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# **American Islands**

## **Outposts of Security, Prosperity, and Culture**

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Program

## Wednesday 22 May 2019

**09:30-10:00** Registration & Coffee/Tea

**10:00-10:15** Opening Session – Permeable Islands and Crossroads of Cultures

**10:15-12:30** Session 1 – Presenting, Defending, Expanding America  
Chair: François Doppler-Speranza (Université de Strasbourg)

- Michael J. Strauss (Centre d'Etudes Diplomatiques et Stratégiques, Université de Paris 5)  
*The U.S. Lease of Guantanamo Bay from Cuba: An Arrangement with Ambiguities, Anomalies and Anecdotes*
- Danny Pronk (Clingendael, The Netherlands Institute of International Relations, The Hague)  
*Defending the Dutch: Sharing the Burden, Sharing the Secrets, 1954-1994*
- Molly Trueblood (Erasmus University Rotterdam)  
*Serving at the Sentinel of the Caribbean: The Dynamics of U.S. Military Employment in Puerto Rico*
- Floris Heidsma (Leiden University)  
*Hawaii Shirts, Protest and Rock 'n Roll: The Social-Cultural Role of U.S. Military Bases in Okinawa*

**12:30-13.30** Lunch

- 13:30-14.30**    **Keynote Address**  
Peter I. Rose (Roosevelt Visiting Professor, RIAS)  
*YANK as a "Four-Letter Word"*
- 14:30-15:00**    **Coffee/Tea**
- 15:00-17:15**    **Session 2 – Selling, Consuming, Experiencing America**
- Chair: Dario Fazzi (Roosevelt Institute for American Studies)
  
  - Jiann-Chyng Tu (Humboldt-Universität, Berlin)  
*"Miracle Meat in a Can:" A Cultural History of SPAM in the American Pacific*
  
  - Peter Postma (Leiden University)  
*Nyenrode in the Cold War: An Elite School of Commerce as Coproduced American Island in the Netherlands (1946-1980)*
  
  - Ayman Al Sharafat (Eötvös Lorand University, Budapest)  
*USAID in the Middle East: Jordan, a Case-Study*
  
  - Albertine Bloemendal (Leiden University)  
*"To ensure that these emotions are passed to the next generation": The U.S. War Cemetery in Margraten as a Transnational Site of Memory Diplomacy in the War on Terror*
- 17:15-18:00**    **Conclusion – Negotiating and Mediating America Abroad**
- 18:00**            **Dinner**

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