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Invitation

Roosevelt Lecture

by Anya Luscombe

Friday, 10 April 2026



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Dr. Anya Luscombe is Director of the Zeeuws Archief in Middelburg. Previously, she was Associate Professor of Media at University College Roosevelt in Middelburg. She is the author of *Forty Years of BBC Radio News* (Peter Lang, 2013), co-editor (with Dario Fazzi) of *Eleanor Roosevelt's Views on Diplomacy and Democracy: The Global Citizen* (Palgrave, 2020), and has published widely on Eleanor Roosevelt, particularly her use of the media.

VOICE AND VISION

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT, THE FOUR FREEDOMS, AND THE RISE OF MODERN HUMAN RIGHTS

LECTURER Anya Luscombe
DATE Friday, 10 April 2026, 16:30-18:00 (Doors open at 16:00)
LOCATION Auditorium, Zeeuws Archief, Hofplein 16, 4331 CK Middelburg

On 16 April 2026 the Four Freedoms Awards will be presented in Middelburg, renewing the legacy of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's 1941 call to protect - "everywhere in the world" - freedom of expression, freedom of worship, freedom from want, and freedom from fear. Since then, these freedoms have helped shape the language of modern human rights.

In her lecture, Dr. Anya Luscombe will outline the role Eleanor Roosevelt played in turning those ideals into an international human rights framework. As chair of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, Eleanor Roosevelt was a driving force behind the drafting of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948). Dr. Luscombe will also trace Eleanor Roosevelt's lifelong commitment to human rights as a campaigner, journalist, teacher, and diplomat - and show how, across these roles, she embodied the values at the heart of the Four Freedoms.

After her lecture, which will be in English, the audience will have ample opportunity to ask questions, either in English or in Dutch.

To attend the lecture [click here](#) to register
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