



Bits & Bäume Journal 2022

Call for Contributions

Dear *Bits & Bäume*- community,
Dearest speakers,

we are thrilled to come together for the second *Bits & Bäume* conference. A lot has happened since the first one in 2018- not only did we become a great community with several regional groups, but also many of the discourses outgrew the bubble into the political and public sphere. However, we believe that our movement's demands and ideas are only becoming even more valuable and urgent right now. This is why we want to provide you an opportunity to work together and share some of your insights with a broader audience: In our next publication, we will gather contributions from this year's conference and beyond.

We explicitly invite people without prior experience in writing to take the leap!

HOW TO CONTRIBUTE

Submission

Please submit your topic via this form until **October 16** (11.59pm):
At this stage you will only need an abstract of 150-200 words describing the idea of your contribution. Should you have any questions that aren't answered below, feel free to write us: publication@bits-und-baeume.org



Authors

We want you, the speakers and participating organisations, to present selected topics of the conference. We would like the contributions to be written primarily in **tandems** of people who can be assigned to either the *Bits* (tech) or the *Bäume* (sustainability) orientation of the community. If you feel belonging to both, it is desirable to still find someone whose perspective broadens yours. Contributions from individuals can be considered only in exceptional cases. Please **use the forum and workshops during the conference to network**, get to know each other and connect! If needed, we will do our best to help.

Target group

The publications targets primarily actors from civil society, practice, science and politics who are committed to a sustainable design of the digital transformation. In addition, we would like to enable people to **look beyond their professional horizons** and provide all interested parties with a comprehensible access to our topics.

Topics

Our goal is to provide an appealing documentation of the essence of the conference and, with a view to the omnipresent crises, give a platform to particularly constructive approaches. Further, we want to shed light on the topics and political demands of the conference from various perspectives.

Your submissions *can* be oriented along these threads:

- Digitalisation within planetary boundaries (ecological sustainability)
- Global justice and regional self-determination
- Redistribution of technological power & participation
- Digital infrastructure protection
- Equitable digitalisation, sustainable technology design and social issues
- Smart new public sphere, society and democracy

Language

To make the journal accessible to a broader audience and internationalise our community, we will publish in **English**. Should this be an issue and hold you back from contributing, please get in touch! We have some resources for (German-English) translations available.



Formats

You're free to submit contributions of different formats, e.g.:

1. **Transfer/ popular science article:**

Make results from research accessible to interested lay people as well as people from different disciplines. The article should be based on and quote current research, but put readability above the inflationary use of technical jargon and build a bridge from academia to everyday life.

Maximum length: 9,000 characters including spaces (approx. 5 pages).

2. **Debate article or practice perspective:**

This is an opinion piece: share perspectives, needs, concerns and solutions from everyday practice. Or outline an existing political/ social debate and broaden it with your argumentation. We particularly welcome the critical discussion of Realpolitik processes or EU legislative propositions and their effects.

Maximum length: 5,400 characters incl. spaces (approx. 3 pages).

3. **Visualisations:**

Do you prefer visual language over text? We are happy to accept (info) graphics, illustrations, diagrams and other visual and creative contributions. You can submit stand-alone ideas or team up with text contributors.

4. **Other formats** are welcome in consultation with the editorial team:

If you want to be part of the journal, but the suggested formats do not quite meet what you have in mind - write us!

Selection criteria

The selection of contributions is based on the following criteria:

- Topicality and relevance of the topic
- Constructiveness: Presentation of (political) solutions and options for shaping the future
- Transfer scientific quality and practical relevance
- Originality and communicative quality of the contribution
- Diversity of actors of the authors
- Visualisation of ideas, results, perspectives: The use of illustrations, photos, tables, charts etc. to illustrate the contents are welcome in all contributions!

Licence

We will use the Creative Commons Licence (CC BY) to ensure the usability of the work as Open Educational Resource (OER). We will self-publish the journal and spread it internationally throughout our networks.

Peer-Review and Quality Assurance

After being selected as fitting contribution, all of the texts will go through a single blind editorial process with a feedback loop.

Timeline (subject to change)

- Get feedback on your abstract until November 7
- **Submit your full text until December 15**
- Expect review and feedback until January 13, 2023
- **Submit your revised, final text until February 15, 2023**
- Layouting, editing until March 15, 2023
- Publication & events in March/ April 2023

We look forward to receiving your ideas and the collaboration!

Your editorial team of Bits & Bäume

