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Invitation

William J. vanden Heuvel Memorial Lecture
by Giles Scott-Smith
Friday, 11 September 2026



Giles Scott-Smith is Professor of Transnational Relations and New Diplomatic History at Leiden University, and Dean of Leiden University College The Hague

Before he became Dean, he served as the Roosevelt Chair of New Diplomatic History at the RIAS.



Laurien Crump is a researcher at the Centre for Parliamentary History at Radboud University Nijmegen. Her work focuses on foreign and defense policy, transatlantic security, and European security during and after the Cold War.



Kaete O'Connell is Senior Fellow at Southern Methodist University's Center for Presidential History and Deputy Director of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations. She is a historian of the US and the world whose research examines how food, alcohol, and everyday cultural practices shape American power, military occupation, and diplomacy.



ENDURING CULTURE?

US CULTURAL DIPLOMACY BEYOND LIBERAL INTERNATIONALISM

SPEAKER	Giles Scott-Smith
RESPONDENTS	Laurien Crump and Kaete O'Connell
DATE	Friday, 11 September 2026, from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. The doors open at 3:00 p.m.
LOCATION	RIAS, Hofplein 16, 4331 CK Middelburg

What happened to US cultural outreach after the end of the Cold War, and how should the second Trump administration be situated within this longer trajectory?

In his lecture, Giles Scott-Smith draws on the recently published volume *US Cultural Diplomacy since the Cold War* to trace the development of US cultural outreach after 1991 and consider how the second Trump administration fits within this history.

Following the lecture, Laurien Crump and Kaete O'Connell will offer their responses, followed by questions and discussion with the audience.

[US Cultural Diplomacy since the Cold War](#), co-edited by Giles Scott-Smith and Jeff Michaels, was published by Manchester University Press in 2026.

To attend the lecture, please scan the QR code
and register by Tuesday, 8 September 2026.





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