

“THE SEA IS RISING AND SO ARE WE?”

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Tidal Cities: Contested Speculative Futures Of Urban Shorelines

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Please register for this lecture via email at searise@uni-bremen.de. Registration will be possible until December 6th, 8pm CET. A link for the meeting will follow shortly after.

Urban coasts in face of sea level rise are the subject of contested speculative futuring practices in which visualizations in the form of design studies, blueprints and the like play a major role. Those visualizations of coastal transformation often evoke similar images of a coastal urbanity in which infrastructures for sea level rise adaptation are easily combined with high-end living quarters, futuristic working spaces and sites of leisure, tourism etc. The seminar will be divided into two parts. During the first half, the speakers will offer two case-study overviews crosscutting Indonesia, the Netherlands and Singapore. During the second and more practice-led and interactive half, participants will collaboratively work with common visualizations of modular art assets, many of which relay pervasive imaginaries of coastal futures and their blind spots in coastal placemaking in urban Southeast Asia and Europe. We will address not only established expectations, but also provoke refractions together with perspectives on multiple possibilities of design innovation and transformation across urban coastlines.

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