

# PUBLIC OUTDOOR SPACES AND COVID 19

**SYMPOSIUM: 24 -25 JUNE 2021**

WAGENINGEN, THE NETHERLANDS

ONLINE

Since the start of 2020, the Coronavirus pandemic has changed the way we think and use public outdoor spaces. Repeated lockdowns and social distancing are now part of our daily lives. But what does it mean for the design of these places going forward?

This symposium intends to highlight current research pathways, perspectives and practices and to bring together experts to discuss potential opportunities for the post-pandemic environment, around a central question: **How will the COVID 19 pandemic impact the design and use of outdoor public spaces, and how was it impacted by them in the first place?**

## FULL PROGRAM

THURSDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

### THEME 1

PUBLIC OUTDOOR SPACES, HEALTH AND WELLBEING DURING THE PANDEMIC

10:00 -11:30

**Ralitsa Shentova** Nature in times of corona: associations of nearby greenery with mental well-being during COVID-19

**Francisco Macedo, Kevin Raaphorst,  
Erwin van der Krabben** Investigating Built Environment Correlates of Physical Inactivity During COVID-19 Restrictive Policies in the Netherlands  
(Geography, Planning and Environment, Radboud University)

**Karolina Doughty** A qualitative analysis of experiences of nearby green and blue spaces  
(Cultural Geography, WUR)

**Alexandra Jiricka-Pürerer, Karolina Taczanowska, Andrzej Tucki, Gianpaolo Cirone, Giulio Senes** Significance of green areas for emotional and physical health and wellbeing in challenging times – a transnational study on the influence of the SARS-CoV-2-pandemic on the use and perception of green areas  
(University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Vienna; Department of Regional Geography and Tourism, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University; Department of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, University of Milan)

## THEME 2

### WIDER PERSPECTIVE: HOW IS THE PANDEMIC CHANGING OUR USE AND PERCEPTION OF PUBLIC OUTDOOR SPACES

13:30 -15:00

**Ana Aceska** Planning for uncertain futures: shifting ideas of city and countryside after global crises  
(Cultural Geography, WUR)

**Taícia H. N. Marques** The quietness, the tension, the release: a process between people and public spaces during the pandemics in Lima, Perú.  
(Department of Land Use and Construction, Universidad Nacional Agraria La Molina)

**Marieke de Haas** COVID-19 and the function of a marketplace as public space

**Gideon Spanjar** Rewilding at street-level for incremental gains and a sustained promotion of human well-being  
(Aeres University of Applied Sciences, Chair of Innovation & Urban Green Spaces)

## ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

### PROCESSES OF IN- AND EXCLUSION IN PUBLIC SPACE

15:30 - 16:30

Led by **Karin Peters** and **Alexandra Rijke** (Cultural Geography, WUR)

With the participation of Prof. dr. **Sanda Lenzholzer** (Landscape Architecture and Spatial Planning, WUR)

And **Mathias Lehner** (Nextcity)

FRIDAY 25TH JUNE

### THEME 3

WHAT LESSONS CAN WE LEARN FROM THE CURRENT PANDEMIC?

10:00 -11:30

**Meghann Ormond** Managing internationally mobile bodies in a world on hold: Migration, tourism and biological citizenship in the context of COVID-19  
(Cultural Geography, WUR)

Prof. dr. **Edward Huijbens** Social distancing and the promise of tourism  
(Cultural Geography, WUR)

**Giulia Gualtieri, Boudewijn Boon** Covid-19 impact on public space: urban trends from Dutch cities, positive changes and potentials applicable worldwide  
(Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences)

**Mathias Lehner** Nature-inclusive design of public space in cities: health & well-being while & post covid-19  
(Nextcity)

### PARTICIPATORY WORKSHOP

COVID-19 AND OUTDOOR NATURAL SPACES: UNDERSTANDING AND UTILIZING OPPORTUNITIES FOR HEALTH PROMOTION

13:00 – 15:00 (in person)

Led by **Roald Pijpker** and **Marthe Derkzen** (Health and Society, WUR)

### LOCATION AND REGISTRATION

The Symposium will take place both online and in person

At the **WICC, Wageningen International Congress Centre**  
Lawickse Allee 9, 6701 AN Wageningen

You can register online at: <https://event.wur.nl/126069/subscribe>

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