

Preliminary Programme

Lecturers and themes:

Prof. Dr. Jouke van Dijk – Economics and labour market

Jouke van Dijk is Professor of Regional Labour Market Analysis and Chair of the Department of Economic Geography at the Faculty of Spatial Sciences of the University of Groningen. He is also the head of the Social Economic Council (SER) North-Netherlands.

Prof. Dr. Theo Spek – Cultural history and landscape

Theo Spek is Professor of Landscape History at the Faculty of Arts of the University of Groningen. In 2010 he founded the Centre for Landscape Studies at this university, dedicated to interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary landscape studies.

Prof. Dr. Tjisse van der Heide – Ecosystems and their functioning

Tjisse van der Heide is Professor of Coastal Ecology at the Faculty of Science and Engineering of the University of Groningen. He is also a researcher at the Royal Netherlands Institute for Sea Research (NIOZ). His research primarily focuses on the ecosystem-level importance and functioning of “ecosystem engineers” – species that significantly modify habitat conditions.

Dr. Michiel Daams – Monitoring developments using satellite imagery

Michiel Daams is Assistant Professor of Real Estate and Economic Geography at the Faculty of Spatial Sciences of the University of Groningen.

Sissel Marie Tonn – Creatively exploring human-environment interaction

Sissel Marie Tonn is a Danish artist based in The Hague, The Netherlands. In her practice she explores the complex ways humans perceive, act upon and are entangled with their environments. Her work always return to the question at the core of ecological thought: Where do we perceive our bodies to end, and the environment to begin?

TBD/ Dr. Allert Bijleveld – Birdlife in the Wadden

Allert Bijleveld is a behavioural ecologist at the Royal Netherlands Institute for Sea Research. His research has focused on how different phenotypes interact with the environment to shape movement, spatial distributions and fitness. He will give a lecture on birdlife in the Wadden area.

Dr. Frans Sijtsma – Sustainable tourism and connecting Wadden fans

Frans Sijtsma is Associate Professor at the Faculty of Spatial Sciences of the University of Groningen, leading the research program 'Nature and spatial change', and chairs the Sustainable Landscapes research group of the University of Groningen.

Prof. Dr. Tialda Haartsen – Rural geography & liveability in the Wadden region

Tialda Haartsen is Professor of Rural Geography and Vice Dean at the Faculty of Spatial Sciences of the University of Groningen. Her research focuses on how rural place meanings and senses of belonging influence the spatial behaviour of individuals and families, and how they explain reactions to rural place change.

Draft Schedule:

30-08

10.00	Introduction of the program & meeting the participants
12.30-13.30	Break
13.00	Prof. Dr. Tialda Haartsen – Rural geography & liveability in the Wadden region
14.00-14.15	Break
14.15	Dr. Michiel Daams – Monitoring developments using satellite imagery
15.15-15.30	Break
15.30	TBD/ Dr. Allert Bijleveld – Birdlife in the Wadden
16.30-17.00	Discussion/ Socialising

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10.00	Prof. Dr. Theo Spek – Cultural history and landscape
11.00-11.15	break
11.15	Prof. Dr. Jouke van Dijk – Economics & labour market
12.15-13.15	break
13.15	Prof. Dr. Tjisse van der Heide – Ecosystems and their functioning
14.15-14.30	break
14.30	Artist Sissel Marie Tonn – Creatively exploring human-environment interaction
15.30-15.45	break
15.45	Dr. Frans Sijtsma – Sustainable tourism and connecting Wadden fans
16.45-17.15	Discussion/ Socialising