

# From Architectural Ethnography to Planning

Kon Wajiro and Nishiyama Uzo's participatory research of everyday space in Japan from the 1910s to 1970s



The exhibition features the achievements of two Japanese architects, Kon Wajiro (1888–1973) and Nishiyama Uzō (1911–1994), who observed the daily lives of ordinary people and who imagined housing for less privileged citizens. Kon's visual studies of material practices and housing studies in Japan from the 1910s to the post-World War II period, and Nishiyama's research on lifestyle and housing in post-war Japanese cities and regions shed light on the modernization of Japanese architecture from a socio-cultural perspective.

## OOSTSERRE, BK CITY

16 March – 5 April

### EXHIBITION & BOOK LAUNCH

21 March 17:30–19:00 Oostserre

Keynote introduction and launch of *Nishiyama Uzo, Reflections on Urban, Regional and National Space* by Professor Carola Hein

Speech by Professor Nakabayashi

Keynote by Izumi Kuroishi

### WORKSHOP

22 March 14:00–17:00 Room X

This workshop includes a presentation by Carola Hein on cross-cultural exchange in planning practice, specifically exploring the work of Nishiyama Uzo. The workshop invites students to examine how their understandings of space are culturally shaped.

### WALKING TOUR

23 March 9:00–12:00 Meet at Oostserre

This tour of Delft will explore cultural aspects and social systems at play in the division of public/private space, as well as the historical and environmental conditions which facilitate living space in cities.

Followed by lunch and a discussion at TU Delft.

To sign up for the workshop or walking tour, please email Izumi Kuroishi at [ikuroishi@tudelft.nl](mailto:ikuroishi@tudelft.nl)