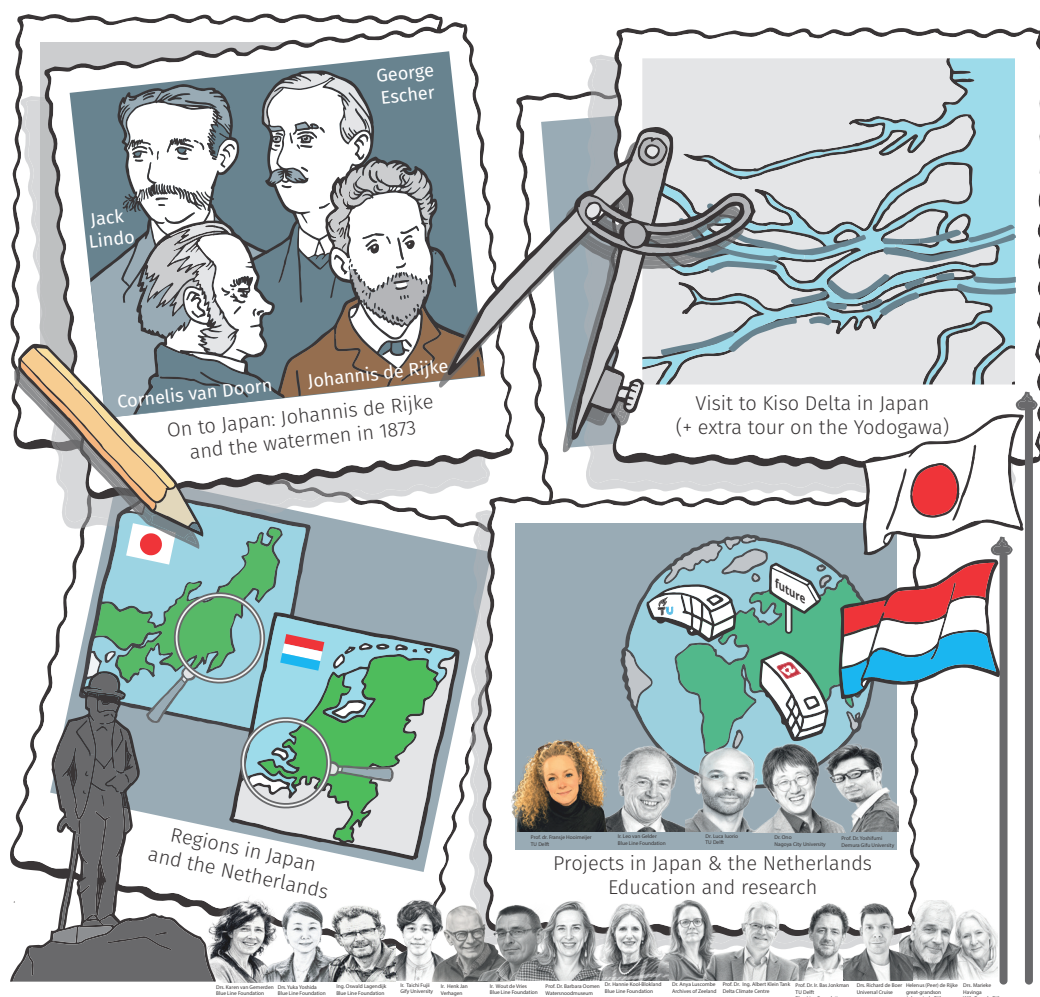




Thursday Octobre 8, 2026

“Learning from the past, shaping the future of water and landscapes in the Netherlands and Japan.”

The [Blue Line Foundation](#) and the [Flood Museum](#) cordially invites you to attend this seminar concerning the [project Johannis de Rijke](#). He was a dutch engineer and can be seen as the spiritual father of modern nineteenth-century water management in Japan. As one of the great former Dutch water masters, he still inspires young people and experts from the water world with current and future water problems.

The [new watermasters](#) are important to shape the future of water and landscapes: in the Netherlands and other countries: like Japan. This seminar will show the importance of learning from the past and Japan and the strenght of working in an interdisciplinary and international manner on water and landscapes. As part of the programme, we will also mark the 40th anniversary of the Eastern Scheldt Storm Surge Barrier together with former TU Delft students and their visionary plan, “Zeeuws Meer?”, dating from 1972.

Program from 13:00 - 17.00 hour

13:00 – 13.45: Start Seminair:

Introduction Blue Line Foundation. Highlight Cultural Heritage & Water, 40 years Eastern Scheldt Surge Barrier with the Story of the former students of the TU Delft ‘Urban Planning Study Group “Zeeuws Meer?”’ from 1972. by [Leo van Gelder](#) (secretary Blue Line Foundation) and [Barbara Ooms](#) (Director of the Flood Museum)

13.45-14.45: Looking to Japanese Delta’s/rivers with Johannis de Rijke and the new watermasters

Presentation of Johannis de Rijke, the experiences of the TU Delft in Japan and landscape approach in the Netherlands and Japan;

by: [Ir. Leo van Gelder](#) (secretary of the Blue Line Foundation), [Drs. Yuka Yoshida](#) (TU Delft/Wageningen University), [Ing. Yukiko Nezu](#) (Architect)

15.00-15.45: New Watermasters of Japan and the Netherlands (and England)

Reflections of the interdisciplinary group students TU Delft on their workshop and excursions in Japan 2026. Reflections on interdisciplinary pressure cooker at Delta Climate Centre. Introduction of the project ‘Connected by the North Sea’

by: [Ir. Oswald Lagendijk](#) (Blue Line Foundation), [Dr. Luco Iuorio](#) (TU Delft), students ‘New watermasters of the Netherlands and Japan’, [Anne-Beth Derks-van Damme](#).

15.45-16.30: Discussion / workshop ‘Future of the Delta’s

16.30-17.00: Closing Seminar with a wrap-up of ideas future of the Delta’s in the Netherlands, Japan, England and other Delta’s in the world.

17.00-17.45: End Seminar and closing seminar with drinks (optional).

We would like to know if you will be present at the event. This invitation is personal. RSVP before 5 Octobre 2026 to: info@stichtingblauwlijn.nl. This program can change. We keep you informed.

With help and support:

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