

# WORLD TRANSFORMATION CONFERENCE 13.12.18–14.12.18 WTC, 23d Floor

## What is it all about?

The World Transformation Conference concludes the 2018 edition of the Flemish-Brussels part of IABR–2018+2020–THE MISSING LINK, but primarily concerns the start of a new phase that is focused on 2020. These two days are the perfect opportunity to reflect on how both the design practice and innovative spatial-social platforms are evolving in light of the ever-increasing goals.

## Programme December 13th

19.00–19.30, Reception

19.30–19.45, Introduction by Véronique Patteeuw

19.45–20.30, Keynote presentation Jeremy Till

20.30–21.30, Conversation with Practices 2.0

## December 13th: Conversation with Practices w/ Jeremy Till

The changing design practice is central to the exhibition 'The Future is a Practice', in the former bank of the WTC. It shows how a growing number of practices transform in light of the major goals we face. They start from anthropological fieldwork or natural dynamics, or create new raw materials from waste. On 5 October, the Conversation with Practices took place in that context, on the role of architecture culture and practice in the structural transformation of our environment.

On Thursday we will resume this conversation with Jeremy Till as guest speaker (Central Saint Martins, University of Arts London). Till became known as the author of three books titled "Flexible Housing", "Spatial Agency, Other ways of doing architecture" and "Architecture Depends", which were all three awarded the RIBA President's Award for Research.

After this evening lecture he will talk with designers from the Eurodelta, moderated by Véronique Patteeuw (ENSAP Lille, OASE Journal for Architecture).

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## Programme December 14th

09.00–09.30, Reception

09.30–10.00, Introduction by moderator

10.00–11.00, Facet 1: Societal Workspace

11.00–12.00, Facet 2: Designing The Future

12.00–13.00, Lunch

13.00–14.00, Facet 3: It takes a million to spend a billion

14.00–15.00, Facet 4: Democracy through action

15.00–15.15, Break

15.15–16.15, Facet 5: Learning Platforms and Networks

16.15–16.45, Plenary feedback

16.45–17.00, Concluding words

## December 14th: Innovation Platforms

On Friday, the focus will be on the innovation platforms that facilitate (international) exchange and structural change. The World Transformation Centre joins many other platforms, practices and organisations that want to build bridges to ‘hack’ the missing link between the major goals and the many experiments. Some use culture as a motor for societal change, while others do so through new forms of education, through policy, media or active citizenship. Others, like the World Transformation Centre, use ‘space’ as leverage and work field. In an ambitious debate we bring together practices and platforms around the mechanisms for acceleration and upscaling. Five interconnected facets are central to the conversation:

### 1. Societal workspace

How do you physically give shape to a societal laboratory in a process that stimulates new collaborations and where research and projects are combined? Which working methods do you need for this and what affect does this place have on the neighbourhood?

- Robbert De Vrieze (Delfshaven Coöperatie)
- Joost Beunderman\* (Impact Hub)
- Liesbeth Huybrechts (De Andere Markt)
- Roeland Dudal (World Transformation Center)
- Gert Vandermosten\* (Stadslab 2050)

### 2. Designing the Future

How do we determine an agenda for complex, transversal spatial issues? How do we maximize the potential of spatial transformation as leverage? What does that mean for the role that design plays in policy?

- Joachim Declerck (World Transformation Center)
- Hans Ten Hoeve\* (AARO)
- Peter Cabus\* (Departement Omgeving)
- Jeremy Till (Spatial Agency)
- Paul Gerretsen\* (Vereniging Deltametropool)

### 3. It takes a million to spend a billion

Which financing models and coalitions can be set up to work on change? How can broadly shared challenges also be broadly financed?

- Henk Ovink (Dutch Water Envoy)
- Piet Colruyt\* (SI2fund),
- Piet Vanthemsche\* (Vlaamse Visveiling)
- Brigitte Mouligneau\* (Vlaanderen Circulair)
- Kaat Peeters\* (Sociale Innovatiefabriek)

### 4. Democracy through action

How does a new type of democracy lead to a society in which all citizens are at the helm? How does a change in behaviour happen from below, rather than being imposed from above?

- Manu Claeys (stRaten-generaal)
- Annekatrien Verdickt\* (Filter Café Filtré)

- Joost Vandenbroele/Wietse Van Ransbeeck\* (Citizenlab)
- David Van Reybrouck\* (G1000)
- Corine Erades\* (VvE's met Energie)
- Gert Vandermosten\* (Stadslab2050)

#### 5. Learning platforms and networks

How can knowledge development and sharing be made permanently possible? How do you create learning networks that accumulate knowledge incrementally and horizontally, both locally and internationally?

- Chris Roorda (Dutch Research Institute for Transitions, DRIFT)
- Elma van Boxel\* (Independent School for the City)
- Michel Bauwens\* (P2P Foundation)
- Michiel Dehaene (Stadsacademie Gent)
- George Brugmans\* (IABR)
- Eric Corijn (Brussels Academy)

*\* To be confirmed*

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