout the week, the searchable RSD9 Delegate Directory provides a quick contact list so you can connect during RSD9.

IMPORTANT: Info about signing-up for sessions

IMPORTANT: Registering for RSD9 makes it possible to attend all keynote and plenary sessions and Talks, which are offered in two tracks M–F. You also have access to two workshops (of 16) but you must sign-up as space is limited. You will receive the workshop sign-up form via email at the email address you used when you registered.
Features for logged in delegates

Of course, you can browse through the online program in a way that suits you best! We have, however, added a few features that you might find useful.

Things you might like to do

1. Add or change information on your delegate profile. You can also set your profile to "private" if you don't want to show up in the directory.
2. Save session information by bookmarking it to your My RSD9 page for quick reference. This might be a helpful way to review abstracts and papers before or during a session.
3. Comment on sessions. This can include a call out to others interested in the topic, content of interest such as aligned research or references, or a note to the presenter(s) about their work or the session.

The email address you registered with is your pass to sessions. Meeting rooms will admit delegates by email matching.

Login Privileges

After you have registered, you will have login privileges. These include saving sessions to customize your RSD9 program, commenting on posts, and accessing the delegate directory. Check your email for a welcome email with your username and temporary password. You can change your password or update information on your user profile if you wish.

Save to My RSD9 Program

Once you are logged in you can save sessions to your profile, which can be accessed via "My Program". Bookmarking sessions creates a convenient page with links to all the sessions that are of interest to you. The authors will be referring to the work posted on rsd9.org, so your RSD9 program page is intended to be a helpful as a reference before or during talks.

Delegate Directory

As a logged-in delegate, you can also access the delegate directory, which includes the profiles of everyone who has chosen to share their information with other delegates.
FEATURED SPEAKERS

Check out all nine plenary sessions.

Plenary sessions are live at 5:30 PM (17:30) IST from Monday to Friday with a special closing plenary and keynote on Friday at 9:30 PM (21:30) IST. Vandana Shiva opens RSD9 with “Systems design for the well-being of the Earth” followed by Giulio Quaggiotto on Wednesday with “No Silver Bullets. How UNDP learned to embrace system thinking”. Thought-provoking plenary sessions are held on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. The symposium closes with a plenary session at 9:30 PM (21:30) IST featuring Harold Nelson’s keynote, “Regaining a New Sense of Well-being by Design” and a special presentation by the Systemic Design Association, including the announcement for RSD10.

Vandana Shiva
Keynote: Systems design for the well-being of the Earth community. MON.12 | 5:30 PM (17:30) IST

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Giulio Quaggiotto
Keynote: No silver bullets. How UNDP learned to embrace system thinking. WED.14 | 5:30 PM (17:30) IST

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Harold G. Nelson
Keynote: Regaining a new sense of well-being by design. FRI.16 | 9:30 PM (21:30) IST

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SESSION INFO

RSD9 subthemes

1. Ecological and circular economies, flourishing society
2. Health and Healthy Society
3. Methodology, philosophy and theory of systemic design
4. Design for sustainable ecology
5. Co-design for equity, collectivism, and citizen movements

Session numbers

Number of talks = 48
Number of tracks = 10
Number of keynotes = 3
Number of plenaries = 9
Number of workshops = 16
Number of Gigamaps = 23

Plenary sessions

Plenary sessions include RSD9’s three keynote speakers and four long-form presentations. Speakers will present live from 5:30 to 6:30 PM (17:30 to 18:30), Monday to Friday. There is also a special SDA session on Friday from 9:30 to 10:30 PM (21:30 to 22:30) IST.

All plenaries will include an opportunity for Q&A and comments. The session’s moderator will take questions and comments via chat for the Q&A portion of these sessions. Participant cameras will be off and microphones muted.
Talks

Two parallel tracks run from 6:45 to 8:15 PM (18:45 to 20:15) IST, Monday to Friday. They feature four to six abstracts that connect to the subtheme and each other. Authors will make a 10-minute presentation at the start. The authors will then constitute a panel for further discussion, moderated by a volunteer with specific research focus or expertise in the subtheme or topics covered in the session.

The session’s moderator will take questions and comments via chat for the Q&A segment. Comments are ideas are encouraged! They will be shared with the authors as feedback for their papers. Participant cameras will be off and microphones muted.

Small group break-out sessions will be offered after the session, beginning at 8:30 PM (20:30) IST. These sessions are author-led and will be added to the program based on the author’s availability.

Connecting with authors

If an author is available to host a break-out session, a smaller group session will be offered immediately after the Talk. Break-outs will be held 15-minutes after the Talk (the session in which they presented their work). Time: 8:30 to 9:30 PM (20:30 to 21:30) IST. Participant cameras will be on for these sessions, and participants will control their microphones.

Workshops

NID is offering workshop times to accommodate a broader band of timezones and has established a workshop schedule on Friday, the weekend before (October 9, 10&11) and the weekend after (October 17). Some workshops also take place weekday mornings, especially when the facilitator wants to schedule for a specific regional audience.

WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR THE WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM.
Time zones

The RSD9 team have set program hours to make the symposium available during sociable hours of the day across the majority of time zones. Priority has been placed on IST as NID is responsible for hosting and must be able to recruit speakers and volunteers during core programming.

Unfortunately, core programming times fall outside sociable hours for people in regions such as the Philippines and China, Australia, and the west coast of North America. The NID team is making specific efforts to hold sessions at these times, especially in the case of authors, workshop hosts, and exhibited creators connected to these regions.

Unstructured activities

NID is organizing pop-up sessions from 9:30 to 10:00 PM (21:30 to 22:00) IST. These sessions are dedicated to mindfulness and playfulness and introducing an experience connected to NID and Indian culture. The schedule of these sessions is not finalised and will be announced on the website as they are confirmed.

Converting IST

In addition to a basic Google search, the Interactive Time Zone Map is a useful tool for checking times in your region.

Gigamap Exhibition

The Gigamap curators will host the exhibition on rsd9.org along with the descriptions that designers have provided about their work. The gigamap exhibition will also be available on the RSD9 Instagram along with IGTV posts by the designers who chose to provide them.
A team of artists have volunteered to participate in sessions to capture the ideas as sketchnotes. These will be shared during the session and posted online after for reference.
ABOUT RSD9
Systemic Design for Well-being: from human to humane

The 2020 RSD9 logo begins with the Devanagari script letter which resonates the sound of ‘Ra’. It recalls writing with a ‘kalam’, a traditional writing instrument. The logo uses a sharp, high contrast yet incomplete letterforms to represent the constantly changing balance in life and well-being.

SDA has designed RSD for practitioners, educators and students. The Scientific Committee pays special attention to practitioner research and practice reports in the Call for Papers and reviews every abstract and working paper that is submitted. In 2020, NID has placed a high value on connecting with and representing the region’s design industry.

RSD9 week features five weekdays of programming, which includes keynotes, plenaries, and talks. To avoid scheduling conflicts, RSD9 has established a workshop schedule starting Friday, October 9, the weekend of October 10&11, and Saturday, October 17. Some workshops are also scheduled weekday mornings, especially when the facilitator has a specific regional audience.
Here is the program at a glance. For times, abstracts, papers, and more details on session, go to the online program rsd9.org

DETAILS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. FOR THE MOST CURRENT INFORMATION, CHECK RSD9.ORG AND MONITOR YOUR EMAIL FOR UPDATES.

WEEKEND 1
Friday & Weekend, October 9-11
NINE Workshops

MON.12
Keynote | Vandana Shiva
Track 1 | Ecological and circular economies, flourishing society
Track 2 | Health and Healthy Society
TUES.13
MORNING WORKSHOP

Plenary | Jonathan Romm, Palak Dudani, AND Shivani Prakash | Prasad Modak

Track 3 | Health and Healthy Society

Track 4 | Methodology, philosophy and theory of systemic design

WED.14
MORNING WORKSHOP

Keynote | Giulio Quaggiotto

Track 5 | Methodology, philosophy and theory of systemic design

Track 6 | Design for sustainable ecology
THURS.15
MORNING WORKSHOP

Plenary | Arvind Venkataramani & Adam Menter | Pupul Bisht

Track 7 | Methodology, philosophy and theory of systemic design

Track 8 | Co-design for equity, collectivism, and citizen movements

FRI.16

Plenary | Marie Davidová & Kateřina Zímová | Peter Jones

Track 9 | Co-design for equity, collectivism, and citizen movements

Track 10 | Methodology, philosophy and theory of systemic design

Keynote | Prof Harold Nelson

Closing | RSD10 Announcement
SAT.17
FOUR WORKSHOPS

POP-UPS
Watch for sessions are dedicated to mindfulness and playfulness and introducing an experience connected to NID and Indian culture.
This short brief is intended as a guide to the RSD9 online program. You will find extensive information, including speaker profiles, abstracts, working papers, and more at rsd9.org. As a logged in user you also have access to the following features: bookmarked sessions and topics, RSD9 delegate directory, commenting on posts, and the ability to update your information or pay for your order.