



**International Journal of Product Lifecycle Management
Call for Papers for Special Issue on: “Lifecycle Management of Product-
Service Systems and Smart Products”**

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Over the recent years, product-service systems (PSSs) and smart products are becoming more and more relevant in the economic world. Indeed, they are able to impact on the society, improving the possibility of the companies to make a profit, besides the impact on the environment, reducing the impact products have on the environment (e.g. car sharing increases the utilisation rate of a car). Furthermore, the evolution of sensors, connectivity, and computational devices has allowed the “boom” of the so-called smart products, enabling them to provide tonnes of data and information usable for different purposes.

The aim of this special issue is to collect research and to work in the field of the lifecycle management of PSSs and smart products, focusing at first on methods and methodologies able to support the different lifecycle phases. Furthermore, we aim to focus on the IT tools that are able to store and create valuable data and information for supporting PSSs and smart product design and management. Finally, a focus on how PSSs and smart products can affect sustainability will be appreciated.

Subject Coverage

Topics include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Research on methods and methodologies for representing and supporting PSSs and smart products design and/or lifecycle
- Use cases based on industrial and commercial application of PSSs and smart products
- IT tools for supporting and/or managing PSSs and smart products lifecycle
- Research on sensors, connectivity and software for collecting and managing data from smart products lifecycle
- Smart products’ impact on sustainability

Notes for Prospective Authors

Submitted papers should not have been previously published nor be currently under consideration for publication elsewhere. (N.B. Conference papers may only be submitted if the paper has been completely re-written and if appropriate written permissions have been obtained from any copyright holders of the original paper).

All papers are refereed through a peer review process.

If you are interested in contributing a paper to this special issue, please submit a one-page extended abstract with a cover letter to both guest editors for an initial review. Authors of selected abstracts will be invited to submit full papers to the International Journal of Product Lifecycle Management.

Abstracts should be emailed to Dr. Daniele Cerri at daniele.cerri@polimi.it.

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Important Dates

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