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President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt (center), his daughter Anna standing behind him, with neighborhood musicians playing tunes dear to the rural South at the "Little White House" in Warm Springs, Georgia, January 1933. This picture will serve as the cover of the new CD "Waitin' on Roosevelt" soon to be released.

Music, Manuscripts and More

In January 1933, at what would come to be known as the "Little White House" in Warm Springs, Georgia, President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt, his daughter Anna and neighborhood musicians were photographed playing favorite melodies of the rural South. Sponsored by the Roosevelt Study Center and the Roosevelt Stichting, a new CD, "Waitin' on Roosevelt," has been recorded featuring some twenty songs originally written during the 1930s and 1940s about Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, and rearranged and produced by the Middelburg (Zeeland) band Champagne Charlie. This CD will be officially presented in May 2008 as one of the events surrounding the Four Freedoms Awards ceremony.

This is one of many initiatives at the RSC in 2007. Other activities include the annual presentation of the Theodore Roosevelt American History Award, the biennial

European Historians Conference with the theme "Democracy and Political Repression in U.S. History," a conference on the Atlantic Community in the 1960s and 1970s, several seminars, and the Transatlantic Relations Lecture Series. Researchers from various European countries benefited from the RSC Grants Program and two American senior scholars were welcomed to the RSC's Fulbright-Dow Distinguished Research Chair. The archival collection continued to grow and the RSC staff produced five new books, including a Ph.D. thesis and the proceedings of the 2006 Four Freedoms Awards ceremony. The manuscript for the book, "Four Centuries of Dutch-American Relations," made considerable progress in the course of the year and special thanks are owed to Delta N.V., the main sponsor of this ambitious project. All this and more in the RSC's busy schedule are recounted in this new issue of *The Roosevelt Review*. 

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The Roosevelt Study Center is housed in the medieval Abbey of Middelburg, Province of Zeeland, the Netherlands.


The Roosevelt Study Center (RSC) is a research institute and conference center for modern American history and European-American relations. It is named after three famous Americans: President Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919), President Franklin D. Roosevelt (1882-1945), and Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962), who trace their roots to the Dutch Province of Zeeland from where their common ancestor left for the New World in the mid-seventeenth century.

The RSC is affiliated with the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences and a founding member of the American

Studies Network, a cooperation of some twenty American Studies centers in Europe. In developing its activities and building its collections, the RSC is supported by the Provincial Government of Zeeland, the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute at Hyde Park, New York, the Theodore Roosevelt Association in Oyster Bay, New York, and an Advisory Board of prominent European scholars.

The RSC offers European students and advanced scholars of American history:

- a research library with collections of historical documents and books on modern U.S. history not available anywhere else in Europe;
- a grants-in-aid program for European researchers;
- an annual prize for the best Dutch M.A. theses on American history topics;
- a program of international conferences and seminars on American history, U.S.-European relations, and the contemporary meaning of Franklin Roosevelt's Four Freedoms;
- conference rooms with audio-visual facilities;
- a publication series;
- an annual newsletter.

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In Memoriam RSC Founding Father Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr.


Professor Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr. visiting the RSC in May 1998.



Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr., the eminent historian and scholar, passed away at the age of 89 on February 28, 2007. Professor Schlesinger, who twice won the Pulitzer Prize, served with distinction as Founding Father of the Roosevelt Study Center. For 25 years the RSC benefited from his sincere interest and

enthusiasm, and he participated regularly in RSC programs. Every other year since the first presentation of the FDR Four Freedoms Awards ceremony in 1982, he visited the RSC in Middelburg and gave generously of his time to counsel in RSC matters.

The April 25-27, 2007 European Historians Conference at the RSC was dedicated to his memory. Passionate and articulate in the cause of democracy, the theme "Democracy and Political Repression in U.S. History" certainly would have appealed to Professor Schlesinger. His wit, scholarship and devotion to history were renowned.

We will miss his warm and loyal support and will always be grateful for his contributions to U.S. society and Dutch-American relations. 


The Theodore Roosevelt American History Awards

Each year since 1987 the Roosevelt Study Center presents a prize, sponsored by the Theodore Roosevelt Association of Oyster Bay, New York, for the best thesis on a topic of American history by a Dutch MA student. The prize is awarded in memory of TR's accomplishments as a historian. This year's prize was presented on April 13 at the RSC in Middelburg to Jan-Pieter Daems from the University of Leiden. The criteria for selecting the best thesis were: Choice of an original subject, critical analysis of primary sources and up-to-date knowledge of secondary literature, logical and effective argument, contribution to ongoing debates in the field, and fluent writing.


Only three MA theses were submitted this year, and all three authors attended the ceremony. Liza Groeneveld (University of Utrecht) presented her thesis on "Media Debate and Theories on American Foreign Policy, September 1939-August 1941." Ruud Hegger (Radboud University Nijmegen) submitted his thesis "CAFTA, Cotton, and Celluloid: The Influence of Costs and Benefits of a Free Trade Agreement in U.S. Politics." Jan-Pieter Daems (University of Leiden) offered his thesis entitled "All Power to Local People: A Localized Approach to the Black Panther Party with a Focus on New York City."



TRAHA 2007 authors and jury members in front of Middelburg's Abbey.

The jury judging these theses was comprised of Professor Adam Fairclough (University of Leiden), Dr. Jaap Kooijman (University of Amsterdam), and 2006 TRAHA winner Agustin Mackinlay. Although the jury had mixed reactions to the Black Panthers, they agreed that Jan-Pieter Daems's well-researched and well-written thesis presented an original approach to the history of the Black Panther Party and was a worthy winner of the 2007 TRAHA prize. He was awarded a trip to New York in October, and was hosted by both the Theodore Roosevelt Association and the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute. 

Teaching Activities by RSC Staff

RSC senior staff were involved in a variety of teaching activities in the course of 2007. Continuing in his position as guest professor of U.S. history at Ghent University, Belgium, director Cornelis A. van Minnen gave his well-attended annual U.S. history survey course, assistant director Hans Krabbendam presented a U.S. history research seminar for Roosevelt Academy students at the RSC library, and senior researcher Giles Scott-Smith taught two international relations classes at Roosevelt Academy in Middelburg. In this way, the RSC staff continues a tradition of reaching out to the nearby academic communities in Zeeland and Flanders, encouraging the pursuit of U.S. history as a subject and increasing awareness of the RSC. 

Completed Ph.D. Thesis


After successfully defending her thesis, *A Cold War Magazine of Causes: A Critical History of The Reporter, 1949-1968*, former RSC Ph.D. candidate Elke van Cassel received her doctorate from Radboud University in Nijmegen on March 20, 2007. Her study of *The Reporter*, a well-known but little examined

American current affairs magazine, received much praise from the adjudicating committee, and she was able to respond to their questions with knowledgeable aplomb.



Elke van Cassel during the defense of her Ph.D. thesis at Radboud University Nijmegen.

Despite its reputation as a prestigious intellectual forum, the biweekly *Reporter* has until now escaped serious investigation by historians (be they literary or political) despite its intriguing identity as a platform for Cold War political debate. By making full use of the archive of *The Reporter's* founder and chief editor Max Ascoli, and through interviews with former staff members, Van Cassel has produced a practically comprehensive history of the magazine's operations and an astute judgement of its value and impact within the complex world of U.S. media and politics.

This is the second completed Ph.D. thesis in a series of three comprising the joint RSC-Radboud University research program entitled "Magazines and Periodicals as Instruments of Twentieth-Century American Culture." 

Conference on Democracy and Political Repression in U.S. History


Professors Ellen Schrecker (right) and Ole Moen (far right) spoke at the opening session.



The Eighth Middelburg Conference of European Historians of the United States was held at the RSC on April 25-27. More than forty historians from Europe and the U.S., comprised not only of senior scholars from nine European countries and the U.S., but also of numerous graduate and undergraduate students from various European universities, attended this well-established event which had its first meeting in 1993. This year's theme was "Democracy and Political Repression in U.S. History."

In his welcoming remarks, RSC director Cornelis A. van Minnen dedicated the conference to the memory of RSC Founding

Father Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr. who had passed away on February 28, 2007 at the age of 89 (see page 2). The opening session, entitled Freedom under Control, featured two eminent scholars: Professor Ellen Schrecker of Yeshiva University in New York and a leading expert on McCarthyism, and Professor Ole Moen of the University of Oslo, Norway, a specialist in U.S. constitutional history. Their presentations were followed by seven sessions featuring seventeen other papers by established scholars. These papers covered many aspects of political repression from the days of the 18th-century Early Republic to the present times and, as might be expected, stimulated quite animated debates.

Past conferences have resulted in a number of interesting volumes covering a broad range of U.S. history subjects. As in previous years, the conference organizers, Cornelis van Minnen and Sylvia Hilton, will also serve as the editors of the conference volume due to be published in 2008. 

Third Seminar for European Ph.D. Students in American History



Student participants in the Ph.D. seminar, organized just prior to the European Historians Conference, gathered in the inner courtyard of the Abbey.


This third RSC Ph.D. Seminar was organized by RSC senior researcher Giles Scott-Smith on April 24-25, just prior to the European Historians Conference. The aim of these seminars is to offer European Ph.D. students the opportunity to present their research to their peers from other universities in a stimulating environment. The participating students defend their research topics and raise questions, dilemmas and problems they face during research.

This year's group of twelve Ph.D. students came from the universities of Cambridge, Heidelberg, Paris, Ghent, Amsterdam, Leiden, Utrecht and the RSC, and was varied enough to ensure lively discussions, crossovers of common themes, and conversations about methodological issues. Each speaker was allowed one full hour, a format that was highly regarded by all students. Nine

presentations focused on the post World War II period and three papers dealt with earlier periods. This condensed form of presenting and the feedback from their peers provided the perfect conditions for a genuinely free exchange of ideas. It avoided the pitfall in which all too often specialists overwhelm students and tend to speak to one another instead of the students. The students also valued the connection with the European Historians Conference that almost all of them attended. The RSC will organize the next seminar in the spring of 2009.

Other RSC Ph.D. Seminars

As there is no graduate school in the Netherlands for Ph.D. students in U.S. history, the RSC decided to establish a series of one-day Ph.D. seminars for Dutch Ph.D. students in U.S. history. So far four such days have been held at the RSC on November 29, 2006, and February 14, May 23 and November 7, 2007. At these meetings, organized by RSC assistant director Hans Krabbendam and attended by eight Ph.D. students from the RSC and the universities of Utrecht, Leiden, Amsterdam, Kampen and Groningen, methodological aspects of researching and writing a Ph.D. thesis, such as formulating a good research plan and a solid, central research question, solving practical research and writing problems and keeping to a strict time schedule, have been emphasized.


Based on participant response, these RSC seminars clearly fill a gap and the students have expressed their wish that these useful meetings be continued. 

RSC Lecture Series in Transatlantic Relations

The fourth lecture in the RSC Lecture Series in Transatlantic Relations was delivered on April 4, 2007 by Hubert Smeets, editor-in-chief of the Dutch weekly *Groene Amsterdammer* and former Moscow correspondent for the *NRC Handelsblad*. Drawing on his considerable knowledge of Russian politics, Smeets in his lecture “Russia, Putin, and the West: Troubled Waters?” sketched a fascinating picture of Russian history, explaining how certain long-running themes dominate the Russians’ worldview. Putin’s time as president, in Smeets’ opinion, has been something of a failure: Putin has been unable or unwilling to materialize the necessary political and economic reforms and the country’s socio-economic development has become more unstable and uneven over the last few years. Opportunism and short-term gain are the order of the day, and Smeets did not rule out the possibility that Putin would arrange a change in the constitution, allowing him to run for the presidency for a third term in 2008.

The fifth lecture in this series was given on October 10, 2007 by Ko Colijn, Professor of International Relations at Rotterdam’s Erasmus University and nationally known in the Netherlands as a commentator on defense and security issues. His lecture on “NATO, The Netherlands, and Afghanistan:

The Future of the Alliance,” emphasized the successes of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, despite its being constantly on the verge of crisis. Although NATO is a collection of some of the wealthiest, most secure countries in the world, funding remains a fundamental problem because disagreements over means and ends lead to a lack of resources being provided for the organization to function properly. The NATO Response Force, originally designed to react rapidly to crises anywhere around the globe, has recently suffered cutbacks, which for Professor Colijn is a sad reflection on this state of affairs. Since the end of the Cold War NATO has often taken on the role of “global security provider,” but as a result of these cutbacks the Response Force is now faced with serious challenges in Afghanistan. The involvement of the Dutch military in Afghanistan is, according to Colijn, “an honorable task” but he fears that disputes among NATO partners could undermine the ability to achieve a successful outcome there.

As in previous years, both these lectures were open to the public and attracted audiences that filled the auditorium to capacity. The enthusiastic participation in the question-and-answer sessions which followed the lectures added a special dimension to the events. 



Hubert Smeets (above) and Ko Colijn (below) were the fourth and fifth speakers in the RSC Transatlantic Lectures Series.




The RSC Fulbright-Dow Scholars

In 2006 a rotating Fulbright-Dow Distinguished Research Chair of the Roosevelt Study Center was established. Sponsored by Dow Benelux, the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences and the Fulbright Scholar Program, this celebrated chair allows prominent U.S. scholars in the field of U.S. history and American Studies to be affiliated for a four-month period with the RSC in order to work on a contracted book project or article(s) for a peer-reviewed academic journal. Awards in the Fulbright Distinguished Chairs Program are viewed as among the most prestigious appointments in the Fulbright Scholar Program. U.S. scholars interested in applying for this chair are invited to contact the Council for International Exchange of Scholars in Washington, D.C. (www.cies.org, see Fulbright Distinguished Chairs Program/Netherlands). In addition to their research and writing, candidates are expected to deliver a limited number of lectures. The RSC is able to offer two Fulbright-Dow Distinguished Research Chair fellowships each year.

In 2007 during the spring semester, the Chair was held by Professor Hamilton Cravens of Iowa State University. He finished his book manuscript, “Designing Humanity: The Social

and Behavioral Sciences, 1776-2001”, and wrote the first chapters of a book on “The Changing Meaning of Race in American Culture and Society since Reconstruction.” He also edited a volume of essays on the U.S. in the Great Depression era. In addition, Professor Cravens delivered a number of guest lectures at a several universities, including Utrecht and Eindhoven (the Netherlands), Ghent (Belgium), Bonn (Germany) and Graz and Vienna (Austria).

The Fulbright-Dow chairholder during the 2007 fall semester was art historian Professor Gail Levin of Baruch College and the Graduate Center of the City University of New York, both in New York City. She has published extensively on Edward Hopper and on abstract expressionism. At the RSC she worked on a biography of the artist Lee Krasner (1908-1984), focusing on Krasner’s activities in the New Deal’s Works Progress Administration and her ties with Dutch-born artists Piet Mondriaan and Willem de Kooning. In addition to her research and writing, Professor Levin lectured on Hopper and Krasner at the RSC in public lectures co-organized with the Zeeuws Museum and delivered guest lectures at the universities of Utrecht and Ghent. 



Professor Hamilton Cravens, Fulbright-Dow Scholar, spring 2007.



Professor Gail Levin, Fulbright-Dow Scholar, fall 2007.

Conference on the Atlantic Community




One of the lively sessions which took place during the two-day Conference on the Atlantic Community.

“Atlantic, Euratlantic, or Europe-America? The Atlantic Community and the European Idea from Kennedy to Nixon” was the focus of the conference held at the RSC September 20-21, 2007. It examined the transition of the Atlantic Community and the “European Idea” from 1960 through to the early 1970s. The conference at the RSC continued the theme of the conference held at the University of Cergy-Pontoise (France) in June 2006 at which the Atlantic Community idea and those who developed it during the 1940s and 1950s were discussed.

Attempting to get beyond the impression of the Atlantic Community as an American hegemony, from the early 1960s onward efforts

were made to develop a stronger European voice within the Atlantic Alliance. This caused many questions to be raised about the goal of an Atlantic Community. While the “European Idea” and the proposal for “two pillars,” based on a greater equality between the United States and Western Europe evolved, tensions among the European powers themselves over the future of Europe prevented a clear vision from emerging.

With the end of the Cold War and the changing international environment, new questions arose about the actual depth of mutual interests between Europe and the United States. Together with the availability of new research materials, this has provoked a renewed investigation among historians into the whole concept of the Atlantic Community.

At the RSC conference twenty-five scholars from Europe and the U.S. presented papers on a variety of aspects of the Atlantic Community in the 1960s and 1970s. These included such subjects as the national visions of France, West Germany, France, and the U.S., the role of transatlantic networks, Kissinger and U.S.-European relations, and several developments that caused strains in the Alliance. Conference organizer Giles Scott-Smith will also serve as the editor of the conference volume. 

Four Centuries of Dutch-American Relations


On August 17, 2007 CEO Peter G. Boerma of Delta N.V. and RSC director Cornelis A. van Minnen signed the sponsor contract that substantially supports the RSC’s work on this prestigious book project.



In September 1609, Henry Hudson, the captain of *De Halve Maen*, set foot on Manhattan island, marking the first physical contact between the Dutch and the North American continent. To celebrate the 400th anniversary of this event, an exciting project – a survey of 400 years of Dutch-American relations – was launched by the RSC in 2006. Taking the initiative, RSC senior staff members are serving as the general editors and coordinators of this much-needed, up-to-date English-language book with the working title *Dutch-American Relations, 1609-2009. A Survey*. The 1000-page illustrated book will be published simultaneously by Boom in

Amsterdam and State University of New York Press in Albany, New York and is scheduled to be presented as part of the 400th anniversary celebrations in Amsterdam and New York in August and September 2009.

Multitudes of scholars were asked to contribute to this ambitious project and in 2007 more than eighty historians from the Netherlands and the United States delivered first drafts of their essays for the book. Six of these scholars act as editors of one of the six projected sections of the book and they discussed the submissions in a number of editorial meetings. In addition, in cooperation with the Dutch Atlantische Commissie, a public meeting was held in The Hague to present the first results to a general audience, including policymakers of the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The RSC gratefully acknowledges financial contributions for this book project from Delta N.V. in Middelburg, which serves as the main sponsor, The Netherland-America Foundation in New York, the A.C. Van Raalte Institute of Hope College in Holland, Michigan, the Atlantische Commissie and the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs in The Hague, and Aegon N.V. 



New Acquisitions at the RSC Library


Thanks to grants from the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute and the Zeeland Library, the RSC was able to expand its microfilm collection with a sizeable purchase during 2007.

Eleanor Roosevelt Papers, General Correspondence, 1945-1952, Part 4: 1951-1952

This collection of twenty-one reels consists of correspondence between Eleanor Roosevelt and a wide variety of people during 1951 and 1952. The letters during this two-year period show Mrs. Roosevelt criticizing Joseph McCarthy and his anti-communism hearings on Capitol Hill; supporting Adlai Stevenson in the 1952 presidential race against Dwight Eisenhower; traveling and speaking around the world to promote the cause of human rights and rights for women; and resigning from the United Nations after Eisenhower's victory in the 1952 presidential election.

Archives of the Fulbright Commission for Educational Exchange in RSC

Mr. Marcel Oomen, executive director of the Fulbright Center in Amsterdam, signed an agreement with the RSC in the summer of 2007 to deposit the archives of his organization in the RSC collection. Contained in several hundred boxes, the collection from the Fulbright Center in Amsterdam documents the almost 60-year history of this successful and prestigious international educational exchange program between the Netherlands and the U.S. which began in 1949.

The program allowed and continues to allow hundreds of American and Dutch citizens to study and do research in each other's countries. After completion of the inventory, scheduled for 2009, the RSC will make these archives available to researchers. 



Eleanor Roosevelt

The RSC Research Grants Program

Thanks to a generous contribution from the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, the RSC is able to offer European students of American history a unique opportunity to do research in the attractive and pleasant ambiance of the RSC library, which holds numerous U.S. historical documents not available anywhere else in Europe. In 2007 the following persons received an RSC Research Grant for their projects:

- Jan Becka (Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic), "Nixon, Ford and the People's Republic of China" (M.A.);
- Lukasz Niewinski (University of Bialystok, Poland), "Prisoner-of-War Camps during the American Civil War as Reported by *The New York Times*" (article);
- Mateusz Bogdanowicz (Pultusk Academy of Humanities, Poland), "Canada's Role in the U.S. War Strategy, 1939-1945" (Ph.D.);
- Stephen Hains (University of Plymouth, U.K.), "The Social and Political Impacts of the Assassinations of John F. and Robert Kennedy" (B.A.);
- Krzysztof Siwek (Wroclaw University, Poland), "Opportunities for Bilateral Agreements in the U.S. Policy towards Cuba, 1961-1975" (Ph.D.);
- Ellen de Jong (Open University, The Hague, the Netherlands), "The WPA Public Health Posters in New York, 1934-1943" (M.A.);
- Thomas Mills (Brunel University, London, U.K.), "Anglo-American Economic Diplomacy in South America, 1940-1945" (Ph.D.);
- Konstantinos D. Karatzas (University of Leiden, the Netherlands), "The 1965 Summer Community Organization and Political Education Project of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference" (M.A.);



Students at work in the RSC Library.

- Iwona Swiatczak-Wasilewska (University of Helsinki, Finland), "A Ritual in American Political Culture: A History of the State of the Union Addresses" (Ph.D.);
- Sacha Nauta (London School of Economics and Political Science, U.K.), "Johnson, the U.S. Media and the Vietnam War: The Impact of the Cam Ne Report" (M.A.);
- Floriske van Gennip (University of Leiden, the Netherlands), "Charles Sherrod and SNCC in Albany, Southwest Georgia" (M.A.);
- Karolina Kononowicz (Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan, Poland), "The Variety of Dutch Subcultures in the United States" (M.A.).

European students seeking a masters or doctorate in American history as well as advanced scholars are invited to apply for the 2008 Research Grants. Application forms and relevant information on the RSC archival collections can be downloaded from the RSC website: www.roosevelt.nl. 

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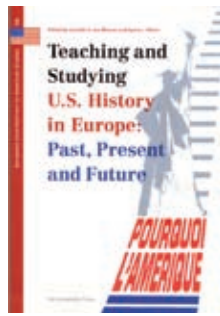
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Hans van Mierlo (sitting in car) was the leader of the Dutch political party D66 and a Foreign Leader grantee in April 1968. He is shown here on the presidential campaign trail with Bobby Kennedy in Indianapolis, Indiana.



Teaching and Studying U.S. History in Europe: Past, Present and Future, edited by Cornelis A. van Minnen and Sylvia L. Hilton (Amsterdam: VU University Press, 2007). The essays in this volume offer a much-needed current assessment on the

academic study of U.S. history in thirteen European countries.

The volume is introduced by a general overview of the European situation and the role of U.S. public diplomacy. Insights are offered into the connections between government policies on both sides of the Atlantic, popular interest, student demand and the commitment of individual scholars to the study of U.S. history at European universities.



Networks of Informal Empire: The U.S. State Department's Foreign Leader Program in the Netherlands, Britain, and France, 1950-1970 by Giles Scott-Smith (Brussels: Peter Lang, 2008). RSC senior

researcher Giles Scott-Smith authored this study of the U.S. State Department's prestigious Foreign Leader exchange program and its application in three West European countries during the early Cold War. The book, based on in-depth archival research and many interviews, looks at the U.S. personnel who ran the program, what they hoped to achieve, the visitors who were offered Foreign Leader grants to tour the United States, and the outcome of the whole enterprise.




Who's the Boss? Leadership and Democratic Culture in America, edited by Hans Krabbendam and Wil Verhoeven (Amsterdam: VU University Press, 2007). The essays in this volume, based on the 2005

NASA conference held at the RSC, critically examine the terminology and the explanatory power of various leadership concepts and show that the promises of "good" leadership to protect democratic processes against political and commercial exploitation are often too optimistic. Moreover, analyses of the limited success of the export of American leadership models abroad contradict the assumption of the universal validity of (American) leadership styles.



The Franklin D. Roosevelt Four Freedoms Awards 2006 (Middelburg: Roosevelt Study Center, 2007). This is the twenty-second volume in the RSC Publications series, edited by Cornelis A. van Minnen. It contains the speeches delivered at the

Four Freedoms Awards ceremony on May 13, 2006 by the representatives of the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute and that year's distinguished laureates Carlos Fuentes, the Taizé Community, Muhammad Yunus, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, and Mohamed ElBaradei (see the 2006 issue of *The Roosevelt Review*, page 4). 

A Look Ahead

Upcoming events at the RSC in 2008

Theodore Roosevelt American History Awards, March 14

Selected by a distinguished jury, the RSC presents an annual prize for the best M.A. theses on American history topics written by Dutch graduate students in the preceding academic year. Replicas of Theodore Roosevelt's 1905 Inaugural Medal will be awarded to the winners, as well as a trip to "Roosevelt sites" in the U.S. for the first prize winner.

Conference on U.S. Religious Influences in the Netherlands, April 25


Recent phenomena in the Netherlands, such as the popularity of gospel choirs, mega churches, mass youth manifestations and praise music, suggest a significant American influence. This conference will examine these trends, reveal precedents in religious exchanges and explore the interaction between the

supply of American religious products and the demand in the Netherlands.

Four Freedoms Awards Ceremony, May 24

The Franklin D. Roosevelt Four Freedoms Awards will be presented by the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute in Middelburg's Abbey to world citizens who are honored for their commitment to FDR's Four Freedoms.

Conference on Dreamworlds of East and West, September 26-27

A joint project of the RSC, the NIOD and Utrecht University, the conference (to be held in Utrecht) will bring together European and North American scholars to examine the impact of the Cold War on the Arts, and the contribution of the Arts to the Cold War. Keynote addresses will be delivered by independent historian David Caute and Cornell professor Susan Buck-Morss, whose recent work inspired the initiative for this conference. 

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