



The Urban Paradise



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Symposium 3 October 2014



Invitation

It is our pleasure to invite you to **The Urban Paradise**, a symposium about nature, health and the design of the urban environment that will take place Friday 3 October 2014. The event is organised and hosted by Amsterdam Institute for Advanced Metropolitan Solutions in co-operation with the Chair The Architecture of the Interior from the TU Delft.

The symposium will address the potential of nature in the creation of a healthy urban environment. Six speakers will talk about this subject from the viewpoint of their respective disciplines:

Architectural historian and professor in Architecture, Urbanism and Health **Dr Cor Wagenaar** (RUG and TU Delft) will speak about how nature plays an integral part in the development of healthy urban environments.

Landscape historian and professor in Culture, Landscape and Nature **Dr Erik de Jong** (UvA) will discuss the symbolic meaning of nature seen from the cultural and historical perspective of the urban dweller.

Sociologist and senior researcher at the Department of Public and Occupational Health **Dr Jolanda Maas** (VU/VUmc) will share research results regarding the positive and healing effect nature can have on the human brain.

Landscape architect and assistant professor in the chair of Landscape Architecture **Dr Saskia de Wit** (TU Delft) will give an overview of different types of healthcare gardens in The Netherlands.

Philosopher, independent researcher, general manager of Vakmanstad and educator **Aetzel Griffioen** (Vakmanstad/The Hague University of Applied Sciences) will contemplate how gardening can be used as an eco-social means.

Architect and teacher at the Chair The Architecture of the Interior **Mechthild Stuhlmacher** (partner at Korteknie Stuhlmacher Architects/TU Delft) will voice the importance of gardens seen from an architectural viewpoint.

The day will conclude with a debate in which the public, the speakers and invited interested parties are invited to elaborate upon and discuss how nature could play a role in the development of a healthy Amsterdam.

We look forward to seeing you.

Best regards,
-- On behalf of AMS and
the Chair The Architecture of the Interior

Birgitte Louise Hansen
architect, research fellow & organiser of the event
TU Delft/Architecture and the Built Environment

Dr Remon Rooij
urban planner, AMS education program leader
Amsterdam Institute for Advanced
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Programme

Friday 3 October 2014
10.00 - 16.00

- 09.30 Registration and coffee
- 10.00 Welcome
- 10.15 **The Healthy Green City**
Dr Cor Wagenaar
- 10.45 **The Meaning of Nature**
Dr Erik de Jong
- Break
- 11.45 **Nature, Well-being and Health**
Dr Jolanda Maas
- 12.15 **Healthcare Gardens**
Dr Saskia de Wit
- Lunch break
- 13.15 **Gardening as an Eco-social Means**
Aetzel Griffioen
- 13.45 **The Natural versus
The Built Environment**
Mechthild Stuhlmacher
- Break
- 14.45 Debate
- 15.45 Closing
- 16.00 Drinks

Reservations

Reservation is required as there is a limited number of seats. If you wish to attend, please send an email to: interiorarchitecture-BK@tudelft.nl

The event is free of charge.
Lunch is not included.

Location

Amsterdam Institute for Advanced
Metropolitan Solutions (AMS)
Koninklijk Instituut voor de Tropen (KIT)
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