



Research School Political History / Onderzoekschool Politieke Geschiedenis

Announcement: Opening of the Academic Year 2023

Global politics and political history today

with prof. dr. Susie Protschky and dr. René Koekkoek

Allard Pierson, Oude Turfmarkt 127, Amsterdam

22 September 2023 15.00 – 17.00 (doors open at 14.30; drinks at 17.00)

We warmly invite you for the inaugural session of the national Research School Political History. This gathering provides ample opportunities for political historians to meet each other and to welcome our new research master students and PhD candidates. As always during our opening sessions, we discuss a specific theme relevant to the field of political history. This year, the focus is on global politics and political history. Finally, we say goodbye to one of the founders of the RSPH, prof. dr. Remieg Aerts.

The newly appointed Professor of Global Political History at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Susie Protschky, will present a keynote lecture entitled

Everyone wants to be a historian: Global politics and political history now

After the keynote, dr. René Koekkoek will interview prof. dr. Susie Protschky.



[Susie Protschky](#) is specialised in modern Dutch colonialism, Indonesian history, and the history of photography. Her research ranges across visual cultures of war and violence, environment and natural disaster, gender, race and citizenship. An Australian, Susie previously worked at Deakin University (2021–23) and Monash University (2010–21) in Melbourne, and the University of Western Australia in Perth (2008–10). She is currently writing a history of colonial war photography from the Aceh War to the Indonesian National Revolution (1873–1950). Previous books included *Photographic Subjects: Monarchy and Visual Culture in Colonial Indonesia* (Manchester University Press, 2019) and *Images of the Tropics: Environment and Visual Culture in Colonial Indonesia* (KITLV Press/Brill, 2011).



Former OPG PhD candidate [dr. René Koekkoek](#) (Utrecht University) is an Assistant Professor in Political History. His first book *The Citizenship Experiment* (Brill, 2019) explores debates about the limits of equal citizenship and democratic participation in the late eighteenth-century Atlantic revolutions. In his current research project, funded by a Veni grant, he traces the long-term history of ideas and practices of reparations for historical injustices. He writes regularly for national newspapers and magazines. René Koekkoek has been a member of the Utrecht Young Academy, a bridge between young and talented researchers, since 2021.

Program details

14.30 Doors open

15.00 Welcome by *prof. dr. Jacco Pekelder, academic director RSPH*

15.10 Lecture by *prof. dr. Susie Protschky*, including discussion

16.00 Presentation by *dr. René Koekkoek*, including discussion

16.45 Issue of certificates to PhD candidates who have completed their training, farewell to board member and founder of the Research School *prof. dr. Remieg Aerts* and concluding remarks

17.00. Drinks

17.30 End of event

Participation is free of charge

Registration

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Location

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