



## Inauguration Rizal Sebastian

professor  
Future Urban Systems



Thursday, April 13, 2023



12:30 - 18:00



The Hague University of  
Applied Sciences  
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### Through an inclusive approach, we build sustainable and smart cities!

Cities play a pivotal role with respect to people's well-being and the sustainability of the environment. Future Urban Systems focuses on the implementation of smart transitions in urban areas towards renewable energy, climate neutrality and circular construction. Such transitions require an inclusive approach that involves urban communities themselves, while, simultaneously, capitalising on the increasing availability and affordability of digitalisation as an enabler of smart cities.

Dr Rizal Sebastian was appointed Professor of Future Urban Systems at The Hague University of Applied Sciences on May 1, 2022. His research group is part of the Centre of Expertise Mission Zero and the Faculty of Technology, Innovation and Society.

On April 13, 2023, we will host a symposium in which the inaugural lecture of Rizal Sebastian will form a key component. At the beginning of the symposium the Executive Board will put forward their ambition for practice-oriented research at The Hague University of Applied Sciences. Subsequently, the innovation agendas for climate-neutral and smart cities will be introduced by representatives of The Netherlands Enterprise Agency RVO and the City of The Hague. Next, Rizal and his team will present the mission and vision of the Future Urban Systems research group, and discuss its impact upon higher education and professional practice in the Built Environment knowledge domain. During the reception, coffee break and closing drinks at the symposium, you are invited to join the knowledge marketplace to engage in creative dialogue with practitioners, researchers, educators and students.

[See the next page for the programme of the symposium.](#)

We would like to cordially invite you to join this symposium and register by clicking or scanning the QR code. You can register until the 30th of March. We are looking forward to meeting you in The Hague on April 13, 2023!

Kind regards,

Centre of Expertise Mission Zero



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Picture: De Groene Mient, The Hague

## Symposium programme

<b>12:30 – 13:30</b>	Welcome: coffee and knowledge marketplace in the atrium
<b>13:30 – 13:45</b>	<b>Sander Mertens BSc MSc PhD</b> (Professor of Energy in Transition and Director of Centre of Expertise Mission Zero): Opening by the symposium chair
<b>13:45 – 15:00</b>	<b>Hans Camps MA LLM</b> (Member of the Executive Board): Inquiry-based learning with impact <b>Dr Karel Mulder</b> (Emeritus Professor of Urban Metabolism): Paths for transitioning to sustainable cities <b>Jacobine de Zwaan MA</b> (Senior Advisor Climate Neutral & Smart Cities – RVO), <b>Martijn van Stam MSc</b> (Coordinator Climate Neutral & Smart Cities – City of The Hague), <b>Tijn Kuyper MSc</b> (Account Manager Digital Innovation & Smart Cities – City of The Hague): The Netherlands and The Hague’s approach for climate-neutral and smart cities
<b>15:00 – 15:30</b>	Break and interactive knowledge market in the atrium
<b>15:30 – 16:45</b>	<b>Dr Rizal Sebastian</b> (Professor of Future Urban Systems): Inaugural lecture Roundtable discussion with the <b>Future Urban Systems research group</b> and the public
<b>16:45 – 17:00</b>	<b>Nellie van de Griend MA</b> (Dean of the faculty of Technology, Innovation and Society): Conclusion
<b>17:00 – 18:00</b>	Drinks and interactive knowledge market in the atrium



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