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Diplomatic History at Fifty

European Perspectives on America's Global Rise and Crises

26-28 August 2026

**Roosevelt Institute for American Studies
Hofplein 16
4331 CK Middelburg**

Program

Wednesday, 26 August 2026

Auditorium (Filmzaal), Abdij 9

15:30-16:00 Registration & Coffee/Tea

16:00-17:30 **Environmental History Lecture**
Simone Schleper (Maastricht University)
Global Environmental Governance from Elsewhere

17:30-18:30 Reception

Thursday, 27 August 2026

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10:00-10:30 Welcome and Introduction

Session I: European Perspectives on US Liberal Internationalism

10:30-11:30 **Alessandro Brogi (University of Arkansas)**
West-Centric Visions and Competitive Invitations: Europe, US Hegemony, and the Contradictions of Liberal Internationalism

11:30-11:45 Coffee/Tea

11:45-12:45 **Eline van Ommen (University of Leeds)**
Containing Revolution, Avoiding War: Transatlantic Relations and Central American Insurgencies in the Late Cold War, 1981-1984

12:45-14:15 Lunch

Session II: Transatlantic Circuitries & Circulations

14:15-15:15 **Marc-William Palen (University of Exeter)**
European Free-Trade Ideologies and US Anti-Imperial and Peace Activism, c. 1776-1919

15:15-15:30 Coffee/Tea

15:30-16:30 **Debby Esmeé de Vlugt (Radboud University Nijmegen)**
European Solidarity with the Black Panther Party

16:30-16:45 Coffee/Tea

16:45-17:45 **Maarten Zwiers (University of Groningen)**
Beats and Blues in the Dutch North: US Cultural Diplomacy and Regional Identity Formation in the Netherlands, 1950-2025

18:30 Dinner at Restaurant Cluys (Markt 7)

Friday, 28 August 2026

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Session III: Negotiating US Hegemony

9:30-10:30 **Lisa Dudek (King's College London)**
Clandestine Diplomacy: The 1964 FRG – PRC Backchannel and the Limits of Covert Statecraft

10:30-10:45 Coffee/Tea

10:45-11:45 **Kai Hebel (Leiden University)**
Managing US Power through Diplomatic Practice: European Diplomacy and American Hegemony in the CSCE, 1972-1975

11:45-12:00 Coffee/Tea

12:00-13:00 **Alice Zamai (European University Institute)**
Leading by Example: The EEC Commission's Influence on Financial Deregulation in the United States, 1988-1990

13:00-14:00 Lunch & Farewell

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