



PLANETARY LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

ECLAS Conference '26

September 16-19
Delft, the Netherlands

EVENT MANUAL

TAKE CARE



WELCOME ECLAS CONFERENCE '26

Dear conference participant,

A warm welcome to the ECLAS conference 2026 in Delft, with as conference theme Take Care: Planetary Landscape Architecture. This edition is jointly organized by the seven schools of Landscape Architecture in Netherlands and Flanders, and hosted by member institution the University of Technology Delft. We look forward to learning, sharing and exchanging with you in a diversity of settings including keynotes, oral presentations, workshops, round tables, exhibitions, visual essays, posters, book presentations and excursions. This event manual has all the practical information needed to make your conference experience complete!

Take care,

René van der Velde
Chair of the organizing committee

Take care.

Take into account.

Take responsibility.

Take action.

Design for life.



TAKE CARE – PLANETARY LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

Transitioning to a practice of care is about a new stewardship of the land, shaping landscapes with regard for the interconnectedness of things, and about scales of action from the global to the regional to the local to the microbial. Today we have unprecedented insights into the planet's intricacies, and with that knowledge comes responsibility – and an urgent call to Take Care. We need to review our ways of knowing and doing, expand the foundations and agency of the discipline and widen our horizon through trans-disciplinary practice.

Through education, research, and design practice, Take Care explores how landscape architecture can collaborate with nature and respond to societal challenges. It promotes attentiveness, inclusivity, and long-term commitment, while embracing diverse perspectives, fostering equity, and recognizing the deep interconnection between environmental and social systems. At its core, Take Care affirms the power of landscape architecture to navigate these complexities and contribute to a meaningful, fair and resilient future. For in landscape there are no real boundaries – the Earth has always been a connected whole.



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HEADLINES PROGRAM

Wednesday 16 September 2026 <i>Pre-Conference Opening Day</i> <i>The Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment, Delft</i>	Thursday 17 September 2026 <i>Conference Day 1</i> <i>Lijn & Cultuur, Delft</i>	Friday 18 September 2026 <i>Conference Day 2</i> <i>Lijn & Cultuur, Delft</i>	Saturday 19 September 2026 <i>Excursions</i>
8:00am Registration Desk Open	8:00am Registration Desk Open	8:00am Registration Desk Open	
9:00am - 12:30pm Doctoral Colloquium	    	    	 <i>Taking care of the city</i>
			 <i>Balancing the delta</i>
1:30pm - 3:30pm Heads of Schools Meeting	    	    	 <i>A new narrative for the Dutch polder landscape</i>
4:00pm - 6:00pm Opening & Keynotes	Keynotes	General Assembly	 <i>Shifting tides</i>
6:30pm - 8:30pm Icebreaker <i>Hortus Pavilion TU Delft</i>	 Official Dinner & Awards Ceremony	Informal Dinner	



TIMETABLE ECLAS CONFERENCE '26

Conference: TU Delft, Faculty of Architecture & Built Environment		
Wednesday, September 16th	08.00 h 08.00 - 17.00 h 09.00 - 12.30 h 13.30 - 16.00 h 16.00 - 18.00 h 18.30 - 21.00 h	Venue doors open Registration desks open (location: Berlage rooms hallway) Doctoral Colloquium (location: Berlage rooms) Head of School Meeting (location: Berlage rooms) Opening Ceremony & Keynotes (location: Orange Hall) Icebreaker (location: Hortus Botanicus)
Conference: Lijm & Cultuur		
Thursday, September 17th	08.00 h 08.00 - 18.00 h 08.30 - 18.30 h 19.00 - 23.00 h	Venue doors open Registration desks open (Entrance Area) Conference program Conference dinner & Awards Ceremony
Friday, September 18th	08.00 h 08.00 - 18.00 h 08.30 - 18.30 h 19.00 - 23.00 h	Venue doors open Registration desks open (Entrance Area) Conference program Informal dinner
Excursions: different external locations		
Saturday, September 19th	09.00 - 17.00 h	Excursion program, find the latest details on conference.eclas.org



CONFERENCE LOCATIONS

TU Delft
Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment
Julianalaan 134
2628 BZ Delft

TU Delft
Hortus Botanicus
Poortlandplein 6
2628 BM Delft

Lijm & Cultuur
Rotterdamseweg 272
2628 AT Delft



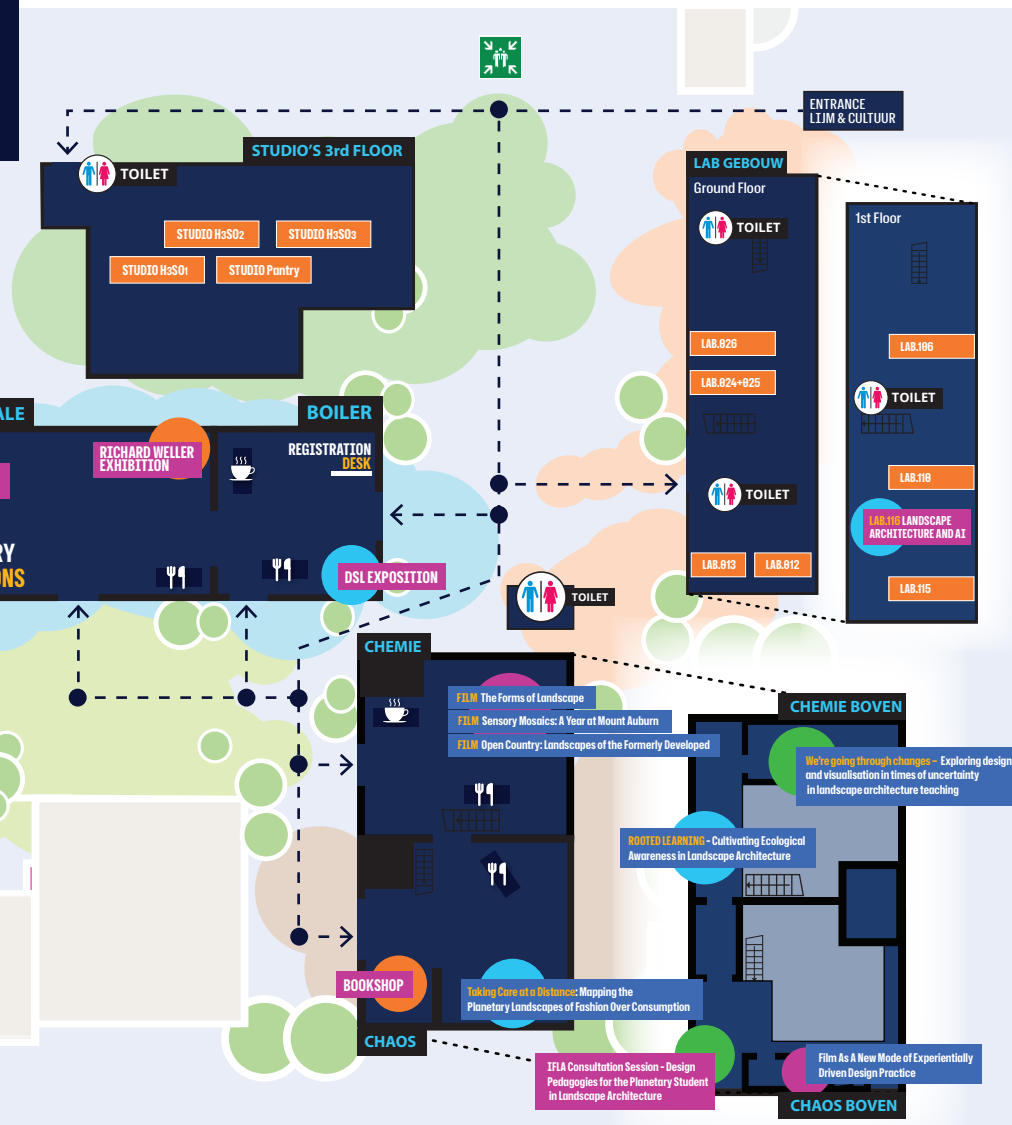
CONFERENCE MAP

THURSDAY 17th & FRIDAY 18th



LEGENDA

- SESSIONS & WORKSHOPS
- EXHIBITION
- ADDITIONAL PROGRAM



IMPRESSION PROGRAM

Landscape architects are stewards of the land, shaping space while taking care of the planet. Turning these principles into practice, Take Care is structured around five interconnected tracks — each offering a pathway for landscape architecture in a planetary age. These tracks explore how care can be enacted through theoretical grounding, methodological innovation, inclusive dialogue, design responses to urgent challenges, and transformative education. Together, they form a framework for a profession that is ethically engaged, relationally aware, and equipped to foster regenerative futures.

I – Taking Care by Reframing Our Worldviews **Theory | Discourse | Ethics**

This track explores the foundational ideas that shape how we understand and engage with landscapes in a time of planetary crisis. From rethinking the Anthropocene to embracing infrastructures of care, it examines frameworks that position landscape architecture as a relational practice — one that acknowledges interdependence between humans, non-humans, and the Earth system. Here, care is a philosophical and political commitment to designing with humility, accountability, and respect for planetary limits. This track also invites contributions on topics such as planet systems thinking, land ethics, human-nature relationships, entangled knowledge, regeneration and agroecology.

II – Taking Care through Design Methods and Tools **Methods | Tools | Techniques**

Designing for life begins with how we observe, interpret, and intervene. This track focuses on ways of knowing and doing of landscape architects as caretakers — and ‘caregivers’ — of planet-sensitive landscapes. It invites innovations in our current mapping, modelling and landscape representation techniques, but also in new methodologies that draw for instance on traditional and indigenous practises. Planet-sensitivity also provokes combining disciplinary knowledge and developing hybrid methods that connect analytical, experiential, and creative knowledge — from fieldwork to digital innovation using XR and AI. It also elicits new tools that centre relationships rather than objects, enabling designers to work with complexity and uncertainty while cultivating practices of care and precision.

III – Taking Care by Engaging Diverse Voices **Perspectives | Voices | Actors**

Landscapes must be inclusive to be resilient. This track fosters elaborations of landscape architecture practices shaped through dialogue, participation, and shared authorship. The design of new actor



IMPRESSION PROGRAM

networks is also the focus of this track, as are new forms of practice such as multi-species perspectives, indigenous knowledge systems, feminist approaches, and emerging voices that challenge dominant narratives. Care here means making space — for more-than-humans, for diversity, by incorporating novel ways of knowing. Contributions from both process-based thinking and morphological approaches are welcome.

IV – Taking Care in the Face of Urgent Transitions **Topics | Challenges | Approaches**

From climate adaptation to urbanization, from circularity to biodiversity loss — this track addresses the pressing challenges where landscape architecture can make a transformative difference. It explores how design can respond to complex problems through design-technical and situation-specific solutions, but also engages social, cultural and ecological complexity. Landscapes of care are not just solutions, but living systems that support health, well-being, and regeneration in the long term. This track invites contributions that address chal-

lenges such as biodiversity loss, heat mitigation, drought and flood resilience, the energy transition, and circularity. Approaches to a planet-sensitive design culture such as landscape-based urbanism, eco and bio-cities and forest urbanism are also welcomed.

V – Taking Care through Transformative Education **Education | Pedagogies | Didactics**

What does it mean to educate landscape architects in the context of planetary challenges and the paradigm of care? This track explores landscape architecture as a pedagogy of care — from participatory studio formats to intercultural learning and professional renewal. It invites work that equips students with competencies to generate alternative models of beauty and performance in an age of ecological and environmental urgency, prompting contributions that empower future designers with the mindset, sensitivity, and tools to work with uncertainty and complexity, fostering collaborative and ethical practices that support sustainable and fair futures.



DETAILED PROGRAM

Navigating a busy academic conference can easily feel overwhelming, but utilizing the **Oxford Abstracts platform** transforms your event experience into a seamless, highly organized journey.

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Program is subject to change. For the latest changes check **Oxford Abstracts**!



TRAVEL & TRANSPORT

Public transport

The conference venues are easily accessible by bus, tram, and train. From Delft and Delft Campus train station you can walk to the venues in just 15-20 minutes! For the latest public transport information we refer to the websites of the Dutch Railways or use the general public transportations overview. You can now easily check in and out with your bank card on bus, tram and train.

www.ns.nl/en | www.9292ov.nl/en | www.ovpay.nl/en

By bike

A dutch way of transport: come by bike! Healthy, easy and sustainable. You can easily park your bike in our free (unsupervised) bike parking area at the front of the conference venues. Are you coming by train and do you want to travel further from Delft Station? Then try a shared bike or shared scooter! Delft has many providers and there are always a few ready for you at the large arrival locations.

www.delft.nl/deelvervoer

By car

You can reach the conference venues easily via the main highways A13 and A4. If there are any special conditions or roadworks, this is often indicated on the website vanAnaarBeter. Before you get in the car, always check the site to avoid any unpleasant surprises.

www.vananaarbeter.nl

Parking at TU Delft Faculty of A+BE

TU Delft Parking P6 is directly located next to the Faculty A+BE. Check the tariffs and conditions at the website of the TU Delft:

<https://www.tudelftcampus.nl/nl/poi/p6>

Parking at Lijm & Cultuur

Parking at Lijm & Cultuur is free for visitors. If our parking area is full, TU Delft Parking P5 is at 2 minutes walking distance. Check the tariffs and conditions at the website of the TU Delft:

map.tudelftcampus.nl/nl/poi/p-rotterdamseweg/

Do you have a disabled/handicapped parking permit? Our parking employees will do their best to assist you as much as possible to find a parking space close to the entrance.

Electric cars

Unfortunately, there are no charging stations for electric cars available at the conference venues. There are electric charging stations available in the surrounding area. Use google maps or the dedicated Delft website to find one.

www.laadpaalnodig.nl/delft



DELFT BIKES

A Dutch way of transport: come by bike! Healthy, easy and sustainable. You can easily park your bike in the free (unsupervised) bike parking area at the front of Lijm & Cultuur.

Delft is committed to a sustainable and accessible city by promoting shared mobility. To reduce car traffic and keep the city livable as it grows, electric shared scooters and bicycles are available for both residents and visitors. Available Providers in Delft:

Donkey Republic (150 shared bikes) & **Lime** (100 shared bikes)
Felyx and **Check** (200 electric scooters in total)

To protect the historic character of Delft, shared bikes cannot be parked just anywhere in the inner city. While you are allowed to ride through most parts of the center (excluding pedestrian zones), ending your ride is restricted to designated parking zones, such as Paardenmarkt, Nieuwe Langendijk, Vesteplein, and Westvest. Temporary stops are allowed anywhere in the city center if you are quickly popping into a shop, but the ride continues until the vehicle is parked in an official zone.

Outside the center, bikes may be parked on sidewalks as long as they do not block pathways for pedestrians or wheelchairs. Shared transport offers a flexible, eco-friendly way to explore Delft while helping keep the streets clear and green!

www.delft.nl/deelscooters-en-deelfietsen



ACCOMMODATION SUGGESTIONS

ACCOMMODATION IN DELFT (classification & distance to venue)

Hotels

Casa Julia Delft	***	0.6 km
Hotel Arsenaal Delft	****	1.3 km
Hotel Johannes Vermeer	***	1.4 km
Hotel De Koophandel	***	1.4 km
Hotel Grand Canal	***	1.5 km
Hotel Royal Bridges	****	1.5 km
Hotel De Emauspoort	***	1.6 km
Ibis Styles Delft City Center	***	1.7 km
Hotel Bridges House	***	1.7 km
Hampshire Hotel Delft Centre	****	1.8 km
Westcord Hotel Delft	****	1.8 km
Hotel De Plataan	***	1.9 km
Best Western Museum Hotels	****	2.2 km
Buitengoed Uylenburg - Du Midi	***	3.0 km
Shanghai Hotel Holland	****	3.3 km
Hotel Riva	****	3.7 km

Hostels/budget

The Social Hub Delft	-	1.7 km
Holiday Park Delftse Hout	-	2.5 km
Campsite Delflandhoeve	-	3.8 km

ACCOMMODATION IN THE HAGUE

Hotels

Carlton Ambassador Hotel (Green Key)	****
Leonardo Royal Hotel Den Haag Promenade	****

Hostels

Stayokay The Hague	**
The Social Hub The Hague	***
Hostel The Hague	-
Will & Tate	***
The Golden Spork	-

ACCOMMODATION IN ROTTERDAM

Hotels

Suite Hotel Pincoffs	****
Hotel âme Rotterdam	****
Hotel New York Rotterdam (Green Key Gold)	****
Hotel Not Hotel Rotterdam	***

Hostels

Stayokay Hostel (in the cube houses)	-
Hostel ROOM Rotterdam	**
Hostel Ani & Haakien/	-

~10 KM

~14 KM



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LIJM & CULTUUR VENUE

Lijm & Cultuur

Lijm & Cultuur in Delft is a unique, industrial event venue located in the former glue and gelatin factory on Rotterdamseweg. The site functions as a creative laboratory where culture, innovation, and entrepreneurship come together.

With monumental buildings and a raw, industrial atmosphere, this location offers ample space for creative freedom and large-scale events, ranging from conferences and symposia to parties and weddings.

It offers flexible options in an inspiring setting, situated near TU Delft. A dynamic place where the factory's past transforms into a hub for new ideas and creative culture. The venue is known for connecting people and providing a 'void' that invites innovation.

www.lijmencultuur.nl



LIJM & CULTUUR VENUE



LIJM & CULTUUR FACILITIES

Lost & Found

The Lost & Found items will be at the Registration desk.

Alcohol

Visitors under the age of 18 are not permitted to purchase and/or consume alcohol in and on the Lijm & Cultuur grounds. Furthermore, visitors aged 18 and over are not permitted to sell/provide alcohol to visitors under the age of 18. It is prohibited to enter or be present at Lijm & Cultuur in a state of intoxication.

Drugs

The possession, use and trade of soft and hard drugs is strictly prohibited.

Smoking

Lijm & Cultuur is a non-smoking location. Smoking inside is strictly prohibited. Smoking, incl. E-smoking / vaping, is only allowed in the designated smoking areas outside. Lijm & Cultuur reserves the right to remove visitors who smoke inside the building.

In case of emergency

During the periods of build-up, conference days and breakdown ECLAS will provide general surveillance of the exhibition areas regarding fire safety and other emergencies.

In case of an emergency please inform +31 (0)15 262 94 00. Any emergency will be coordinated from there.

Distribution of materials

As you prepare to distribute flyers or brochures, please consider sustainable alternatives. Opt for digital versions when possible, and only print what you truly need. Together, we can reduce waste and make a positive impact—one leaflet at a time.

Quiet Room

Need a break from the buzz? The Quiet Room is a peaceful space for rest, reflection, or prayer. Please respect the silence and allow others to enjoy the calm. No phone calls, conversations, or meetings in this area.

Nursing Room

We offer a comfortable and private Nursing Room for breastfeeding and pumping. This quiet space is designed to support parents during their visit. Please follow posted guidelines to ensure a respectful and clean environment for everyone.



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