

Kirsten Scott

role

Programme Leader Fashion Design
Istituto Marangoni School of Fashion and Design London

Kirsten Scott is Programme leader for all BA and MA Fashion Design courses at Istituto Marangoni London. She joined the school in 2015 and she has an extensive background in fashion, accessory and textile design. She has worked as a designer and maker for over 30 years, collaborating with leading designers both in the UK and internationally, and her own collections have been sold in high profile stores throughout the USA and UK

Her lecturing experience includes many years as a visiting tutor at the Royal College of Art and London College of Fashion (her alma mater). She was Head of Fashion at Kensington and Chelsea College, for 14 years. In 2012, Kirsten completed a PhD in Constructed Textiles at the Royal College of Art, focusing on craft as a means of cross-cultural communication. Her research interests include the modernisation of heritage craft techniques and cultural textiles for contemporary fashion; conscious couture; slow, ethical and sustainable fashion; and cultural appropriation in design. Her creative practice currently involves working with natural, unmediated materials, such as bark cloth from the wild fig tree, within a research framework she has developed called 'Borrowed Cloth'.

In somewhat limited spare time, she works with artisans in Uganda on product development strategies in order enable marginalized communities to engage in local and global trade, under the label Elsa Cappelli.