



STS NL Conference 2026
of the Netherlands Research School for Science,
Technology and Modern Culture (WTMC)

**Knowledge & Technology
in Times of Global Shifts**
April 15-17, 2026, University of Twente,
Enschede

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Welcome

Welcome to the STS NL Conference 2026!

The Knowledge Transformation & Society (KiTeS) section is proud to host the first STS NL Conference, taking place on 15 to 17 April 2026 featuring the theme “KNOWLEDGE & TECHNOLOGY IN TIMES OF GLOBAL CRISES”, preceded by an Early Career Event on “CAREERS AT THE CROSSROADS”.

The Conference

The Netherlands have for long been one of the places where conversations in Science and Technology Studies (STS) take place. In 1986, STS graduate training started, feeding into the formation of the Netherlands Research School for Science, Technology and Modern Culture (WTMC). This STS infrastructure is carried today by 12 research organizations in the Netherlands. In recent years, the STS field has been expanding globally and rapidly. Glad as we are about this expansion of researchers doing STS, we also perceive the need for more bounded, regionally focused platforms for scholarly exchange.

This conference is the first of a series aimed to create a vibrant platform for researchers interested in Science and Technology Studies, whether they are based in the Netherlands or abroad. The conference is hosted by the Knowledge, Transformation & Society (KiTeS) Group of the University of Twente, organized jointly with the Netherlands Research School for Science, Technology and Modern Culture (WTMC). The conference will be held onsite at our green university campus in Enschede.

Knowledge & Technology in Times of Global Shifts

While the STS field is expanding globally and the central role of knowledge and technology in global and local socio-political dynamics is more apparent than ever, the status and legitimacy, the modes of production, their use and instrumentalization are at the same time contested and disparate. Global crises - climate, biodiversity, (geo)political, energy, raw materials, and many more - are proliferating as well, but they are also controversial and unfold against global shifts and uncertainties in centres of power, economy and global relations. It has been a topic of debate whether STS, with its dedication to detailed, local studies, is well equipped to account for global dynamics. At the same time, it is exactly the openness for the unexpected, for considering processes at different scales, for dynamics of coproduction, that may be a crucial asset. The sensitivity for more or less hidden forms of power, for considering technoscience as agential beyond solutionism, for diverse ways of thinking, making and doing, and for studying the non-obvious can provide a productive angle on shifts, opening up relevant action repertoires.

The conference provides a space for participants to reflect on these shifts, their implications, and how STS scholars can relate to them, be it for science and technology studies as a field, or their specific research topics. Some of the questions we hope to address during this conference are:

- How are knowledge production and innovation, its places, actors, networks, infrastructures, governance and institutions, and what counts as legitimate knowledge changing?
- What kind of knowledge and technologies are adequate to address global crises? And which forms of knowledge and technologies may be unproductive or induce a mere shift of problems?
- What can we learn from former crises and shifts in centres of power, economy and global networks and relations?
- How can anticipatory practices related to science and technology account for heightened and radical uncertainties? How are established imaginaries and discourses changing, who influences them, and what can be the role of STS-inspired work?

- What are adequate moments or ‘timings’ for fostering more positive changes?
- What is the potential of participatory forms of knowledge production such as citizen science and transdisciplinary research for science to integrate local and practical knowledge when addressing global crises?
- How does the rise of big tech companies relate to shifts in power over data and infrastructure for research and innovation?
- Which new forms of colonialism are emerging in the formation, use and governance of knowledge and technology, and how do old forms persist? What are promising countermovements and how can more just relations be enabled?
- When are shifts associated with ‘crises’, when as transformation, and to what is the framing ‘crisis’ attributed?

This is not an exclusive focus, we are glad to see that contributions cover the wide range of science and technology studies, from different societal domains and technology fields, such as health, energy, agriculture, art, knowledge dynamics, nature-society relations, innovation processes, governance, futures and anticipation, finance, and many more.

We’re looking forward to three inspiring days in Enschede!

The STS NL 2026 organisers

Knowledge, Transformation & Society (KiTeS)

KiTeS is very happy with the opportunity to organize the first STS NL conference at the University of Twente. KiTeS was created two and half years ago through a merger of the Science, Technology & Policy Studies group (STEPS) and the Center for Higher Education Policy Studies (CHEPS), bringing together research, teaching and expertise on science, technology and society and on governance and management of higher education. A combination that allowed us to rethink our intellectual agenda and give more room to the challenging issues of the organisation and the ambiguous roles of knowledge in society.

As a group, KiTeS is dedicated to analysing and improving the contribution of Knowledge to Transformations in Society and to address intersecting societal and environmental challenges, including growing disparities and inequities, climate change, and biodiversity loss. We are convinced, knowledge practices, including science, education, technology, and design, can play an important role in supporting these needed transformations.

Nevertheless, we see that dominant knowledge practices can often support the status quo and can even block change. For example, when innovation systems serve vested economic interests, when education trains students to be effective in unsustainable societies, or when science excludes alternative paradigms and ways of knowing. Therefore, understanding and supporting societal transformations, requires critical examination and transformation of these knowledge practices.

Currently, three key themes guide our activities in research, teaching, and societal engagement:

1. Knowledge, Environment & Justice, in which we inquire how we know, govern and tackle environmental problems. Whose perspectives are valued, authorized and in/excluded in knowledge making? How do environmental knowledges subtend diverse transformative projects in the past, present, and future?

2. Transformative Science & Higher Education, which combines expertise in higher education studies, science studies and innovation of higher education to analyze how universities respond to changing societal needs and how this affects their ability to fulfil its public function.
3. Technology & Societal Change, which focuses on how technologies can contribute to just and sustainable societal transformations and what conditions and governance practices are needed to ensure that impact. Which values, rationalities, future visions and anticipatory practices underlie current priorities and practices and what are their societal consequences? Which and whose knowledge systems and values are foregrounded, or marginalized?

Due to the merger, our mind has been very much focused on future opportunities. Yet, the organisation of the first STS NL conference at the UTwente Campus also brings back unvaluable histories of STS in which “Twente” played a role. Starting in the 1980s in the “Boerderij”, once home of what became later the STEPS group, Twente hosted legendary workshops in which Wiebe Bijker, Trevor Pinch, Bruno Latour, Arie Rip, Nelly Oudshoorn and many other famous STS’ers laid the foundation on a new social understanding of technology. Twente was one of founding members of WTMC, one of the first Dutch Graduate schools, which organised for many its workshops in small Logica. Both buildings are still there, and part of the architectural legacy of the campus, which might give an excuse to many to wander away from the conference. More recently, STEPS / KITES hosted WTMC, with Stefan Kuhlmann and Esther Turnhout serving as scientific directors.

Starting a new section in times of budget restrictions is a risk. We are glad that we can tell these days that our future looks already much better. We hope that this will not only be the case for us, but for the whole Dutch STS community and its international colleagues, building upon an impressive legacy.

For further information see <https://www.utwente.nl/en/bms/kites/> and <https://www.linkedin.com/company/kites-knowledge-transformation-and-society/>



WTMC - the Netherlands Research School of Science, Technology & Modern Culture

WTMC is a collective effort of scholars based in the Netherlands who study the development of science, technology and modern culture from an interdisciplinary perspective. Science and technology studies form the core of the work, but there are also strong inputs from philosophy, cultural studies and innovation studies. WTMC is pluralistic not only in terms of discipline, but also in terms of objects of study, and methods and approaches used.

WTMC started as a network in 1987, and was officially accredited as an interuniversity graduate research school by the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) in 1995. The activities of the School are twofold: 1) the Research School co-ordinates and stimulates research in the field of science and technology studies, innovation studies and cultural analysis of science and technology; 2) the Research School provides advanced training for PhD candidates.

WTMC is carried today by 12 research organizations in the Netherlands: Maastricht University, University of Groningen, University of Twente, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, University of Leiden, Utrecht University, Virtual Knowledge Studio / e-Humanities Group (KNAW), Technical University Eindhoven, Radboud University Nijmegen, Erasmus University Rotterdam and Rathenau Institute. At present, the scientific director of the school is Prof. dr. Teun Zuiderent-Jerak from Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.

WTMC is organised around three clusters of questions.

Diagnosis of the Modern Research System

This cluster focuses on the history of national research systems; and on the relationships between the different levels of the research system, system more generally and between science and society. The formation of new networks, systems and actors is a key aspect within this theme. This is studied from historical, sociological and cultural approaches perspectives, both quantitatively and qualitatively.

Technological Development and Societal Regulation

This cluster focuses on the role of technology in society and the way in which they co-construct each other. How do technical systems and technical artefacts emerge and develop, what is their role in modern society? These studies inform new perspectives on the politics of technological culture and new forms of technology assessment. The history of technology in the Netherlands has been an important topic.

Cultural Roles of Science, Technology and Rationality

This cluster focuses on the cultural, philosophical and normative consequences of the intertwinement of science, technology and modern culture. Questions related to this theme concentrate on the way in which boundaries between science, technology and society are generated, and how science and technology are represented and presented in philosophy and political writings. For further information see <https://www.wtmc.eu/>

Faculty of Behavioural, Management and Social Sciences

The Knowledge, Transformation & Society Section is part of the Faculty of Behavioural, Management and Social Sciences of the University of Twente. The Faculty hosts interdisciplinary social science research and education with a focus on topics where technology and society meet. Across disciplines and research groups, researchers in the faculty assemble around five core research themes. Members of the KiTeS group are contributing in particular to the themes 'Emerging Technologies & Societal Transformations' (until recently chaired by Kornelia Konrad) and 'Learning and Research for Societal Transformation' (chaired by Andrea Kottmann). For further information see <https://www.utwente.nl/en/bms/>

We are extremely grateful for the generous sponsorship provided by the Faculty which helped to make this conference happen!

Programme Overview

Wednesday 15 April - Day 1

Time	Activity	Location
09:00 - 10:00	Registration Tea & Coffee	Ravelijn Atrium
10:00 - 10:30	Opening - Welcome addresses Kornelia Konrad , Conference chair, University of Twente Barend van der Meulen , Section head Knowledge, Transformation & Society (KiTeS), University of Twente Teun Zuiderent-Jerak , Scientific Director WTMC, VU Amsterdam	Ravelijn Atrium (tbc)
10:30 - 10:45	Break	
10:45 - 12:15	Parallel Sessions	Various rooms in Ravelijn & Carré
12:15 - 13:15	Lunch & Poster Exhibition	Ravelijn Atrium
13:15 - 14:45	Parallel Sessions	Various rooms in Ravelijn & Carré
14:45 - 15:00	Break	Ravelijn Atrium, Carré
15:00 - 16:30	Parallel Sessions	Various rooms in Ravelijn & Carré
16:30 - 17:00	Break	Ravelijn Atrium, Carré, Walk to Horst
17:00-18:30	WTMC Anniversary Plenary: Insights from six perspectives on STS enactments across four decades Convenors: Sally Wyatt, Teun Zuiderent-Jerak Participants: Chunglin Kwa, Claudia Egger, Jonathan Arentoft, Nelly Oudshoorn, Paola Altomonte, Wiebe Bijker	Horst C101
18:30-20:00	Reception	Ravelijn Atrium

Thursday 16 April - Day 2

Time	Activity	Location
09:00 - 10:30	Parallel Sessions	Various rooms in Ravelijn & Carré
10:30 - 10:45	Break	Ravelijn Atrium, Carré
10:45 - 12:15	Parallel Sessions	Various rooms in Ravelijn & Carré
12:15 - 13:15	Lunch & Poster Exhibition	Ravelijn Atrium, Walk to Horst
13:15 - 14:45	Keynote Plenary: Between Global and Local - Is STS Stuck? <i>Shifting Preconditions for STS</i> , Harro van Lente, University of Maastricht <i>Being local in the Global South: From epistemic justice to climate justice</i> , Annapurna Mamidipudi, TU Berlin	Horst C101
14:45 - 15:15	Break	Ravelijn Atrium
15:15 - 16:45	Parallel Sessions	Various rooms in Ravelijn & Carré
16:45 - 17:00	Break	Ravelijn Atrium, Carré
17:00 - 18:30	Parallel Sessions	Various rooms in Ravelijn & Carré
18:45 Departure	Coaches to conference dinner venue	Boerderijweg / Parking 2
19:00 onwards	Conference dinner	Twentsche Foodhal, Hoge Bothofstraat 39a, Enschede

Twentsche Foodhal:



Friday 17 April - Day 3

Time	Activity	Location
09:00 - 10:30	Parallel Sessions	Various rooms in Ravelijn
10:30 - 10:45	Break	Ravelijn Atrium
10:45 - 12:15	Parallel Sessions	Various rooms in Ravelijn
12:15 - 13:15	Lunch & WTMC Member Meeting	Ravelijn Atrium, RA1501
13:15 - 14:45	Parallel Sessions	Various rooms in Ravelijn
14:45 - 15:00	Break	Walk to Horst
15:00 - 16:30	Take-aways and future ways of assembling STS NL Chair: Peter Stegmaier & Efi Nakopoulou Joined by track organizers	Horst C101
16:30	End of conference	

Ravelijn Atrium for lunches, breaks and posters:



Plenaries

WTMC Anniversary Plenary: Insights from six perspectives on STS enactments across four decades (April 15, 17:00)

Science and Technology Studies, or Science, Technology and Society? Both names are abbreviated to STS, and the field has a rich and vibrant history in the Netherlands. There must be more STS scholars per capita here than anywhere else in the world, which may well be due to the continuous infrastructural presence of the internationally recognized Netherlands Research School of Science, Technology and Modern Culture (WTMC).

This plenary session celebrates the 40th anniversary of WTMC. Contributors to this plenary and many audience members have contributed to WTMC in the past and/or continue to do so.

There are many ways to tell the history of STS in the Netherlands. But in this session, we focus on how 'science' and 'society' (both broadly defined) shape each other, and also about how research about 'science, technology and modern culture' and their settings are mutually constituted.

Contributors to this plenary include STS scholars from all career stages. They have been invited to reflect on how their work is/has been situated, and which scholarly and societal debates they are/have been responding to or engaging with over the years. We have chosen three areas (and we know there are many more) which are important for the past, present and future of STS:

- Feminist STS and healthcare, with Nelly Oudshoorn and Claudia Egger
- Democratisation and participation, with Wiebe Bijker and Jonathan Arentoft
- History of science, with Chunglin Kwa and Paola Altomonte

Conveners (alphabetical by both first and last names):



Sally Wyatt is Professor of Digital Cultures in the Maastricht University Science, Technology and Society Studies research programme. She was one of the WTMC training coordinators between 2005-10 (first with Els Rommes and then with Willem Halffman), and its Academic Director between 2011 and 2017.



Teun Zuiderent-Jerak is Professor of Transdisciplinary Science and Technology Studies at the Athena Institute, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, and the current Academic Director of WTMC. He was one of the WTMC training coordinators between 2010 and 2014 (together with Willem Halffman and Geert Somsen).

Participants (alphabetical by first name):



Chunglin Kwa is a semi-retired lecturer at the University of Amsterdam, where until recently he taught courses in history of science and philosophy of science. He was among the founding members of WTMC.



Claudia Eggher is a researcher at the Copernicus Institute of Sustainable Development, Utrecht University. Her involvement with WTMC started during her PhD, when she studied expertise about mental health online. Claudia combines STS, Innovation Studies, and Transition Studies to research (digital) health innovations.



Jonathan Arentoft is a PhD candidate in Innovation Studies at the Copernicus Institute of Sustainable Development, Utrecht University. His work sits at the intersection of agricultural development, plant breeding, and STS. He is currently following the WTMC programme.



Nelly Oudshoorn is Professor Emerita of Technology Dynamics and Healthcare at the University of Twente. She was Chair of the WTMC Board between 2007 and 2013.



Paola Altomonte is a PhD researcher at Maastricht University. Her research focuses on the history of STS, particularly on women doing radical science in the 1970s. She is one of the PhD representatives for WTMC.



Wiebe Bijker is professor emeritus at Maastricht University. He was the first training coordinator of WTMC, and subsequently its Scientific Director and Chair of the Board. He has been President of 4S and is founding co-editor of the *Inside Technology* series at MIT Press.

Keynote Plenary: Between Global and Local - Is STS stuck? **(April 16, 13:15)**

In this double keynote plenary, moderated by Lotte Krabbenborg, we want to trace and discuss some of the global shifts and related questions addressed in the conference theme 'Knowledge and Technology in Times of Global Shifts' and reflect on their implications for STS research. In the plenary we will first have two keynote lectures, one starting from the global and one from the local end. We will then invite the audience to join the discussion with their own considerations and experiences.

Shifting Preconditions for STS

Harro van Lente

In this lecture I will investigate how STS may relate to three prominent global shifts. The first shift is geopolitical. The rearrangement of global powers questions Western perspectives as legitimate starting points for knowledge claims. What is the implication of the rising importance of non-Western perspectives, including the Global South? The second shift is institutional: the changing mandate of science. The position of experts is changing, and their credibility is challenged with the rise of populism and post-truth assertiveness. How does this affect STS expertise? The third shift is epistemological: the climate crisis and the concomitant loss of biodiversity change the background of knowledge claims. The 'normal' background is no longer to be taken for granted; ecologies are on the run and have become protagonists themselves. What does this imply for the STS heuristic 'it could have been otherwise'? In the lecture I will delineate some routes for STS to address the geopolitical, institutional, and epistemological shifts.

Being local in the Global South: From epistemic justice to climate justice

Annapurna Mamidipudi

In this lecture I will investigate how a detailed local study from the global south, the case of Indian handloom weaving, can account for global dynamics. Being local in the Global South has three prominent characteristics. The first is empirical in nature: it refers to the existence of production-related knowledge that has demonstrated ecological sustainability over extended temporal scales but is seen as knowledge of the past. The second is historical: such knowledge becomes 'local' in the encounter with colonizing scientific frameworks. In these frameworks, science as knowing is intellectual property, while craft as doing is embodied labour, albeit skilled. The third is a challenge to our scholarship when studying such local knowledges: the imperative to engage with multiple epistemologies without lapsing into epistemic relativism. So, what does this imply for the STS heuristic of symmetry, that requires dismantling the hierarchy between the two kinds of knowledge—science and craft, global and local, knowing and doing? In this lecture I will outline a framework for ownership of knowledge to address how STS can create conditions for diversity of knowledge as a way forward to produce resilient futures.

Speakers:



Harro van Lente is Full Professor of Science and Technology Studies at the Faculty of Arts and Social Science, Maastricht University, since 2014. He graduated in both Physics and in Philosophy at Twente University and did his PhD research at the same university. He is one of the founding fathers of the Sociology of Expectations, which studies how representations of the future shape current socio-technical developments. He published extensively on technology dynamics, innovation policy, sustainability, and knowledge production. He is recipient of the 2018 EASST Freeman Award with the co-edited book (with Marianne Boenink and Ellen Moors) at Palgrave Macmillan, *Emerging Technologies for Diagnosing Alzheimer's Disease: Innovating with Care*. He is

Chair of the Board of the Dutch STS Research school WTMC and member of the Netherlands Health Council. Currently he is Senior Fellow at the Kate Hamburger Kolleg Cultures of Research at RWTH Aachen, an international Center for Advanced Study in philosophy, sociology, and history of science and technology.



Annapurna Mamidipudi is currently completing a DFG funded project on “Epistemologies of craft: The role of material innovation in making colour expertise”, at the Technical University of Berlin. She was previously a postdoctoral researcher at Deutsches Museum working on an ERC project on weaving knowledge in ancient Greece where she expanded her STS and History of Technology research on material histories of textile making in India to History of Science approaches. She has co-edited a volume on Ownership of Knowledge: Beyond IP published by MIT Press in 2023, while at the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science. She is a trustee of the Handloom Futures

Trust, which works at the intersection of knowledge and livelihood support for traditional craftspeople in India. Her research interests focus on how craftspeople innovate their material practices and how they make knowledge claims to build value for their work in past and contemporary society.

WTMC Member Meeting (April 17, 12:30)

The WTMC members meeting is to provide an update for all the members about recent and upcoming WTMC developments, also in relation to further research ambitions and conference planning. It is also the space for all members to share suggestions and thoughts they feel could be relevant for the WTMC Board.

Closing session: Take-aways and future ways of reassembling STS NL (April 17, 15:00)

This closing session reflects on this first STS NL conference and looks ahead to collectively identify needs and ideas for future events. Track organizers will share highlights from their sessions, after which we open the floor to explore together what is needed to build a vibrant STS NL community.

The Parallel Sessions

Please refer to the online conference programme (<https://easychair.org/smart-program/STSNL2026/index.html>) which presents the most recent information and allows easy navigation and access to abstracts.

SESSION CHAIRS

For regular tracks, the track organizers have assigned chairs for each session. For the open tracks, either colleagues or the last presenter in the session is assigned.

LAST MINUTE SESSION CHANGES

We have worked closely with Track chairs to finalise the multiple sessions in the programme, and we are grateful for all their hard work. However, until the conference date we might still see minor changes, such as dropouts, in sessions. Our suggested guideline is that if a presenter has dropped out in your session please continue with the remaining presenters and please use the time for discussion or break earlier. Your chair may suggest this. If a chair has dropped out, we suggest that the last presenter acts as chair, but also any other presenter or attendee in the room could assume this role.

SESSION FORMATS

The programme includes different session formats. Most sessions are ‘regular’ presentation sessions with 3-4 presentations and time for questions and discussion. Other sessions include roundtables, workshops, walkshops etc. Please consult the programme and the abstracts for details. We are also pleased to present posters two times: Wednesday and Thursday at lunchtime in the Atrium of Ravelijn, where you will have your lunch. Grab a tasty dish and discuss with the poster presenters!

Presenters, Session Chairs and Discussants are kindly asked to observe these important rules:

- Session Chairs of regular presentation sessions must ensure that an equal distribution of speaking and discussion time is agreed between all speakers before the meeting begins. Sessions with special formats as workshops, roundtables, etc. are free to organize themselves in the format deemed most suitable. The session chair is responsible to ensure a proper timekeeping. Track organizers may decide on the exact ‘choreography’, e.g. exact time allocated for each talk and question time, or whether they wish to have questions after each talk or at the end of the session. For the open track sessions (noted in the programme as OT: ‘title’) we strongly suggest to distribute the time allocated to each presenter equally with question time after each presentation. For 3 presentation sessions we suggest to aim for 20-25 minutes talks, for 4 presentation sessions we suggest 15-18 minutes for each talk.
- Use of computers: All rooms are regular lecture rooms. Each room is equipped with a PC and a projector. Chairs / presenters can use their own laptops. We suggest that before the session starts, chairs collect the presentations of all presenters in the session, either on a laptop brought by themselves or on the desktop computer. ‘Guest’ log-in details will be available next to the PC in each room. We would rather discourage switching between laptops during a session, as this is prone to create problems, but this is ultimately at the discretion of the session chair. Student assistants will be close by, in case you encounter problems.
- Room layout: If possible, the tables and chairs in the rooms are arranged in a way that facilitates dialogue, e.g. using a U-shape style. If a session wishes to deviate from this, we ask that the tables and chairs be rearranged after the session in the original layout.

Posters

Posters will be presented in the Ravelijn Atrium during lunchbreaks Wednesday and Thursday, providing an excellent opportunity for engagement and discussion. During this time, presenters are

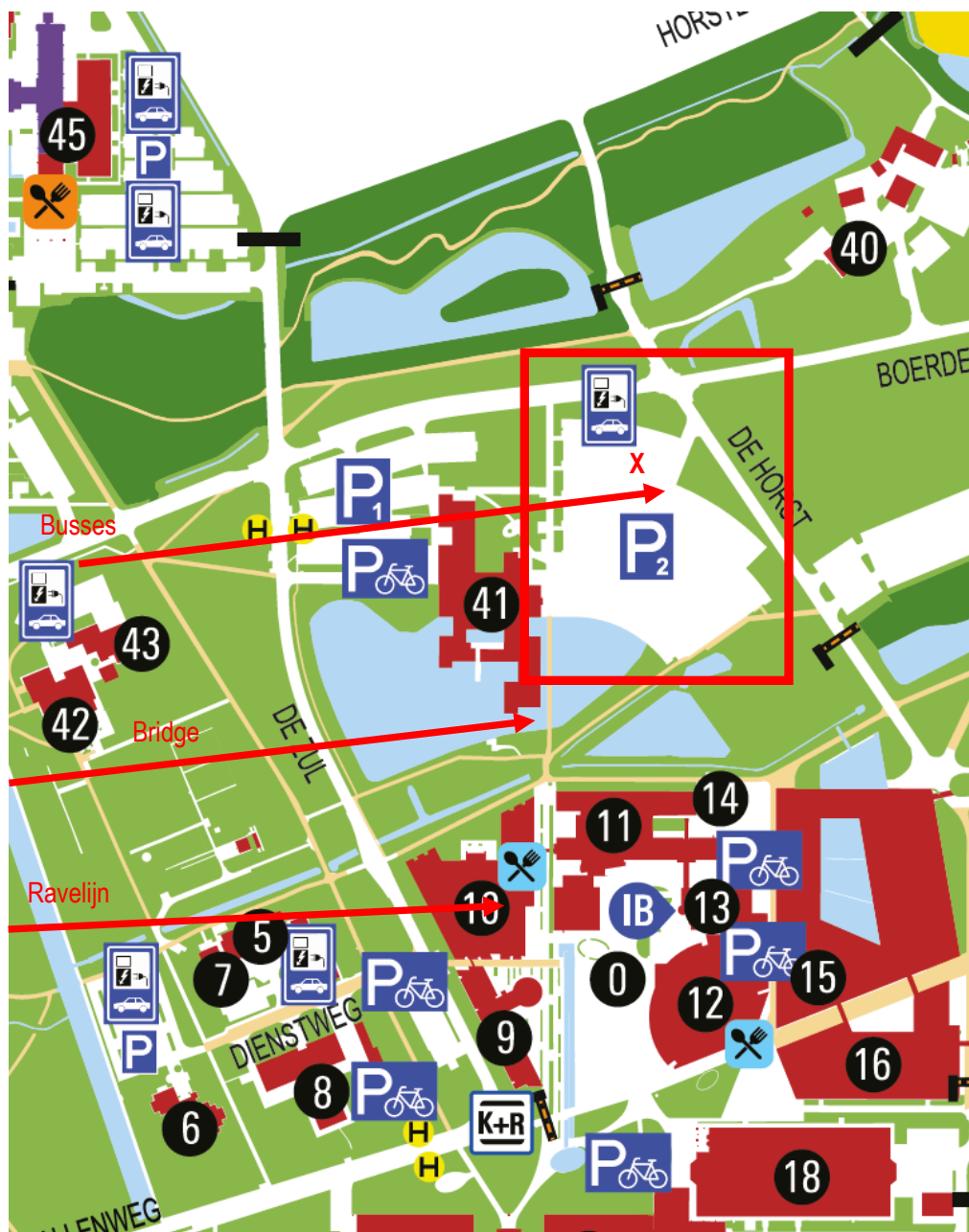
expected to be available close to their posters to answer questions and discuss their work with conference attendees. Titles, presenters and abstracts are listed in the online conference programme (Thursday lunch break).

Transfer to the Conference Dinner

On **Thursday, April 16** we have arranged coaches to bring our guests after the end of the conference day to the Twentsche Foodhall for the Conference dinner.

18:45 Departure point: Boerderijweg / Parking 2

Walk straight up from Ravelijn across the bridge, passing by Cubicus to Boerderijweg



Useful information

REGISTRATION

Wednesday 15 June: 9:00 - 10:00 (**Ravelijn Atrium**). If you want to register later or at another day, please come to the Atrium in Ravelijn as well.

WIFI

The buildings offer Wifi via **Eduroam** (with your personal password). Additionally, guest access options will be available in the rooms.

ACCESSIBILITY

If you have any questions about campus accessibility, please do get in touch.

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

We have received your dietary requirements with your registration and all food will be signposted. Catering staff will be on hand if you require any assistance, so please make us aware if you have any queries.

PHOTOGRAPHY

There will be photographers at the event. Should you NOT wish to have your photo taken please let us know at the registration desk upon arrival.

ASSISTANCE DURING THE CONFERENCE

Our team of Volunteers will be happy to assist you with any issues you might have during the conference, finding your way around, and any IT issues inside the session rooms. You will see them around in Ravelijn and Carré buildings, wearing white T-Shirts and visible badges. Moreover, our team at the Registration Desk will also be at your disposal to assist you in every way possible.

If you have any questions or require any assistance, please get in touch with us:
sts-nl2026@utwente.nl.

Travelling to the Conference

Please check the conference website <https://www.utwente.nl/en/bms/sts-nl2026/> for detailed information on how to travel to the University of Twente.

Getting around the conference

A map of the campus and an excerpt of the conference area can be found below on the next page. The events and sessions of the conference take place in the Ravelijn (no. 10), Carré (no. 15), Horstring (no. 21) (entrance via Horsttoren no. 20) and, if needed, Hall B (no. 13). Between Ravelijn and Carré is a central square, O&O plein (no. 0). Mind that to enter Carré, use the entrance of Hall B (no. 13). The distance between Ravelijn / Carré and the Horst is approximately a **5 minutes walk**.

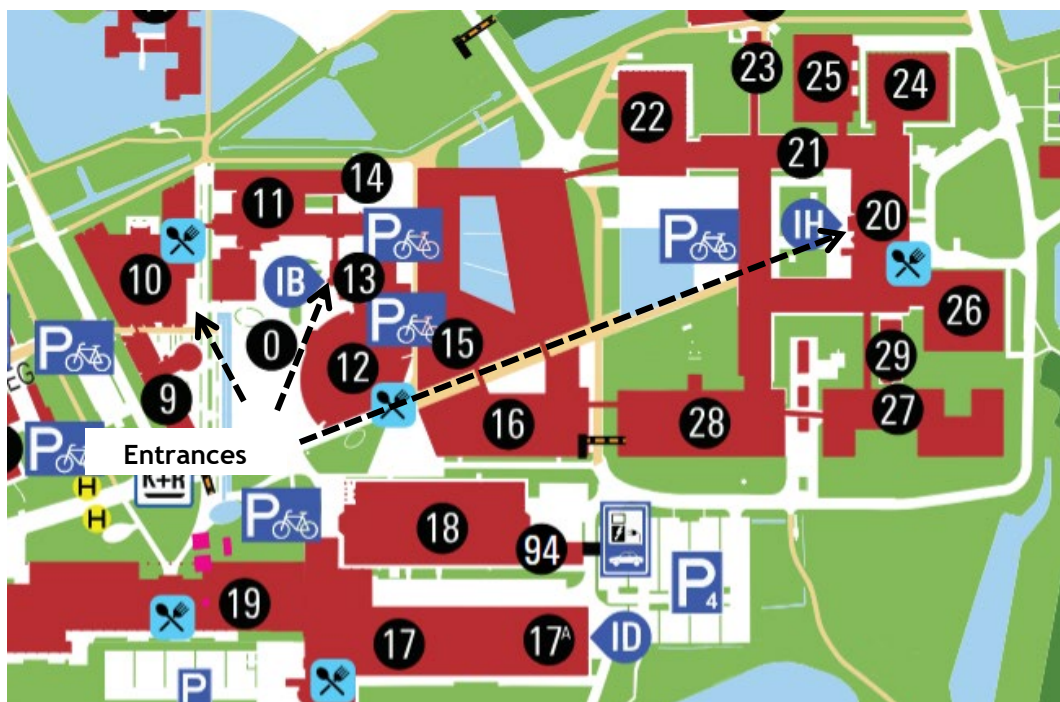
The registration desk is located in the open area (Atrium) of the Ravelijn building (no. 10). The plenary sessions will take place in lecture hall C101 (no. 21) in Horstring, except for the opening. The lunch break and poster sessions will take place in the Atrium of Ravelijn (no. 10). The parallel sessions will take place in different rooms of the buildings Ravelijn (no. 10), Carré (no. 15). The exact location can be found in the online programme. The WTMC member meeting takes place in RA1501, located directly besides the Ravelijn Atrium. To the **Rooms**:

Ravelijn (no. 10). The rooms starting with 2 are on the first floor, those starting with 3 on the second, and rooms starting with 4 are on the third floor. Rooms with X231 and X237 are next to each other. All rooms are in the same wing of the building. Elevators are on the right, next to the main entrance.

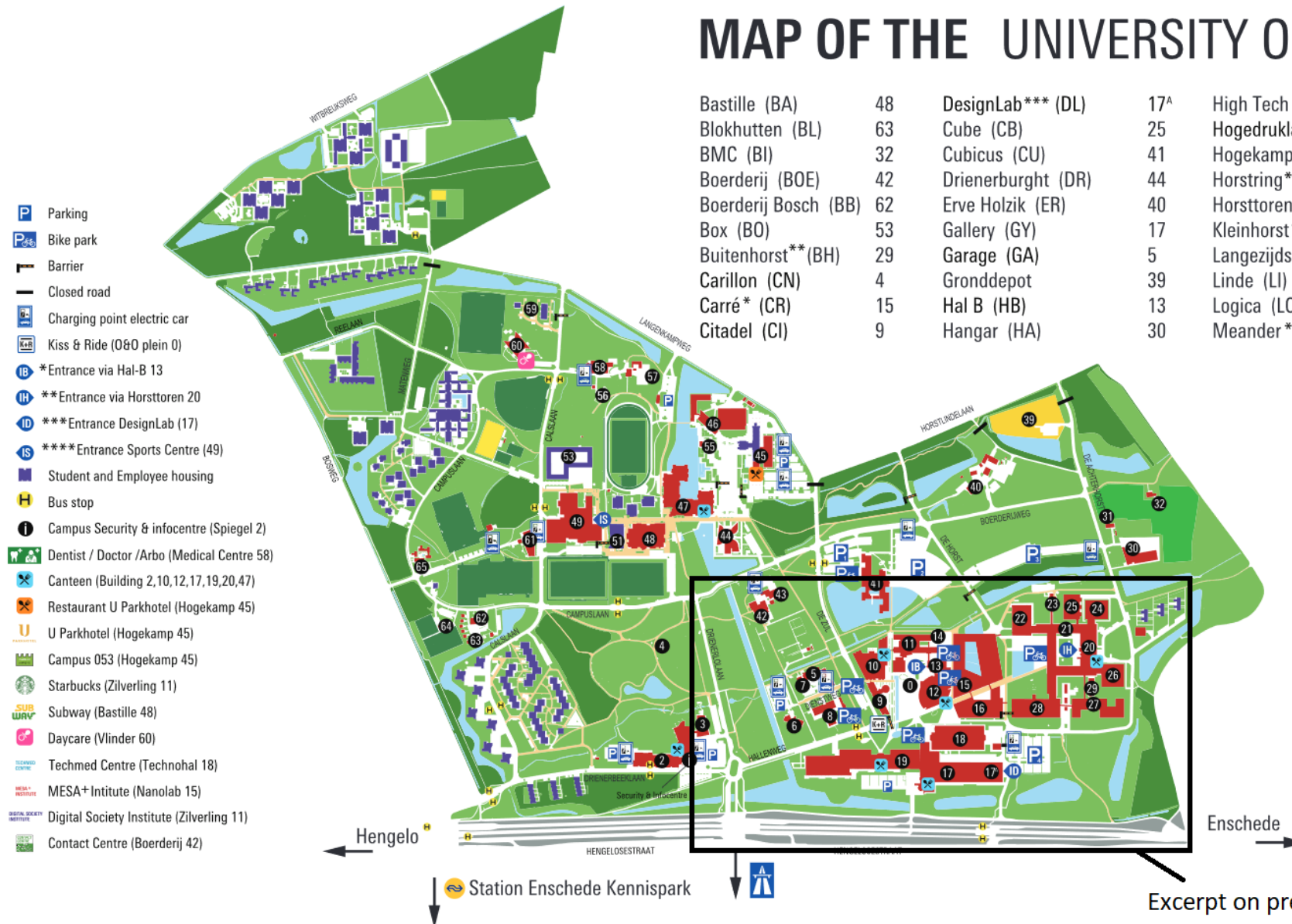
Carré (no. 15). The rooms in Carré can be accessed through the stairway in Hall B (no. 13). Pass the corridor after the stairs, and take the stairs to the second floor.

Hall B: Rooms are on the first floor, on the left hand side from the staircase.

The campus is very spacious and green, so don't forget to explore the campus and its [facilities](#)!



MAP OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TWENTE



Restaurant tips

Mazza (Lebanese) <https://restaurantmazza.nl/>

Het Paradijs (vegan) <https://www.hetparadijs.com/>

SamSam (grand café) <https://samsam-enschede.nl/>

Koneo (Asian fusion) <https://restaurantkoneo.nl/>

Café Coberco (French) <https://cafecoberco.nl/>

TAO (Japanese) https://www.tripadvisor.nl/Restaurant_Review-g188605-d2207699-Reviews-Restaurant_TAO-Enschede_Overijssel_Province.html

Verso (Italian) <https://restaurantverso.nl/>

BLUFF (food bar) <https://www.bluff.nl/>

Big Belly's (Irish) <https://big-bellys.nl/home.html>

Tentje Teman (Turkish and Indonesian) <http://www.tentjeteman2.nl/>

Moeke <https://moeke.nl/enschede/>

Sorrentino <https://sorrentino.nl/>

As well suitable for bigger groups:

Big Rabbit (Asian fusion) <https://bigrabbit.nl/>

Happy Italy (Italian) <https://happyitaly.nl/locaties/enschede/>

Your STS NL 2026 Organising Committee

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