

Design the future of the Wadden Coast

August 28th – September 1st 2023



Terp fan de Takomst, Observatorium, 2022

- [*] With lectures from experts
- [*] Several excursions
- [*] Stay at a fantastic location
- [*] Networking opportunities

Brochure International Summer School 2023

[!] Context

In September 2023 the Dutch Landscape Triennial takes place along the dynamic Wadden coast in the North of the Netherlands. In the prelude of the Triennial, from August 28 to September 1, an International Summer School is organised, which offers a unique opportunity to 40 students to participate in an onsite creative event focussing on the future of the Dutch Wadden Coast. Your analytical findings, creative ideas, and (landscape) designs will be input for presentations, expert workshops and debates in the triennial month of September 2023.

The program of the 2023 Landscape Triennial consists of a varied program organized in three lines: Panorama, Platform and Podium. The ambition is to offer a free and open space to everybody who wants to express appreciation, commitment, ideas and concerns on the quality of the cultural and the natural landscape of the Wadden. We invite citizens, professionals, land owners, politicians, and students to experience and discuss the past, the present and the future of the Wadden coast with its unique topography between land and sea. The highlighted area stretches from the north tip of Noord-Holland to the far east of Groningen in the Netherlands.

Part of the program is an international summer school for advanced BSc and MSc students. We offer a laboratory-like setting - on site - in which a multidisciplinary group of about 40 students can reflect, elaborate and design on the future of this vulnerable region. The event has a forward-looking character. Students will embark on field trips in the region, receive factual information and inspiring presentations by researchers and other academics, and work on urgent regional challenges.

The summer school is scheduled in the last week of August as an overture to the Triennial program. The results will provide input for the workshops and debates with professionals, politicians and the public that are going to be held in the following weeks.

Preparatory work is done beforehand and be available to the students during the summer school. A large variety of plans and designs for the Wadden Coast that are now on the table of municipalities, provinces, (inter)national governmental and non-governmental organizations, and water management authorities will be on display, focusing on both landscape conservation and landscape development, assembled in a large collage of what we call the 'Plan Parade'.



Holwerd aan Zee (photo RTV NOF)





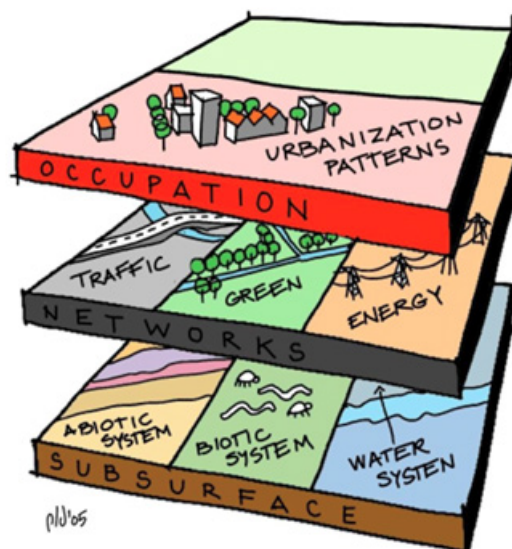
[!] Challenge

Climate change asks for a fundamental re-evaluation of the existing situation along the Wadden Coast. Soil and water are determining factors in the future condition of the land and the desired quality of the landscape. We will look decades ahead to develop a renewed spatial narrative and draw new images that visualize the prospects of citizens, farmers, tourists, visitors, nature and heritage conservationists and other stakeholders in the area.

The starting point of the summer school aligns with the very recently, officially proclaimed and nationally adopted guiding principle in the Netherlands of 'Soil and Water guide Spatial Planning'. It takes the natural conditions, qualities, potentials and restrictions of soil and water as a starting point for spatial development. The strategic concept of spatial layering (substratum, infrastructure and land use) offers the foundation for this approach.

The Wadden Coast needs to prepare itself to a substantial impact of climate change on land use, safety, natural and cultural values, and ownership. It will be subject to a rising sea level, which will result in more brackish surface water and groundwater inland and to a situation in which the existing natural (and legally protected) marshlands will 'drown'. It is therefore clear that the Wadden Coast and its farmers, touristic entrepreneurs, visitors, nature conservationists and other stakeholders have to rethink their future.

The summer school is set up to explore the Wadden Coast's spatial prospects. It offers an opportunity to develop new narratives that connect historical and cultural processes to new and urgent challenges. Students are challenged to rethink and visualize future horizons with a variety of timeframes, locations, scale levels and complexities. Their output will have an explorative and divergent character. The summer school results are aimed to inspire participants and guests during the Triennial program in September 2023.



The layer approach to spatial planning: substratum, networks and land use
(source: Dauvellier Planadvies)

[!] Participation

We invite international students from Dutch, German and Danish institutions for higher education in spatial disciplines, with a specific experience, interest or attraction to the Dutch part of the Wadden Coast to participate in the Summer School!

The idea is to work in small multidisciplinary teams on the challenges of the Wadden Coast and visiting a variety of locations, scales and complexities. Tutors and lecturers with various backgrounds will provide input, critique and inspiration. Trips to a series of both natural and cultural highlights along the Dutch Wadden Coast are included.

[!] Organization

The summer school is organized as part of the Landscape Triennial 2023, by representatives of the University of Groningen, TU Delft and the Dutch Schools of Landscape Architecture (DSL) Foundation.

Participants will have free board and lodging ((location: Het Lage Noorden, www.hetlagenoorden.nl) and plenty of working space during the whole week in a fixed facility in the heart of the study area. We can house a maximum of 40 people to take part in the program. The final selection of the participants will be based upon the variety of nationalities and disciplinary focus.

Arrival will be on August 28th, departure on September 1st after the final presentation of results during the opening ceremony of the Triennial. You are expected to pay your own travel costs to and from the venue.

If you have questions about the Summer School please contact Eric Luiten - professor of Landscape Architecture TU Delft (e.a.j.luiten@tudelft.nl) or Annet Kempenaar - associate professor of Spatial Design and Water Management (j.kempenaar@rug.nl).



Residence 'Het Lage Noorden'

[!] Want to join?

We have a maximum of 40 spots in the 'Design the future of the Wadden Coast - Summer School'. If you want to participate in the International Summer School, please register **before 1 June 2023** by sending an e-mail to Mrs. Ilse Zuidinga (email@d-s-l.info), project manager of the Dutch Association of Landscape Architecture (DSL) with the following information:

- 1) your name and contact details,
- 2) the university/institution you are studying at,
- 3) the Master or Bachelor programme you are following,
- 4) the year of the programme you are currently in.

We aim for a mixed group of students from different universities with various disciplinary backgrounds. In case we receive over 40 applications for the summer school, we will select the participants based on their backgrounds and order of application. You will receive confirmation of your participation in the summer school by 1 July 2023 latest.

More information about the about the Landscape Triennial 2023 on
www.landschapstriennale.com