Theme 6: State Building
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1. Alberto Feenstra
University of Amsterdam

Paper for the Conference:
Keeping the Ship of State Afloat. Zeeland's Sovereign Debt Management, 1600-1800

(Working) Title of dissertation
Finance without frontiers? The integration of provincial money markets in the Dutch Republic.

Supervisor(s)
J.P.B. Jonker

Short Biography
Alberto Feenstra (1982) studied Global History at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. Previously he has been employed as research assistant at the Geldmuseum (Money Museum) in Utrecht. Currently he is employed as a PhD Candidate at the University of Amsterdam, where he works on the integration of financial markets within the Dutch Republic. This research examines the domestic capital market developments within the Dutch Republic. Whereas international relations have been studied more extensively the domestic ‘rooting’ of each location has remained under-researched. Yet, as the current crisis clearly showed, international capital markets are intertwined with domestic ones and they mutually influence each other. Hence, this research aims to improve our understanding of capital markets by taking into account their specific local context, such as political, legal and social institutions.

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2. Klaas van Gelder  
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Paper for the Conference:  
Governing Remote Regions: The Implications of Distance for the Establishment of Austrian Rule in the Southern Netherlands (1716-1740)

Current Research Project  
Title of current research project: The dawning of the modern state: institutional reform, financial reconstruction and the penetration of the state in the Austrian Netherlands

Short Biography  
Klaas Van Gelder (°1983) obtained his master's degree in History in 2005 at Ghent University, Belgium, with a thesis on Early Modern penal law in the County of Flanders. From December 2005 until November 2011 he worked as a Research and Teaching Assistant at the history department of Ghent University. In 2012 he finished his PhD on the transition from Spanish to Austrian rule in the Southern Netherlands and the establishment of the Austrian regime in the years following the Peace of Utrecht (1716-1725). Since 2012 he is working as a postdoctoral fellow of the Flanders Research Foundation at Ghent University, examining the modernization of administration in the eighteenth-century Southern Netherlands. With a Grant of the Österreichischer Austauschdienst, he was a visiting scholar at the University of Vienna from February until July 2014.

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3. Jens van de Maele  
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Paper for the Conference:  
A failed attempt to build a modern state. On the office buildings for the Belgian ministries during the 1930s

(Working) Title of dissertation  
Ministerial office buildings of the Belgian state, 1918-1970

Supervisor(s)  
Lagae, Devos, Beyen
Short Biography
Jens van de Maele (1985) has studied contemporary history at the universities of Leuven and Vancouver. From 2009 to 2012, he worked as a TA at the University of Leuven. Since October 2012, he is working on a PhD dissertation at the University of Ghent (Department of Architecture and Urban Planning).

Jens has published on urban environmental history. His most recent contribution is a chapter in the edited volume "Tussen beleven en verbeelding. De stad in de negentiende-eeuwse literatuur" (Leuven UP, 2013).

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- 4. Karen van Nieuwenhuyze
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Paper for the Conference:
Using and Producing Urban Political Space: J.F. Loos in formal and informal Antwerp

(Working) Title of dissertation
Using and producing urban political spaces in 19th-century Antwerp

Supervisor(s)
Marnix Beyen

Short Biography
Vannieuwenhuyze, Karen (PhD student, University of Antwerp) graduated as Master in Art History (University of Ghent, 2010) and Monuments and Landscape Architecture (Artesis University College of Antwerp, 2012). She worked on the research project ‘Het beeld van de stad getransformeerd. De impact van vroeg moderne architecturale en stedenbouwkundige ingrepen op het stadsweefsel’ at the Department of Design Sciences (Artesis University College of Antwerp). She is currently working as a PhD student at the Department of History (University of Antwerp), where she investigates the political use of the Antwerp urban space, especially by the local government, in the long 19th century (project ‘A historical study on 450 years City Hall of Antwerp’, supervised by Marnix Beyen).

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5. Marijcke Schillings
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Paper for the Conference:
Willem De Clercq, secretary of the Nederlandsche Handel Maatschappij, 1825

(Working) Title of dissertation
Social networks and state formation in the Netherlands during the first half of the 19th century (Anton Reinhard Falck, Johannes van den Bosch and Willem de Clercq)

Supervisor(s)
Prof. Marjolein ’t Hart (Huygens ING, VU University Amsterdam)

Short Biography
Marijcke Schillings completed her degree in History at the Catholic University of Nijmegen (now Radboud University Nijmegen) in 1987, graduating with distinction. Since November 1989 she has been working as a researcher at the Huygens ING. Until June 2006 she worked on the bibliography Repertory of the History of the Netherlands, which has been incorporated into the Digital Bibliography of the History of the Netherlands. From June 2006 until August 2013 she was engaged on a project entitled The Dutch in the Caribbean world, c. 1670 – c. 1870, an online guide in English to archival sources on the pluriform Dutch presence in the Caribbean. Since September 2013 she has been working on the project Religious politics and the Islam in the Netherlands East Indies, 1816-1942.

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6. Pieter Slaman
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Paper for the Conference:
Training the builders of a nation. Political history of public student support policies in the United Kingdom of the Netherlands, 1815-1830

(Working) Title of dissertation
The student’s state. Political history of public student support policies in the Kingdom of the Netherlands, 1815-2015

Supervisor(s)
prof. dr. Willem Otterspeer

Short Biography
Pieter Slaman studied history with a minor political sciences at Leiden University between 2004 and 2008. He finished the master course 'History of political cultures and national identities' with a thesis on Dutch and Swiss neutrality policy during the
Great War. In 2008-2009 he concluded the master course ‘European Union Studies’ with a thesis on international co-operation on the improvement of water quality of the Rhine river. Between 2006 and 2010 he was assistant of prof. dr. Willem Otterspeer, professor of university history at Leiden University.

Since 2010 he is working at Leiden University Dual PhD Centre The Hague (Centrum Regionale Kennisontwikkeling, CRK) and involved in a PhD-research on the political history of Dutch student grants and support between 1815 and 2015. In cooperation with Wouter Marchand of the University of Groningen and Ruben Schalk of Utrecht University, who study the social and emancipatory history and the socio-economic history of student grants and support, he works on a research programme called ‘200 years of student grants in the Netherlands’.

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7. Tamás Székely
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Paper for the Conference:
(In)divisibiliter ac (in)separabiliter. Nation- and State-building in Austria-Hungary 1867-1914

(Working) Title of dissertation
Nationalism and Centralisation in Hungary 1867-1914

Supervisor(s)
Iván Bertényi

Short Biography
I have held a Master's Degree in History since 2011 and started my PhD studies the following year also at Péter Pázmány Catholic University (Budapest). I was an exchange student at KU Leuven two times between 2010 and 2012. I did an internship at National Archives of Hungary (Budapest) in 2010 and also at House of European History (Brussels) in 2013. Since September 2013 I have been working as a assistant researcher at the History Institute of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (MTA). My broader research field is the history of the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy, especially the history of Hungarian nationalism and state-building of that period of history (1867-1914).

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