



19 September 2025

Opening of the Academic Year

Research School Political History / Onderzoekschool Politieke Geschiedenis

We warmly invite you for the opening of the academic year 2025 of the national Research School Political History. This event offers an opportunity to meet fellow political historians and to welcome new research master students and PhD candidates.

Please register via: bureau@onderzoekschoolpolitiekegeschiedenis.nl

Colonialism & Memory Wars

Keynote by prof. dr. Gert Oostindie

14.30 – 17.00

Allard Pierson Museum, Nina van Leerzaal

Oude Turfmarkt 127-129, Amsterdam



We are pleased to announce that Gert Oostindie, professor emeritus of Colonial and Postcolonial History at Leiden University and former Director of the KITLV/Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies, will deliver this year's keynote lecture. In his lecture, titled 'Colonialism & Memory Wars', Oostindie will explore the recent resurgence of interest in Dutch colonial history within Dutch society and politics. Oostindie will briefly ponder the reasons behind this renewed attention and the role historians have played in it. His primary focus, however, is to reflect on the merits, challenges and pitfalls of the present boom in critical colonial studies.

14.00 Doors open

14.30 Welcome – prof. dr. Jacco Pekelder

14.35 Keynote – prof. dr. Gert Oostindie

15.05 Discussion moderated by prof. dr. Jacco Pekelder

15.30 Certificate ceremony – prof. dr. Carla Hoetink

15.40 Closing remarks – dr. Marijke van Faassen

Farewell & thanks to dr. Margit van der Steen and prof. dr. Henk te Velde

16.00 Drinks