



Career Day

for PhD Candidates in History

10 November 2023, Utrecht University, Utrecht Science Park



Directions to rooms Career Day

Enter building via doors on the left side of the bar

Take stairways left of to first floor

Immediately turn right via doors

Walk straight on, take second corridor on the left

You should have a building under construction to your right now

At the next pair of doors, take the stairway down again

You will find the main venue room, BBG079, on the left side of the hallway

Picture cover page (Public Domain):

The French king is knighting two sons of the Duke of Brabant.
Image from Brabantsche Yeesten,
KB Brussels, ms IV 684 - early 15th century

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Practicalities

Career Day venue

All conference events will be held at the Buys Ballot Building on Utrecht Science Park. However, please enter via the Minnaert Bar at the Minnaert Building, Leuvenlaan 4, Utrecht, located behind the MINNAERT name on the building.



Coffee and tea

Coffee and tea will be provided in and near room 0.79 of the Buys Ballot Building.

Lunch

Lunch will be also served in room 0.79 of the Buys Ballot Building. The lunch is vegetarian, vegan options are available. If you have mentioned specific dietary needs, your lunch will be specifically reserved on your name.

Drinks

Afterwards in the Minnaert Bar.

Wifi/internet

Free Wifi is available via Eduroam.

In case you do not have an Edurgoam account, obtain your access code by texting the keyword displayed on the digital message boards to the number also displayed there. In case of problems, contact our staff.

Emergencies

In very urgent matters, contact the alarm service of Utrecht University via extension 4444 or **+31 (0)30 253 4444**, clearly stating your location and emergency. The alarm service will coordinate with emergency services.

In case of other incidents, contact the organisers, +31 (0)6 18 50 98 06

Welcome

Welcome to the 2023 Career Day for historians!

For the very first time four research schools in History have joined forces to organize this day: the Research School for Political History, the Huizinga Institute, the Research School Medieval Studies and the N.W. Posthumus Institute are happy to welcome you in person!

On the following pages you will find the full programme. Besides the keynote lecture, it includes several sessions, a round table discussion, and a lunch with speed dates (10 min. max). .. There is also time to meet informally and catch up over lunch, coffee, and drinks.

Please note that because of the overwhelming request for speed dates, some speed dates needed to be scheduled parallel to the lectures sessions, however taking into account the participants' preferences of attending.

We are grateful to Utrecht University for hosting this day, but especially the alumni of the participating research schools who are willing to make time to be here today. We very much hope that this day may give you inspiration for a future career and that you will enjoy it!

The Career Day staff,

Carla Hoetink (Research School Political History)

Annelien Krul (Huizinga Instituut)

Ivo Wolsing (Research School Medieval Studies)

Rogier van Kooten (N.W. Posthumus Institute)

René van Weeren (N.W. Posthumus Institute)

Keynote – Suze Zijlstra



Suze Zijlstra is a historian, writer, and research curator specialized in colonial history. She studied at the University of Amsterdam and University College London, and obtained her PhD at the University of Amsterdam in 2015, with a dissertation on power relations in seventeenth-century Suriname. After a postdoctoral fellowship at Georgetown University (Washington, D.C.) and a four-year assistant professorship in maritime history at Leiden University, in 2020 she became community manager of ODISSEI, the Dutch national research infrastructure for social sciences. In 2021 she published her book *De voormoeders. Een verborgen Nederlands-Indische familiegeschiedenis*, on the Asian and Eurasian women in her own family history. Since 2023, she combines a position as research curator at Het Scheepvaartmuseum, Amsterdam, with freelance work. She researches, curates and speaks on family history, the history of slavery, and the ways in which the Netherlands deals with its colonial past.

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Programme

10:00 – 10:50	Plenary introduction – room BBG079			
10:00 – 10:05	Welcome and some practicalities			
10:05 – 10:35	Keynote lecture (Suze Zijlstra)			
10:35 – 10:50	Crossroads in your career: what questions and doubts do you hope to be addressed today? (Henk Looijesteijn)			
11:00 – 11:45	Lectures session 1		Speed dates	
<i>See pp. 8-12 for detailed schedule</i>	Academic sector	BBG069	Government	BBG079
	Government	BBG075	Heritage-Museums	BBG079
	Entrepreneurs	BBG020	Publishers/media	BBG079
11:45 – 12:00	Coffee break (BBG079)			
12:00 – 12:45	Lectures session 2		Speed dates	
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	Private sector	BBG075	Heritage-Museums	BBG079
	Publishers/media	BBG020	Entrepreneurs	BBG079
13:00 – 14:15	Walking Lunch (BBG 079)			
13:30 – 14:15	Speed lunch dates (BBG069 – BBG075 – BBG020)			
14:30 – 15:15	Lectures session 3		Speed dates	
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	Heritage-Museums	BBG075	Private sector	BBG079
	Entrepreneurs	BBG020	Publishers/media	BBG079
15:15 – 15:30	Refreshments break (BBG 079)			
15:30 – 16:15	Lectures session 4		Speed dates	
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	Publishers/media	BBG020	Entrepreneurs	BBG079
16:30 – 17:00	Round table and plenary closing - Henk Looijesteijn (BBG079)			

Detailed sessions schedule

11:00 – 11:45			
Lectures session 1			
Sector	Lecturers	Room	PhDs participating
Academic sector	Janna Coomans Jessica Dijkman	BBG069	Joris Ammerlaan Tessa de Boer Adam Dargiewicz Marieke Dwarswaard Jesse Hollestelle Marie Keulen Karlijn Luk Christine Mertens Miente Pietersma Mark Raat Marcella Schute Matthijs van der Stoep Elske de Waal
Heritage and museums	Jinna Smit Fred van Kan	BBG075	Mariella Beukers Nicolas Brunmayr Pauline Dirven Aline Douma Davlatbegim Mamadshoeva Afra de Mars Samantha Sint Nicolaas Rozemarijn Vlijm Sabine Waasdorp Tommie van Wanrooij Iris van der Zande
Entrepreneurs	Henk Looijensteijn Suze Zijlstra	BBG020	Heleen Blommers Edurne De Wilde Boris van Haastrecht Marie Keulen Rosa Kösters Dániel Moerman Nelleke Tanis Jeroen van Veldhoven Rong Yuan
11:00 – 11:45			
Speed dates (10 min. each)			
Sector	Alumni	Room	PhDs participating
Government	Eline Van Onacker	BBG079	1. Aaron Roberts
	Jaap Ligthart	BBG079	1. Davlatbegim Mamadshoeva
Private sector	Rogier van Kooten	BBG079	-
Publishers/ Media	Astrid Verburg	BBG079	1. Davlatbegim Mamadshoeva

12:00 – 12:45	Lectures session 2		
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Government	Eline Van Onacker Jaap Ligthart	BBG069	Mariella Beukers Nicolas Brunmayr Adam Dargiewicz Pauline Dirven Aline Douma Boris van Haastrecht Jesse Hollestelle Dániel Moerman Miente Pietersma Mark Raat Aaron Roberts Marcella Schute Jeroen van Veldhoven Rozemarijn Vlijm Sabine Waasdorp
Private sector	Rogier van Kooten	BBG075	Davlatbegim Mamadshoeva Samantha Sint Nicolaas Lena Walschap Rong Yuan
Press/media	Astrid Verburg	BBG020	Joris Ammerlaan Heleen Blommers Afra de Mars Marieke Dwarswaard Marie Keulen Rosa Kösters Karlijn Luk Christine Mertens Matthijs van der Stoep Nelleke Tanis Elske de Waal Edurne de Wilde
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Sector	Alumni	Room	PhDs participating
Academic sector	Janna Coomans	BBG079	1. Rosa Kösters 2. Christine Merten
	Jessica Dijkman	BBG079	1. Iris van der Zande
Heritage-museums	Fred van Kan	BBG079	-

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Academic sector	Janna Coomans	BBG069	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Heleen Blommers 2. Marieke Dwarswaard 3. Adam Dargiewicz 4. Aline Douma
	Jessica Dijkman	BBG069	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rong Yuan 2. Davlatbegim Mamadshoeva 3. Miente Pietersma 4. Samantha Sint Nicolaas
Heritage and museums	Jinna Smit	BBG069	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pauline Dirven 2. Afra de Mars 3. Edurne De Wilde 4. -
	Ruben Schalk	BBG069	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Miente Pietersma 2. Aline Douma
	Fred van Kan	BBG069	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Samantha Sint Nicolaas 4. Sabine Waasdorp
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	Suze Zijlstra	BBG075	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. - 2. Rong Yuan 3. Sabine Waasdorp 4. -
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Publishers/Media	Mirte Liebrechts	BBG020	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. - 2. Miente Pietersma 3. Christine Mertens 4. Heleen Blommers
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Government	Eline Van Onacker	BBG079	1. Afra de Mars
	Jaap Ligthart	BBG079	-
Private sector	Rogier van Kooten	BBG079	-
Publishers/ Media	Mirte Libregts	BBG 079	1. Afra de Mars
	Astrid Verburg	BBG079	-

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Sector	Lecturers	Room	PhDs participating
Government	Eline Van Onacker Jaap Ligthart	BBG069	Elske de Waal Heleen Blommers Tessa de Boer Marieke Dwarswaard Marie Keulen Karlijn Luk Davlatbegim Mamadshoeva Afra de Mars Christine Mertens Samantha Sint Nicolaas Lena Walschap Eburne De Wilde Iris van der Zande
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Entrepreneurship	Henk Looijensteijn	BBG079	-

Biographies (in alphabetical order of family name)



Janna Coomans (Utrecht University)

Janna Coomans is Assistant Professor at the Department of Medieval History of Utrecht University. Her research focuses on social history and public health in premodern cities. She obtained her Phd from the University of Amsterdam cum laude in 2017. Her dissertation was published in 2021 as *Community, Urban Health and Environment in the Late Medieval Low Countries* (Cambridge University Press). Between 2018-2021, she was a post doc in the ERC-project “Healthscaping Urban Europe”, and currently works on the VENI (Dutch Research Council) project “Inflammable cities: how fire risks transformed the Low Countries, 1250-1600”.



Jessica Dijkman (Utrecht University)

After graduating in Human Geography at VU Amsterdam in 1986, I worked in applied (social) research, policy making and management for 14 years. In 2000 I decided, purely out of interest, to study History as a part-time student at Utrecht University. When in 2003 a PhD-position at the ESH-group in Utrecht opened up I applied and (to my surprise) was accepted. I defended my PhD, on the organization of commodity markets in late medieval Holland, in 2010. After that I went through the usual rather frustrating sequence of temporary positions, all at UU: first as a postdoc and then as a temporary teacher. In 2016 I received a Veni-grant for a research project on famines in late medieval and early modern Europe. I am currently still at UU, but now as an associate professor. Together with a British colleague I run a research project about the English grain trade between 1300 and 1800 and last but not least I am the scientific director of the N.W. Posthumus Institute.



Fred van Kan (Gelders Archief)

Fred studied Medieval History at Leiden University. In 1988, he obtained his PhD on the thesis ‘Sleutels tot de macht. De ontwikkeling van het Leidse patriciaat tot 1420’. From 1997 until now, he has been working as director of respectively Archief Eemland (1997-2006) and the Gelders Archief (2006-current). In addition, he is Member of the Advisory Board of the European Holocaust Research Infrastructure and Member of the Fachbeirat Wiederaufbau des Historischen Archivs der Stadt Köln. He also held several board memberships, such as Member of the Programme Commission of the International Council on Archives (2012-2021), Vice President (2008-2012) and President (2012-2016) of the Steering Committee of the Section of Professional Associations of the International Council on Archives ICA SPA and resident of the Royal Dutch Association of Archivists KVAN (2006-2014).



Rogier van Kooten (until 2016 inter alia Logica Business Consulting, Achmea)

Rogier studied Sociology and Leisure Studies in Tilburg (Tilburg University) between 1991 and 1996. After his graduation he worked for almost twenty years in the financial sector, first as business analyst and later as IT-project manager. Projects usually had a major impact on the both IT and business processes. Out of interest, he started to study history in 2011 and in 2016 obtained his Master from the University of Antwerp. The same year he gave up his career in the financial sector to start a PhD in Antwerp. The subject of his thesis was the impact of war and siege on social and spatial inequalities in Antwerp 1584-1614 which he explored using a particular accurate HGIS-reconstruction. Rogier currently works as Education Programme Director of the N.W. Posthumus Institute at Utrecht University and as postdoctoral researcher at the University of Antwerp.



Mirte Liebrechts (Walburg Pers)

Mirte Liebrechts studied Ancient Greek and Latin Languages and Literatures in Amsterdam and Oxford. In her PhD, she explored why and how the Loeb Classical Library - a bilingual book series of Ancient Greek and Latin literature - came about at the start of the twentieth century. She made elaborate use of primary source material, and studied what internal and external factors complicated the series' initial objectives to make ancient literature accessible to a wide audience and to revive an interest in the study of the humanities. After submitting her dissertation, she immediately started as an acquisitions editor at Amsterdam University Press and Walburg Pers. She looks after several publications to be published, and also actively explores the possibilities for new projects, especially Dutch-language non-fiction intended for a general audience.



Jaap Ligthart (Algemene Rekenkamer)

Jaap studied Electrical Engineering and Human Technology at The Hague University of Applied Science / Haagse Hogeschool, and History at Leiden University. He obtained his PhD in History at Leiden University via the NWO 'promoties in de geesteswetenschappen'. His PhD-thesis focussed on late medieval state finance. After finishing his PhD Jaap got a job at the Netherlands Court of Audit / Algemene Rekenkamer as an auditor / researcher. There he analyses whether governmental policies to counter climate change are effective and efficient by looking into the promises, expenses and results of policies. Currently Jaap is in charge of the project on the energy efficiency obligation for businesses.



Henk Looijesteijn (ISSH / Entrepreneur)

Dr Henk Looijesteijn (1973) studied New and Theoretical History at the University of Amsterdam and obtained his doctorate in history and civilization at the European University Institute in Florence. He works as an independent historian but is affiliated to the International Institute of Social History in Amsterdam as research fellow. He is also chairman of the association of Dutch independent historians and regent of the almshouse Hofje van Nieuwkoop in The Hague. The subject of his doctoral thesis was the life and thought of the Dutch artisan Pieter Plockhoy (c. 1615-?1664) who strove for religious dialogue and a better life for the working class. Among others he has published on Plockhoy's ethics of work, the background and motives of almshouse founders, the history of Dutch and European almshouses, the financial crisis of 1720 and the 17th-century tulip fever.



Ruben Schalk (Rijksdienst voor Cultureel Erfgoed)

Ruben completed his BA History and Research MA in History at Utrecht University. In his PhD research, also in Utrecht, he examined how institutions and regulations for vocational schooling matched labour market demand in The Netherlands between 1750 and 1920. After obtaining his PhD, he worked as Postdoc in a project about guilds and citizenship (1.5 years), and in the research infrastructure project CLARIAH (5 years). In CLARIAH he could further hone his data and programming skills. After this, Ruben was employed at Utrecht University Library as subject specialist History, and as Digital Humanities/ linked data expert. Since March 2023, Ruben works as information manager at the Dutch Cultural Heritage Agency (Rijksdienst voor het Cultureel Erfgoed). In this role he supports the agency and the Dutch cultural heritage sector to better disclose and connect cultural heritage data using novel IT solutions.



Jinna Smit (Rijksdienst voor Cultureel Erfgoed)

Jinna Smit studied Medieval History at the University of Amsterdam and Archival Studies & Management at the Archiefschool in The Hague. After having worked in the archival field, she worked and studied in Singapore, China and South-Korea. Upon her return, Jinna embarked on a PhD trajectory at the University of Amsterdam during which she published and lectured about the chancery of the counts of Holland, Zeeland and Hainaut, 1299-1345. Instead of finishing her PhD thesis, she became an expert in international heritage cooperation, while working for the National Archives, DutchCulture, the Netherlands Embassies in Sri Lanka and Japan, and the Cultural Heritage Agency of the Netherlands (RCE). Currently, Jinna is leading two teams at the RCE. The Library & Archival Collections Department, an important pillar of RCE's knowledge function, and the Bureau that supports the Consortium Colonial Collections, which follows from the Netherlands' policy to return cultural objects looted in former Dutch colonies.



Eline Van Onacker (Vlaamse Overheid, departement Werk en Sociale Economie)

Eline Van Onacker studied history and general economics at the University of Ghent. She obtained her PhD in history (FWO-funded project) at the University of Antwerp, in 2014. It focused on social stratification and elite formation in a region characterised by well-developed communal features: the fifteenth- and sixteenth-century Campine area in the Southern Low Countries. From 2014-2018, she

worked as a post-doc at the University of Antwerp, focusing on sixteenth-century rural poor relief and tried to assess how elite characteristics and social structures had an impact on the scope of relief and its organization. In 2018 she started working at the Flemish Department of work and social economy. Initially she worked in the labour market analysis unit, and she was responsible for the study and analysis on the broader topic of activation, with a specific focus on labour market shortages, social economy and the activation of the inactive population. As of 2022, she is a policy advisor at the same department, specialised in activation of (vulnerable) groups.



Astrid Verburg (IISH / TSEG)

Astrid graduated from VU University Amsterdam in the 1990s with a thesis on European freight shipping after the Napoleonic era. After multiple jobs here and there, she started at the IISH in 2006 as head of secretariat. For ten years now, she has been working in the publications department as managing editor of TSEG - The Low Countries Journal of Social and Economic History, and book review editor of the International Review of Social History. Astrid is responsible for

ensuring that TSEG is filled with good articles and book reviews. More than the content, she takes care of its appearance, correcting texts when needed, standardising notes, and looking for some nice illustrations to go with the story. She also prepares the distribution to the public by taking care of communication with the publisher and uploading the issue online at the open journals platform once it is completed.



Suze Zijlstra (Scheepvaartmuseum Amsterdam / Entrepreneur)

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Organising institutions

The Research School for Political History

The Research School Political History (RSPH) is a research network of political historians in the Netherlands and Flanders, aimed at promoting the quality of research and (inter)national cooperation. Besides that, the Research School provides high quality training for PhD students and Research Masters in political history. The RSPH (founded 27 June 2011) covers the whole field of political history. This includes political history of early-modern, modern and contemporary history, general history, national or Dutch history, European studies, history of international relations and organizations, (post) colonial history and military history. The institution currently in charge of the Research School is the Huygens Institute for the History of the Netherlands, an institute of the Royal Dutch Academy of Sciences.

The Huizinga Institute

The Huizinga Institute is the Dutch National Research School for Cultural History. The role of the national research schools, like the Huizinga Institute, is to provide a countrywide educational programme for PhD candidates and RMA students in a specific sub-area, in our case in cultural history. Furthermore, our task is to serve as a national forum for the discipline. The Huizinga Institute's mission is therefore:

- To provide high-quality academic education for PhD researchers and Research Master (RMA) students.
- To optimize the research culture and environment in which they operate.
- To provide a platform for national co-operation in cultural history research.
- To act as a sounding board, contact point, agency and international bridgehead for cultural history in the Netherlands

The Research school for Medieval Studies

Within the Dutch Research School for Medieval Studies, medievalists from six Dutch universities work together. The school (together with the local graduate schools of the universities) takes care of the training of researchers focused on the Middle Ages and provides educational activities for Research Master students. The school also encourages collaboration between fellows on a national and international level, for example by providing a platform for the exchange of knowledge and by stimulating the application of (often international) research proposals.

N.W. Posthumus Institute

The N.W. Posthumus Institute (NWP) is *the* Research School for Economic and Social History in the Netherlands and Flanders, within which fifteen universities and research institutes cooperate. The NWP is currently hosted by the Department of History & Art History of Utrecht University. The NWP promotes innovative and advanced interdisciplinary research by providing a PhD training and a research master's programme in economic and social history, organizing an annual conference and stimulating workshops and seminars