

Water – Holland's 'Frenemy'

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Networking & Registration from 3:00pm
(guests to be seated by 3:30pm) | Free Admission
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For centuries, the Dutch have been known for their prowess in conquering water in order to make their low-lying country habitable. Now, as the consequences of climate change are making themselves felt, the Netherlands are looking for new ways of working with nature to protect their manmade land. For the first time, engineers, urban designers and landscape architects are working together to redesign cities and countryside to create more space for water. Traditionally the enemy, water is gradually becoming a 'frenemy'. And just as in the past, the world is looking to the Netherlands for forward-thinking, long-term solutions.

Speaker:

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Tracy Metz, a native of California, is a journalist, author and presenter based in the Netherlands. She is the director of the John Adams Institute, an independent foundation that brings the best and brightest of American thinking to the Netherlands. She writes about urban issues for the Dutch quality national newspaper NRC Handelsblad and the American magazine Architectural Record and was a visiting fellow at Harvard's Graduate School of Design. Her most recent book is *Sweet&Salt: Water and the Dutch*, about the 'extreme makeover' of the Dutch landscape to accommodate a new, more natural relationship to water in times of climate change.

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