



**Precious Plastic WANA Conference 2018**  
**AGENDA**  
**NYU ABU DHABI SAADIYAT CAMPUS**  
**Institute Conference Center, Room #001**  
**16 – 17 DECEMBER 2018**

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**Sunday, 16 December 2018 | DAY 1**

- 8:45 – 9:15 AM**      **Coffee & Registration**  
Meeting Room Foyer
- 9:15 – 9:30 AM**      **Welcoming Remarks & Introduction**  
**Fabio Piano**, NYU Abu Dhabi  
**Felix Beck**, NYU Abu Dhabi
- 9:30 – 10:30 AM**      **Session I: Plastic Waste and Its Impact on Ecosystems**  
Chair: **Arabella Willing**, Park Hyatt Abu Dhabi
- Natalie Banks**, Azraq Middle East  
**Anne Aittomaki**, Plasticchange.org  
**Hannah Melville-Rea**, NYUAD Ecoherence  
**Tatiana Antonelli Abella**, Goumbook
- 10:35 AM – 12:00 PM**      **Session II: The Precious Plastic Community**  
Chair: **Bianka Selmecci**, PP NYU Abu Dhabi
- Katharina Elleke**, Precious Plastic Core Group  
**Mebarki Mohammed**, PP Algeria  
**Bharat Gangurde**, **Jai Bhadgaonka**, URBZ Mumbai
- 12:00 – 12:45 PM**      **NYUAD tour**  
– **Campus Waste Management Facilities**, Louise Larkins, Serco ME  
– **NYUAD Precious Plastic Research Lab**, Kazi Owais Ahmed, PP NYUAD
- 12:45 – 1:55 PM**      **Lunch**  
The Torch Club  
D2

<b>1:55 – 2:00 PM</b>	<b>Morning Resume</b> Maira Sheikh, PP NYUAD
<b>2:00 – 3:00 PM</b>	<b>Session III: Low-Cost Machinery and Production</b> Chair: <b>Kemal Celik</b> , NYUAD  Adèle Foucart, PP China Naoufel Razouane, OpenFab Tunisia Hamza Haider, PP NYUAD
<b>3:05 – 4:00 PM</b>	<b>Session IV: Precious Plastic in Education</b> Chair: <b>Marie-Claire Bakker</b> , Zayed University  Marcela Godoy, NYU Shanghai Zlatan Filipovic, American University of Sharjah and Denisa Secerbajtarevic, Academy of Fine Arts Sarajevo (both PP Sarajevo) Itay Shhigger Zur, PP Tel Aviv
<b>4:00 – 4:15 PM</b>	<b>Break &amp; Refreshments</b> Meeting Room Foyer
<b>4:15 – 5:30 PM</b>	<b>Session V: New Products and Entrepreneurship</b> Chair: <b>Tatiana Antonelli Abella</b> , Goumbook  Andrea Guallar, PP China Mehdi Filali Khessouane, PP Casablanca Joris Vanbriel, ecoBirdy Philip Panicker, NYU Abu Dhabi
<b>5:15 – 5:30 PM</b>	<b>Wrap-up, Q&amp;A</b> Mariam Raslan, PP NYUAD
<b>5:30 – 6:30 PM</b>	<b>Free Time</b>
<b>6:30 – 7:30 PM</b>	<b>Exhibition opening: Plastic Fantastic</b> Project Space Gallery, C3 Building

## Monday, 17 December 2018 | DAY 2

<b>8:45 – 9:00 AM</b>	<b>Coffee &amp; Registration</b> Institute Conference Center Meeting Room Foyer
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**9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**      **Plastic Bag – Creative Recycling Workshop**  
**Marcela Godoy**, NYU Shanghai  
**Denisa Secerbajtarevic**, Academy of Fine Arts Sarajevo  
**Assistant: Ying Wang**, NYU Shanghai

*Every year we use between 500 billion and a trillion plastic bags around the world. Disposable plastic bags could be convenient and inexpensive, but nowadays they are a major source of waste in the world. They end up in landfills and the ocean polluting our environment and killing wildlife. Plastic bags are banned in various countries, but they are still one of the most common items around our houses.*

*In this workshop you will learn how you can recycle your plastic bags and turn them into fabric at home. During the workshop, we will use this fabric to create a coin purse, just to give you an idea of some beautiful and durable products that you can create using simple tools to recycle plastic. Bring some plastic bags with you, but don't worry if you don't have any, we will also provide some. Tools and other materials will be available for common use.*

**1:00 – 2:00 PM**      **Lunch**  
The Torch Club  
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**2:00 PM**      **Fieldtrip (By Invitation Only)**  
**Bus Pick up From NYUAD Campus**  
Pick up from A6 Street-Side Entrance

**2:30 – 5:30 PM**      **Mangrove Clean-Up (140 min, incl 2x 20 min boat ride)**  
**There are limited spaces on the dhow boat that will bring the conference members (speakers, helpers, and invited guests) into the mangroves. If you want to attend please contact Felix Beck ([felix.beck@nyu.edu](mailto:felix.beck@nyu.edu)).**

**Plastic Fantastic Exhibition**

**December 16.– 19., 2018**

**Reception on Sunday, Dec. 16 at 6:30 pm**

Place: Project Space Gallery

Plastic-based technologies have transformed the modern world. From IV tubing to blood bags and air bags; electric cables to computers; synthetic clothing to carpets—it's impossible to imagine a world without plastic. Plastics have ushered in an age of innovation and convenience, but have resulted in a catastrophic environmental crisis. For example, out of the 480 billion plastic bottles purchased in 2016, only 7% were recycled. 100 million tons of plastic waste are suffocating the oceans, and threatening marine life species with extinction. In fact, microplastics are estimated to be in the stomachs of 90% of all birds and fish worldwide. These microplastics are also in the air we breathe, the water we drink, the food we eat...and the very bodies that sustain us. The insidious nature of our reliance on plastic begs attention and action.

Plastic Fantastic features artworks that responds to the crisis at hand, elevating plastic from waste to fine art, from toxic material to redemptive metaphor.

**Participating Artists:**

Aisha Salem Almehairi

Amal Naser Al Menhali

Amna Ali Aljaeedi

Arabella Willing

Arwa Hamad Aljneibi

Ashwaq Abdullah Abdulaziz

Asma al Ahmad

Asma Alasad Alkatheeri

Ayesha Ahmed Al Marar

Cristalina Parra

Fangqing He

Fatima Ahmed Alshehhi

Fatima Saleh Al Nuaimi

Gamilah Hussein Al Huthaifi

Hamda Essam Alkhajeh

Hend Hasan Al Hosani

Hessa Abdulla Alzaabi

Laura Schneider

Maha Khamis Alhosani

Mariam Humaid Al Qubaisi

Mohammed Ahli

Muna Hamad Jaralla

Nouf Khalid Almazrouei

Reem Rashed Aljneibi

Reem Saeed Almenhali

Sandra Peters

Sara Tariq Alnahdi

Sarra Hamed Al Refaei

Shamma Saeed Alkaabi

Shouq Yousef Aleghfeli

Ying Wang  
Zainab Adel Al Amro  
Zheng (Jack) Zhang  
Zuhoor Saleh Almessabi

**Curators of the exhibition:**

Prof Felix Beck, New York University Abu Dhabi, Engineering Department  
Marie-Claire Bakker, Zayed University