

SPEAKER INFORMATION

Date: *Wednesday, November 17, 2021*
Event: *"Pipe Dreams: The Urgent Global Quest to Transform the Toilet," streamed live from the Netherlands*
Time: *1:15 pm – 2:15 pm*

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Chelsea Wald has repeatedly plunged into the topic of toilets since 2013, when editors first approached her to write about the latent potential in our stagnating infrastructure. Since then, she has traveled to Italy, South Africa, Indonesia and Haiti, as well as throughout the Netherlands and the United States, in search of the past and future of toilet systems. She has written for publications such as Nature, Science, Nautilus, Discover, Bloomberg CityLab, and Wired. In April 2021, she published "Pipe Dreams: The Urgent Global Quest to Transform the Toilet" (Avid Reader Press/Simon & Schuster), which Nature calls "a deeply researched, entertaining and impassioned exploration of sanitation ancient and innovative," and Civil Engineering magazine writes is "a rewarding and enlightening read." She has appeared as a guest on programs including Marketplace, Fresh Air, and 99% Invisible.

Chelsea holds a bachelor's degree in astronomy from Columbia University and a master's in journalism from Indiana University and has more than 15 years of experience in writing about science and the environment. She has won several awards and reporting grants, including from the Society of Environmental Journalists, the European Geosciences Union, and the European Journalism Centre, and co-founded and continues to help organize an award for short science writing from the D.C. Science Writers Association. She lives with her family in the Netherlands.