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International PhD Seminar

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Hofplein 16
4331 CK Middelburg

Program

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All sessions follow the following format: a 15-min presentation, followed by a 45-min discussion. There will be a 15-minute coffee break following each presentation & discussion.

Wednesday, 17 June

15:00 onwards **Arrival in Middelburg and hotel check-in**
Fletcher Hotel De Nieuwe Doelen, Loskade 5, Middelburg

20:00 **Welcome drinks at the hotel**

Thursday, 18 June

09:00-12:30 **Session 1: Environmental Contestation and Opposing Ideologies in American Politics**

Chair: Gaetano Di Tommaso (RIAS)

- **Annamaria Haden (University of Tennessee, Knoxville)**
Operation Crossroads: The Animal Sacrifice at Bikini Atoll
- **Baruch Gilinsky (University of Oxford)**
Homeless City Government: San Francisco City Hall, 1871-1899
- **Max Schiersner (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität)**
Religious Conservative Movements, Environmentalism, and American Political Culture from 1945 to 1970

12:30-13:30 **Lunch**

13:30-17:00 **Session 2: Gender, Sexuality, and Personhood in Modern America**

Chair: Jessie Morgan-Owens (Leiden University)

- **Đỗ Thảo Nhi (University of Giessen)**
Power Dynamics of Asian American Masculinities In Charles Yu's Interior Chinatown
- **Anna Kleiman (University of Amsterdam)**
Rabbit Season: Non-Scandalous Rape Logic in 1970s Playboy
- **Roseanne Hurst (University of East Anglia)**
Revolution or Evolution? Educated White Women and Sexual Behavior in California, 1948-1963

17:00-17:30 **RIAS Tour**

17:30-18:30 **Middelburg City Tour**

18:30 **Dinner at Restaurant Cluys** (Markt 7, Middelburg)

Friday, 19 June

09:00-12:30 **Session 3: Negotiating Authority: Federal, State, and Local Governance in the U.S.**

Chair: Damian Pargas (RIAS/Leiden University)

- **Lauren Jarnach (University of Oxford)**
The Written Republic: Textual Federalism and the Materiality of State Formation
- **Jake Wolff (Temple University)**
Superhighways, 1929-1938
- **Henry Jacob (Yale University)**
Ink Spills: The Drafting of an American Arctic, 1984-1989

12:30-13:30 **Lunch**

13:30-14:30 **Research workshop: Emmanuel Destenay (Sorbonne University) on American Pacifists, World War I, and the United States of Europe**

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