

Glossary

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| Biosphere | In relation to ecology, the biosphere is made up of the parts of Earth where life exists, including cities and humans. It is made of three parts, called the lithosphere, atmosphere and hydrosphere. |
| Circular Fashion System | A system where fashion is designed, sourced, manufactured, distributed, and consumed with the intent that it be recycled, repurposed, repaired, or returned to the biosphere in the least impactful way at the items end of use. |
| Ethnographic Research | The study of people in their own environment. This is a branch of anthropology that involves trying to understand how people live their lives. |

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| Fashion Ecology | The study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment in the fashion system (current and future). |
| Fashion Ecologies | Indicates a plurality of communities within the fashion ecosystem and the organisms and physical environment that it impacts. |
| Fashion Ecosystem | The complex interconnected network, components and connections within the fashion system and also, impacted by the fashion system. |

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| Fashion System | The complex interconnected network, structure, organisation that encompasses all the processes that are used to generate, produce, distribute, market, retail, consume, use and dispose of fashion. |
| Linear Fashion System | A straight-line economic model that goes from raw material extraction to the sale of fashion. Also described as the “take-make-waste” model. |
| Intersectionality | An analytical framework for understanding how aspects of a person's social and political identities combine to create different modes of discrimination and privilege |

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| Mindsets | Our mindset is a series of self-perceptions or beliefs people hold about themselves. It guides our inner beliefs, assumptions and biases about how the world operates. It plays a significant role in determining the course of our life. |
| System | A set of things, methods, connections or principles that work together as a mechanism, network, or framework to form an interconnected whole. The human body is a system, as is the fashion supply or value chain. |