

Call for Papers

FOOD PACKAGING: UNCOVERING THE HISTORY

International Symposium, 1-2 December 2017, Tokyo

Convenors:

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This will be the very first symposium on the history of food packaging to bring together scholars and industry experts with the aim of mapping the agenda for investigating this as yet largely uncharted topic. It will offer a unique opportunity for discussion for anthropologists, economists, geographers, historians, and sociologists interested in, or working on, any aspect of food packaging history since 1900.

We invite proposals for papers examining material culture, technology, the business of food packaging and so on, both in the past and in the present. Possible topics might include (but need not be limited to) the history of packaging materials, design, production processes, distribution, and waste and recycling. We welcome papers that deal with the cultural, economic, political, and social contexts that influence attitudes, practices, and policies related to food packaging.

Selected papers will be published in a special issue of the open-access journal *Worldwide Waste: Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies* (www.worldwidewastejournal.com).

The symposium will be organised jointly by Leiden University and Kobe University, in close cooperation with 3x3 Lab Future (<http://www.ecozzeria.jp/about/facility.html>) and Gomi Japan (<https://gomi-jp.jimdo.com>). It is funded by the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO), as part of the activities undertaken within the framework of the Garbage Matters Project (www.garbagemattersproject.com).

DETAILS

- The conference will run from the morning of 1 December to the evening of 2 December.
- The organisers will cover the meals and accommodation of paper presenters (max. 3 nights).
- The language of the conference will be English.

SUBMITTING A PAPER PROPOSAL

- The deadline for submitting a paper proposal is 15 April 2017.
- Submit your abstract of max. 200-300 words in an e-mail (no attachments) to FPH2017@garbagemattersproject.com.
- The subject line should read 'Abstract: Food Packaging History 2017'.
- Include a brief biographical statement of max. 150 words, institutional affiliation, and contact details.
- We will let you know whether your proposal has been accepted by 1 May 2017.



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