

Invitation

Research Seminar:



Dreamworlds and Nightmares in Local and Global Politics.

New Perspectives on the Political History of the 20th and 21st century



The Dutch Research School for Political History (OPG) and the 'Duitsland Insituut Amsterdam' organize a joint event in which we present new perspectives on modern political history. In the morning, senior scholars will discuss the newest trends in historiography: How did the horizon of recent historical research expand with respect to content, space and methodology? How does local, transnational and global history relate to each other? Dirk van Laak argues that spaces are becoming more and more liquid in historiography. Wim van Meurs will present a new history of the European Union. In the afternoon, four PhD-students will present their work: Wouter Linmans, Benjamin Hirschfeld, Arjan Nuijten and Heleen over de Linden. After all, you will have a good overview of topical issues in political history today.

Date: 14 February 2018

Locations: 10.45-17.30, VOC Room, Bushuis, Kloveniersburgwal 48, Amsterdam

Organization: Research School Political History, OPG / Duitsland Instituut Amsterdam, UvA

Registration (free): bureau@onderzoekschoolpolitiegeschiedenis.nl (please before February 8)

VOC Room (Bushuis):

10.30 Coffee / Tea

10.45 Welcome and opening by representative Research School Political History and of the DIA

11.00-11.45 Keynote by Dirk van Laak (Leipzig), Liquid spaces and expanding horizons in modern German historiography

11.45-12.15 Keynote by Wim van Meurs (RU), How to write a European History today

12.15-13.15 Lunch

13.15-14.15 Wouter Linmans (UL): The impact of the First World War experiences on the future visions of war in the Netherlands
Discussants Marjet Brolsma (UvA) and Wietse Stam (UL)

14.15-15.15 Arjan Nuijten (UvA), Amsterdam drug policy after 1945.
Discussants are Naomi Woltring (UU) and Hanco Jürgens (DIA)

15.15-15.30 Break

- 15.30-16.30 Benjamin Hirschfeld (DIA): Visionary engagement or academic nightmare? Cooperations of European and American anthropologists with the military-intelligence complex since 1945
Discussants are Ton Robben (UU) and Anna Derksen (UL)
- 16.30-17.30 Heleen over de Linden (RUG) on European Ukrainian relations
Discussants are Niké Wentholt (RUG) and Wim van Meurs (RU)
- 17.30 Drinks at Vlaams Cultuurhuis de Brakke Grond

Speakers and organization

Dr. Marjet Brolsma is assistant professor European Studies at the University of Amsterdam.

Anna Derksen M.A. is PhD candidate at the University of Leiden. Her research is on the impact of International Year of Disabled Persons (1981) at local, global and regional level.

Benjamin Hirschfeld is PhD candidate at the Duitsland Institute at the University of Amsterdam. His thesis focusses on the cooperations of European and American anthropologists with the military-intelligence complex since 1945.

Dr. Hanco Jürgens is a researcher at the Duitsland Instituut of the University of Amsterdam.

Prof. dr. Dirk van Laak is professor of modern German and European history at Leipzig University.

Mr. Heleen over de Linden is a lawyer and PhD candidate at Groningen University. Her research deals with European Ukrainian relations.

Wouter Linmans M.A. is PhD candidate at Leiden University. His thesis deals with the impact of WWI experiences on the future visions of war in the Netherlands.

Prof. dr. Wim van Meurs is professor of European Political History at Radboud University Nijmegen.

Arjan Nuijten M.A. is PhD candidate at the University of Amsterdam. His thesis focusses on Amsterdam drug policy after 1945.

Prof. dr. Ton Robben is professor of Anthropology at Utrecht University.

Wietse Stam M.A. is PhD candidate at Leiden University. His research is on UNTAC (UN peacekeeping operation Cambodia 1992-1993)

Dr. Margit van der Steen is coordinator of the National Research School Political History at Huygens ING and assistant professor at Leiden University.

Niké Wentholt M.A. is PhD candidate at Groningen University. Her work is on transitional justice in the Balkans.

Naomi Woltring M.A. is a PhD candidate at Utrecht University. She specializes in the history of neoliberalism in the Netherlands (1989-2002) with special attention to the welfare state and market forces.