

Conference program  
**Four Centuries of Dutch-American Relations**  
15-16 October 2009

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam  
De Boelelaan 1105, Hall 2A00



To celebrate 400 years of close relations across the Atlantic (1609–2009) a two-day conference is organized to explore this theme and generate a debate on the meaning of Dutch-American relations in both past and future.

The central questions are: Has there been a recognisable continuity to Dutch-American relations, or have relations been instead marked by ‘waves’ of interest coming from one side or the other? How do the historical traditions of these contacts still play a role? Which themes will scholars of this relationship put on the agenda for future research?

The conference follows the outline of these 400 years as presented in the volume *Four Centuries of Dutch-American Relations, 1609-2009*, which will be published by the Roosevelt Study Center on 2 September 2009. This compendium of essays cover the main aspects of the relationship over the last four centuries.

The conference is concluded by a lecture by Christopher Caldwell, author of *Reflections on the Revolution In Europe: Immigration, Islam, and the West*.

**Thursday, 15 October 2009**

09.30 **Arrival and Registration**

10.00 Introduction by Cornelis A. van Minnen, Director Roosevelt Study Center  
Opening words by His Excellency Frans Timmermans, Minister for European Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands (and responsible for the Dutch International Cultural Policy)  
Welcoming Remarks by Russell Shorto, John Adams Institute, Amsterdam

10.30 **Session I: 17<sup>th</sup> and 18th centuries**

Willem Frijhoff (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam): *The Dutch, New Netherland, and Thereafter (1609-1780s)*  
Claudia Schnurmann (Hamburg University): *The Dutch in the Atlantic History*  
Victor Enthoven (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam): *Dutch-American Trade Networks*  
Discussion

12.00 **Lunch**

13.00 **Session II: 19<sup>th</sup> Century**

Wim van den Doel (Leiden University): *From Distant Images to Closer Relations: The Netherlands and the United States during the Nineteenth Century*  
Bruce Kuklick (University of Pennsylvania): *The Shifting Balance in the American Relation with the Dutch 1*  
Michael Wintle (University of Amsterdam): *Infrastructure and Nation Building*  
Discussion

14.30 **Coffee/tea**

15.00 **Session III: The Interwar Years (parallel session) Hall 2A00**

Doeko Bosscher (University of Groningen): *Toward a Community of Interests: The Netherlands and the United States between the World Wars*  
Jan de Vries (UCLA): *Economic Changes in Dutch and American Family Life*  
Ruth Oldenziel (Eindhoven University): *American Consumer Goods enter Holland*  
Discussion

15.00 **Session IV: Material Culture (parallel session) Hall 1A05**

Joel Grossman (City Archaeologist New York): *New Insights Into Dutch Material Culture of 17<sup>th</sup> Century New Amsterdam*  
Jaap Jacobs (author of *The Colony of New Netherland*): *Heritage and History: The Complexities of Colonial Afterlife*  
Discussion

17.00 **Reception** (sponsored by Boom Publishers Amsterdam)

18.00 **Concert** *Champagne Charlie* (stringband and blues)

**Friday, 16 October 2009**

09.00 **Registration**

09.30 **Session V: 20th Century Politics**

Duco Hellema (Utrecht University): *The Politics of Asymmetry: The Netherlands and the United States since 1945*

Ruud Janssens (University of Amsterdam): *The Dutch Vision on American Security Developments*

Discussion

11.00 **Coffee/tea**

11.30 **Session VI: 20th Century Economy**

Bob Reinalda (Radboud University Nijmegen): *The Netherlands, the United States, and the Development of a Postwar International Economy*

Keetie Sluyterman (Utrecht University): *Investment Strategies of Dutch and American Multinationals*

Tom Etty (FNV historian) *Labor Relations and Dutch-American Exchange*

Discussion

13.00 **Lunch**

14.00 **Session VII: 20th Century Religion**

James C. Kennedy (University of Amsterdam): *Introduction*

Philip Jenkins (Pennsylvania State University): *Religious America and Secular Holland: Future Trends*

Hyme Stoffels (Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam): *Dutch Believers and American Religion*

Corwin Smidt (Calvin College): *Dutch-Americans Between Dutch Secularism and American Evangelicals*

16.30 **Concluding remarks**

20.00 Christopher Caldwell (*Financial Times*): *American Reflections on the Revolution in Europe: Immigration, Islam, and the West*. Location: OBA-Theater van het woord, Oosterdokskade 143, Amsterdam

21.30 **Reception**

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**Location:** *Vrije Universiteit*, De Boelelaan 1105, 1081 HV Amsterdam, Hall 2A00

**Registration and payment:** before October 1, 2009 at Roosevelt Study Center, P.O. Box 6001, 4330 LA Middelburg, the Netherlands, tel. 0118-631590, [rsc@zeeland.nl](mailto:rsc@zeeland.nl) (registration forms available at website [www.roosevelt.nl](http://www.roosevelt.nl))

**Conference fee** (incl. coffee/tea and two lunches, and reception):

One day € 40, whole conference € 75

Students and NASA members: € 20 per day or € 35 for the whole conference

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**Foreign participants** should pay cash at the registration counter (regrettably no checks or credit cards can be accepted)

**Book display** with conference discount on *Four Centuries of Dutch-American Relations* (Amsterdam: Boom, 2009) 1192 pag.

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