The arrival city. Anthropological quest to Rotterdam.
An illustrated summary.

An inside perspective. Seeing the city not from above but from inside.

What Rotterdam’s identity is?

How the city develops itself from inside? From making the city to being the city

Why people decide to come here to live?......The arrival city
Planned and unplanned world.. Straight through the arrival city…

From Marconiplein and through the west side of the city

Entrance in the neighbourhood “le midi” …. stop at the Visserijnplein market.

New redevelopment strategies ..

Asiatic supermarket, twinkling indian clothes, esotic fruits..concentration of differences!

“I saw the city. But I don’t completely understand what I liked because the city itself made me feel a newcomer”.
Stop at Duende for Dinner and reflection. What are the signs of the arrival city? What is the story you want to tell / discuss / approach ..?

Development Possibilities in Rotterdam Zuid. Afrikaanderwijk ending in Katendrecht

South is again another book with amazing stories: each neighborhood has its own identity, a complex and dense cultural and economic melting-pot.

Newcomers bring a lot of small-scale initiatives. In a time when big projects are no longer realisable, this is an opportunity. Energy comes from these small initiatives, where people with passion and professionalism start and develop an idea.
How professionals can approach the topic of the arrival city and work on the city development from this perspective?

Local authorities and professionals working on urban development should ask themselves not only from where newcomers come from but also what are their expectations to understand where is the point of junction between “what the city does for newcomers and what newcomers could do/offer to the city.”

We should look at the city as a whole: how new migration flows could contribute to the city socio/economic/demographic and cultural changes making it more complete?