# What topics should you submit for PLATE 2019?

To clarify the scope of the conference we would like to phrase a number of questions.

- What exactly are product lifetimes and how can they be measured, calculated or estimated? How does/should one determine initial product longevity (at the design stage, before products fail in the market)?
- How are different product lifetimes affecting environment and society? What are the environmental or sustainability effects of shortened or prolonged product lifetimes?
- How should one design to produce durable and longer lasting products?
- How can changes in use patterns and business models contribute to promoting longer product lifetimes? E.g. when is a focus on higher use intensity even more important than a longer lifetime?
- How do alternative consumption practices, like repair, DIY, 3D-printing and collaborative consumption, contribute to longevity?
- Counterarguments and controversy welcome: when is an extension of product lifetimes neither good for the environment, for the society, for the customer or for the manufacturer? In which research fields or business sectors is a focus on product lifetimes meaningful?

# Important Dates

- **Deadline** for the submission of abstracts (up to 1,000 words) is **January 14, 2019**
- Acceptance of proposals will be announced at the end of April, 2019
- The Preliminary Programme will be published on May 20, 2019
- Conference registration opens May 20, 2019
- End of early bird registration, June 30, 2019
- Final papers due by June 30, 2019

# Registration

Actual conference registration starts in May 2019, with the release of the preliminary programme.

The reduced early bird and author’s fee will be 580 € (PhD-Students 450 €, late registration 680 €), incl. all lunches, daytime refreshments and evening events.

# Keep in touch

Sign up for the conference newsletter at the page to receive interim conference information (until the formal registration opens May 2019). [https://kurzelinks.de/plate](https://kurzelinks.de/plate)

# Contact

If you have any more questions feel free to contact the organising team at plate2019@izm.fraunhofer.de
# Oral presentation sessions
The presentation sessions will take the form of 30-minute time slots throughout the conference, allowing roughly 25 minutes per presentation.

# Poster session
Posters are presented in interactive 90-minute sessions starting with an “elevator pitch” for each poster, followed by open discussions at the posters. Posters will receive the same publication possibilities.

# Workshops
We also welcome proposals for interactive workshops. A call for these will be announced early 2019; in the meantime, we welcome queries and informal expressions of interest at plate2019@izm.fraunhofer.de

# Main Topics
- Product lifetimes and product design
- Circular Economy and circularity in business
- Sustainable production and consumption
- Sharing economy and collaborative consumption
- Repair, DIY and maker communities
- Policy, regulation and legislation for product longevity
- Premature obsolescence and product lifetime optimisation
- Obsolescence 4.0 – Digitalisation and product lifetime

# Instructions for authors
Please use the submission platform ConFtool to submit your abstract and indicate if you opt for a poster presentation. The deadline for submission of abstracts is 14th January 2019. Abstracts should be no more than 1,000 words.

# Abstract Submission
https://www.conftool.org/plate2019/

Abstracts will be reviewed in a double-blind peer review process. The review panel will propose assignment to oral presentation sessions and poster sessions. All contributors – to oral presentations and poster sessions alike – will have to submit a short paper after acceptance to be included into the conference proceedings. These will be distributed online before the conference.

All contributors will also be invited for special issues in acknowledged journals after the conference.