

ERIK RIETVELD - ART-SCIENCE COLLABORATIONS THAT TRANSFORM OUR ECOLOGICAL NICHE
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I will share my experiences with Art-Science collaborations in practice. I will discuss the reciprocal influences between the process of making artworks at RAAAF (an art collective I co-founded in 2006) and developing a new philosophical framework for ecological-enactive cognition. I will also outline my new project 'Change-Ability for a World in Flux'. Change-ability is the skilled coordination with a rapidly changing world. I will pay special attention to the power of imagination for exploring possible futures and (socio)material transformations of our ecological niche.

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