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Bram Entrop is professor in Transitions in the Built Environment within the research group Sustainable Areas and Soil Transitions (SAST) of Saxion University of Applied Sciences (UAS) in the Netherlands. By March 2022, he was elected as one of the nineteen members of the municipal council in his hometown Borne.

In 2004 he graduated as a civil engineer at the University of Twente, located in Enschede (the Netherlands), on a three-step plan for sustainable use of land space; the Trias Toponoma. After working at the municipality of Hengelo as an inspector Sustainable Building, he started his doctoral research into the role of Energy Techniques and Measures (ETMs) in housing construction. He obtained his doctorate on this topic in 2013, when he developed a framework to assess the adoption potential of ETMs from three different points of view, namely energy performance, financial aspects and their role in design and construction processes.

As of 1 September 2018, he has been working at Saxion UAS. Over the years, more than one hundred students were supervised in their bachelor's and master's final assignments. Sustainable building, energy transition and circular transition in the built environment are the main research and educational topics that are being covered by Bram. He has put several books, multiple journal publications, many conference publications and publications in professional journals to his name, mostly in English and Dutch./.



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He is an environmental engineer (ir) from the University of Wageningen (starting in 1975) and from this technical perspective, he developed towards business science. In 2016 he finished his PhD research at the University of Twente on the topic Sustainability Strategies of Companies in the Clothing Industry. Within Saxion he has been working for many years for the bachelor programs in Environmental Science and Industrial Engineering. For five years he has been much more involved in applied research and education concerning circular innovations. As a member of the Saxion Research Group Circular Business, he is program manager of the Saxion Fieldlab Circular Innovations in the Manufacturing Industry. He is also teaching in the Saxion Applied Master of Innovative Textile Development (ITD)/.



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Dr Elizabeth (Beth) Tennyson has been working as a postdoctoral researcher and Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action Fellow at the University of Cambridge's Cavendish Laboratory since August 2018. Her expertise is in new materials for solar energy applications. Since March 2020 she has been working with one of CGE's international research projects entitled Affordable Perovskite Solar Irrigation Systems for Small-holder Farmers in Ethiopia. At CGE she will be working within the Climate Compatible Growth programme to develop strong partnerships and engagements in low-income countries to accelerate economic growth in a way that will not damage the planet. Beth is inspired by the upcoming and ongoing transformation of energy networks, in both developing and developed regions and is driven by our need to transition to a more sustainable energy grid. She is enthusiastic about the inevitable innovations behind attaining reliable, zero-emission energy resources throughout the globe. Beth has a PhD in Materials Science and Engineering from the Univ. of Maryland–College Park, USA and a Physics B.S. from the Univ. of Wisconsin–La Crosse, USA./.



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