

Sustainable Fashion for All

Examining the Industry Through the Lens of Social Justice



VIRTUAL FASHION
SHOW + PANEL

24 FEBRUARY 2021
9:30 – 11:30 AM EST

Please join the Unitarian Universalist Association Office at the United Nations (UUA@UN), United Nations Department of Global Communications, Fordham University, Fashion Revolution, and the United Nations Association of New York for our sustainable fashion show and panel event entitled **Sustainable Fashion for All: Examining the Industry Through The Lens of Social Justice**. The event will feature sustainable fashion experts, economists, and global sustainable fashion activists. It will also include displays of recent sustainable fashion designs that you will enjoy. The goal of the fashion event is to ignite discussion on the importance of sustainable fashion and showcase sustainable fashion designers at the forefront of sustainable and culturally diverse clothing and ethical consumerism.

The panel will discuss harmful practices and human rights violations of the fast-fashion industry. The fast fashion industry hurts millions of people and it has been justly criticized for perpetuating poverty in developing countries and perpetuating unsuitable manufacturing methods. Fast fashion is unsustainable for many reasons including natural resource extraction and CO2 emissions. We will also discuss the exploitation of poorly paid labor working in dangerous and unhealthy working conditions. At the same time, fast fashion contributes to environmental degradation.

This virtual sustainable fashion show and panel event will occur Wednesday, February 24, 2021, at 9:30 am EST. The event will take place on Zoom.

Click here to register In advance

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PANELISTS

■ Cyril Naicker

CEO, Imprint Luxury
Country Coordinator, Fashion Revolution (South Africa)



Cyril Naicker is a sought-after fashion consultant, mentor and influencer in the South African fashion space. He is often called upon to speak at events or write for prominent international fashion publications such as Glamour and Elle. A fashion Designer by qualification, he has spent the last twenty years working in almost every aspect of the fashion industry. He has built an exceptional reputation for his ethical stance on fashion and has become one of the trailblazers leading the sustainable fashion movement in South Africa.

Cyril currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer at Imprint Luxury. He is a founding member of Fashion Revolution in Cape Town, and is currently the Country Coordinator for Fashion Revolution, South Africa.

■ Ayesha Barenblat

Social Entrepreneur and Sustainable Supply Chain Advocate
Founder and CEO, *Remake*



Ayesha is a social entrepreneur with a passion for building sustainable supply chains that respect people and our planet. With over a decade of leadership to promote social justice and sustainability within the fashion industry, she founded *Remake* to ignite a conscious consumer movement. *Remake's* films, stories and immersive journeys rebuild human connections with the women who make our clothes. Ayesha is passionate about where things come from, who made them and what their lives are like. She has worked with brands, governments, and labor advocates to improve the lives of the women who make our clothes.

She led brand engagement at Better Work, a World Bank and United Nations partnership to ensure safe and decent working conditions within garment factories around the world. She was head of consumer products at BSR, providing strategic advice to brands including H&M, Levi Strauss & Co., Marks and Spencer, Nike, The Walt Disney Company and Pou Chen on the design and integration of sustainability into business. She holds a master's in public policy from the University of California, Berkeley.

■ Hyejune Park

Professor, Oklahoma State University
Specialist in Sustainable Fashion Production



Hyejune Park is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Design, Housing and Merchandising at Oklahoma State University, who teaches fashion merchandising with courses on visual communication, digital retailing, and global sourcing. Park's research has addressed questions related to consumers' interactions with technology in the retail merchandising context, and consumers' sustainability-related perceptions and behavior within the apparel industry.

■ Amber Barth

Representative
International Labor Organization



Ms. Amber Barth is currently Senior Programme Officer at the International Labour Organization Office for the United Nations, based in New York.

Since joining the ILO in 2005, Ms. Barth has been responsible for providing economic and social policy guidance to strengthen decent work outcomes in UN and global development processes, including the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Previously, Ms. Barth served as a Decent Work Specialist with the Multilateral Cooperation Department at ILO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland where she coordinated multi-stakeholder partnerships in support of the Sustainable Development Goals. She also served as the ILO executive coordinator of the UN Secretary General's High Level Commission on Health Employment and Economic Growth, which aims to stimulate the creation of health and social sector jobs in low and lower middle income countries.