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## Mission and Profile

History

Mission, Core Values &  
Ambitions

### Profile themes

- Governance for Society
- Human Health and Life Sciences
- **Connected World**
- Science for Sustainability

Quality Assurance of Teaching

## Connected World



Digitization is changing the world around us at a breath-taking rate. Entire sectors - such as the retail trade, taxis or hotels - are undergoing radical changes. Social networks span the globe and smart applications mean that communication is easier than ever before. Yet at the same time it has also become ever easier to isolate yourself from society and we are actually seeing increasing levels of isolation in our cities. And for the time being, the vast amount of data that we generate on a daily basis is raising more questions than it can answer.

Under the Connected World theme, VU University Amsterdam brings together a unique group of researchers from practically all disciplines to consider what it means to live in a world where everything and everyone is connected. These are questions that affect all of us. And they have far-reaching consequences for people, businesses, governments and science itself.

Within science, digitization is helping us to tap into new sources of knowledge and create new research techniques. After all, the amount of information we are all generating is increasing by the day. How could we use that data to lead healthier lives, for example? And such questions immediately raise other questions about privacy and how much say we have regarding our online



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10.05 OPENING ADDRESS VU RECTOR, PROF. DR. VINOD SUBRAMANIAM

10.20 VU-INF/ICT4D: DR. STEFAN SCHLOBACH &  
GOSSA LÔ & ROMY BLANKENDAAL

*11.00 COFFEE BREAK*

11.20 GHANA: PROF. DR. SAA DITTOH (TAMALE, GHANA) &  
DR. NANA BAAH GYAN (ACCRA, GHANA)

12.00 INDIA: PROF. DR. MANEESHA RAMESH (AMRITA UNIVERSITY, INDIA) &  
PROF. DR. JACQUELINE BROERSE (DIRECTOR ATHENA INSTITUTE VU)

*12.40 LUNCH*

13.50 WATER: FRANK ANNOR (TU DELFT) &  
ANNABELE POELERT (AKVO, AMSTERDAM)

14.50 S-AFRICA: PROF. DR. MMANTSAE MOCHE DIALE (SOUTH-AFRICA) &  
PROF. DR. ANDRÉ RAN (DESMOND TUTU PROFESSOR VU MATHEMATICS)

*15.30 WRAP-UP AND DRINKS*

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