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**International PhD Seminar**  
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Program

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All sessions will have two 15-min presentations, except for panel two which will have three presentations, each one followed by a 45-min discussion.

**Link:** <https://bit.ly/3FwOTa8>

\*the same link will be used for all panels

## WEDNESDAY 8 DECEMBER

### 3:00PM (CET) WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Manar Ellethy, Marcella Schute, & Christine Mertens  
(RIAS|Leiden University)

### Panel 1: Political History

Chair: Christine Mertens (RIAS|Leiden University)

- Emily Hull (University College London)  
*Irving Kristol and the Democratic Idea: An Analysis of Neoconservative Attitudes to American Democracy*  
Discussant: Giles Scott-Smith (RIAS/Leiden University)
- Michael Wolven (University of Glasgow)  
*A History of Humanitarian Evacuation*  
Discussant: Gaetano Di Tommaso (SciencesPo)

## THURSDAY 9 DECEMBER

### 2:00PM (CET) Panel 2: Race in American History

Chair: Marcella Schute (RIAS|Leiden University)

- Augusta Dell'Omo (University of Texas Austin)  
*Saving Apartheid: Trans-Atlantic Whiteness in the U.S.-South African Relationship, 1980-1994*  
Discussant: Hanneke Stuit (University of Amsterdam)

- Emanuel Nidi (University of Naples L'Orientale)  
*The “Talented Tenth” at the Pan-African Congress*  
Discussant: Debby Esmeé de Vlugt (RIAS/Leiden University)

**4.00PM (CET) Break**

**4:15PM (CET)**

- Anthony Obst (Freie Universität Berlin)  
*“Abolition Democracy: W.E.B. Du Bois’ Philosophy of History in the Long Era of Racial Fascism” in Between Hope and Despair: Abolition and Timely Affect in Black Radical Retrospective Texts of the 1930s*  
Discussant: Maarten Zwiers (University of Groningen)

**FRIDAY 10 DECEMBER**

**4.15PM (CET) Panel 3: Identity & Memory**

Chair: Manar Ellethy (RIAS|Leiden University)

- Marietta Kosma (University of Oxford)  
*Traumatic Dispossession: The Case of Ursa Corregidora*  
Discussants: Jessie Morgan-Owens (Leiden University), Tjalling Valdés Olmos (University of Amsterdam)

**5.15PM (CET) Break**

**5:30PM (CET) Keynote Lecture**

- George Blaustein (University of Amsterdam)  
*TBA*

**6:00PM (CET) Closing Remarks**

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