

特別講演会

## Transformative Futures of Cities: Climate and Sustainable Development

-Moving from scientific research to societal impact-

Date and Time: May 19 (Monday), 12:30 to 13:30 (5月19日(月)12:30~13:30)

## Place: Nakaniwa Conference Room, 1F Main Building, School of Letters

(中庭会議室、文学部本館一階)



## Special Lecture by Prof. Ronald Holzhacker

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This lecture is focused on the search for synergies in the climate change and sustainable development agendas. We begin looking at how cities in Southeast Asia have responded to climate change with mitigation and adaptation measures while maintaining a focus on sustainable development and progress toward achieving the SDGs.

Next we broaden the debate to discuss how scientific research can be better structured to increase societal impact. We discuss five key stages:

- 1) designing research incorporating citizens, stakeholders, policymakers
- 2) organizing international academic conferences to include senior and emerging scholars, with graduate student workshops
- 3) conferences designed to include exchanges with political leaders, policymakers, civil society organizations, journalists,
- 4) publication of books and journal articles, but also shorter, more popular dissemination opportunities in national languages,
- 5) popularization and visualization of key findings, insights, and actions for citizens.

We conclude with the screening of a selection of short videos (2-2.5 minutes each) produced by a creative agency based on our book 'Transformative Futures of Cities,' and finally with a selection of winners from our Wubbo Ockels School of Energy and Climate NL-Asia Pacific Short Video Contest on Climate and Sustainable Development in Cities, based on student research from the BA to PhD levels.

