



## **FiftyTwoDegrees, Nijmegen**

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### **Short description of the speaker**

Patrick has been working at Mecanoo since 2000. He has been involved as an architect in the competition for the Delft municipal offices and train station and FiftyTwoDegrees in Nijmegen amongst others. He is also responsible for the recruitment and selection of technical interns.

### **Biographical details or background information**

Mecanoo architecten is an internationally operating office, with a multi-disciplinary staff of more than 80 employees of 16 different nationalities. Mecanoo's staff includes architects, interior designers, urban planners and landscape designers. The office is active in the Netherlands, the U.K., Spain, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Albania, Japan, Korea, Taiwan and Malaysia. Well known projects include the Delft Library of Technology (1998), Nieuw Terbregge in Rotterdam (2001), Chapel St Mary of the Angels in Rotterdam (2001), Montevideo in Rotterdam (2005), FiftyTwoDegrees in Nijmegen (2007), Theatre and Congress Centre La Llotja in Lleida, Spain (2008), Fox Hill in Sheffield (2009), the Palace of Justice in Córdoba (2011), the National Kaohsiung Performing Arts Center in Taiwan (2012) and the Library of Birmingham (2013).

### **FiftyTwoDegrees, Nijmegen**

FiftyTwoDegrees is the new landmark of Nijmegen (the Netherlands). The 86 metre tall, bent tower is located on an artificial hill above the Neerboscheweg. The hill suggests an extension of the Goffert Park. FiftyTwoDegrees owes its name to the fact that Nijmegen lies in latitude 52° north. The new knowledge centre for the semi-conductor industry is an urban ensemble of offices, laboratories, businesses, shops, restaurants, conference and fitness facilities and luxury hotel rooms. Inspired by the knowledge economy, the complex is a unique mix of technology, business and lifestyle.