



## Research School Political History / Onderzoekschool Politieke Geschiedenis

### Invitation

#### Opening of the Academic Year 2023

Allard Pierson Amsterdam, 22 September 2023

Plenary program: 15.00 – 17.00 (doors open at 14.30; drinks at 17.00)

#### Global politics and political history today

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

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.

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* 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, scientific director OPG*

15.10 Lecture by *prof. dr. Susie Protschky*

15.50 Discussion opened and moderated by *dr. René Koekoek*

16.30 Certificate ceremony by *dr. Carla Hoetink, director of studies OPG*

16.45 Closing remarks by *dr. Marijke van Faassen, chair of the OPG board*

Farewell & thank you to board member prof. dr. Remieg Aerts and to managing director a.i. Lidewij Nissen (MA)

17.00. Drinks

17.30 End of event

## **Participation is free of charge**

### **Registration**

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### **Location**

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