



Newsletter

Dear all,

With this newsletter we wish to inform you of upcoming events, calls for funding and new releases. If you have relevant information or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Save the date!

Friday September 8, 2017 - CCHR Research Conference:

- Keynotes by Prof. Jacqueline Bhabha and Prof. Nicholas Mirzoeff
- Responses by Prof. Sandra Ponzanesi, Prof. Barbara Oomen, Dr. Martijn Oosterbaan and Milica Trakilovic, MA
- Paper presentations by Dr. Dirk van Miert, Prof. Birgit Meyer, the CCHR Memory Studies Platform among others.

Our best wishes,
the CCHR team,

Prof. Rosemarie Buikema, Prof. Antoine Buyse and Prof. Ton Robben

News

Results CCHR Grant Proposal round February 2017

For the February 2017 round of funding the CCHR selection commission received 11 eligible applications out of which 8 proposals have been selected for funding. All have impressed us in

terms of the quality of the work and determination of the scholars to make CCHR a strong and timely focus area within Utrecht University. The selected proposals are:

- Olga Panteleeva – Preparation for a Marie Curie application on being a musicologist behind the Iron curtain
- Paul Franssen – Organize a symposium on Jane Austen
- Els Rose – Workshop to prepare a volume of essays on “Civic Participation in Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages”
- Marijke de Valck – NWO Vidi application and ERC Consolidator application on “Curating World Cinema: Engaging Audiences in Times of Festivalisation”
- CCHR Migration Network – Organize event on “Migrant Ethnographies and the Challenges of Mediating Research Practices”
- Annalisa Buttici – ERC Consolidator application and organize a workshop
- Monica Jansen & Matteo Brera – Student assistant for conference “Religion(s) and Cultural Production(s) of the Italian Diaspora(s)”
- Gisela Carrasco-Miró – “Economic Justice, Equity and Human Dignity: Democratizing Epistemologies. Knowledges from Chiapas” research stay, Mexico

NWO Vici Grants



We congratulate the recipients dr. Els Rose and prof. Barbara Oomen with their awarded Vici grants for each 1.5 million Euros. Both researchers are affiliated with CCHR.

Prof. Barbara Oomen, who holds a chair in the Sociology of Human Rights at Utrecht University, and works at University College Roosevelt, will be researching the relationship between cities, international law and the refugee crisis. For further information, please visit [here](#).

Medievalist dr. Els Rose was awarded for her research on citizenship discourses in the Early Middle Ages (400-1100). For more information, please visit [here](#).

ERC Consolidator Grants



We're congratulating the ERC award honorees. The European Research Council (ERC) has awarded 2 Consolidator Grants of each 2 million euros to CCHR Seed Money recipients.

The historian and Latinist Dr. Dirk van Miert (Cultural History) will be conducting research into the ideal of sharing knowledge within early modern scholarly networks in Europe.

Dr. Cristina Grasseni's (Cultural Anthropology) work is titled "Food citizens? Collective food procurement in European cities: solidarity and diversity, skills and scale". In addition, Prof. Christian Lange from Religious Studies (affiliated with CCHR) also received this prestigious grant for his project SENSIS ('The senses in Islam'). For more information, please see [here](#).

ERC Advanced Grant

We congratulate Prof. Maykel Verkuyten (ERCOMER, Dept. of Interdisciplinary Social Science and affiliated with CCHR) with his ERC Advanced Grant for his research 'Intergroup toleration: Its Nature, Processes, and Consequences for Culturally Diverse Societies'.

Intergroup tolerance has been proposed as a key aspect of living harmoniously and productively with diversity; it is critical because objection and disagreement about what is good and right are inevitable. A diverse, egalitarian, and peaceful society does not require that we all like each other, but it does require that people at least tolerate one another. Yet, there has been very little by way of social psychological theorizing and systematic empirical research on intergroup toleration. This research will unravel the interrelated aspects of toleration.

CCHR Migration Meeting: Tuesday April 25, 2017 - 13:00-15:00h

We had another inspiring last session in February, during which we discussed the particular research interests of the participants, possible collaboration and possible funding to discuss further steps, joint initiatives (workshops, invited speakers to further discuss research topics and methods).

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 25 from 13 to 15h at Janskerkhof 13, room 0.06.

CCHR Online Blog

In September 2016, CCHR launched its first blog post. This bi-weekly series, organized by the PhD community, aims to connect its current research to the broader public sphere.

The blog series can be accessed [here](#).

Conferences / Courses / Lectures

19, 20 & 21 April, 2017 – Mark Goodale visiting CCHR



Professor Mark Goodale holds a chair in cultural and social anthropology at the University of Lausanne. The founding series editor of Stanford Studies in Human Rights, he is the author or editor of thirteen volumes, including *UNESCO Surveys the World: A Prehistory of Human Rights* (Stanford, 2018), *Anthropology and Law: A Critical Introduction* (NYU, 2017), *Human Rights at the Crossroads* (Oxford, 2013), and *Surrendering to Utopia: An Anthropology of Human Rights* (Stanford, 2009). He is currently writing a new book on justice, ideology, and practice in Bolivia based on nine years of ethnographic research.

Lecture Wednesday April 19:

'Human Rights in an Anthropological Key: Exploring a Para-Normative Approach to the Practice of Human Rights'

Wednesday April 19, 12:00-2:00 at SIM/Montaigne Centre (Achter Sint Pieter 200; free entrance)

This talk will introduce a new methodology for linking what anthropologists call the “practice of human rights” to human rights theory, implementation, and institutional development. Drawing on innovative moves within contemporary sociocultural anthropology, the talk will explore a “para-normative” approach to human rights that seeks to radically pluralize and horizontalize the production of knowledge about what human rights are and can be and the subsequent ethical commitments to the promotion of reconfigured human rights in a world marked by the rise of nationalism, cultural identitarianism, and the deepening of global inequality.

Lecture Thursday April 20:

Seminar for the Anthropology Group at Social Sciences

Thursday April 20 – 16:00 - Sjoerd Groenmangebouw, room C028 (Padualaan 14; free entrance)

Masterclass Friday April 21 for CCHR PhD researchers:

Friday April 21 - 10:00 -13:00h (for more information: J.A.Fraser@uu.nl)

Friday April 21, 2017: Jubilee Conference – Crossing borders: challenging linguistic and cultural diversity

A conference is to be held to mark the first 12.5 years of the Utrecht MA Programme in Intercultural Communication, and to look ahead to the next decade. This conference aims to facilitate and strengthen interdisciplinary research that underpins this Master's programme. The conference will be hosted by the Utrecht Institute of Linguistics (Uil-OTS) and the Institute for Cultural Inquiry (ICON) and will be held on Friday, 21st April 2017.

For more information, please visit [here](#).

Tuesday April 25, 2017: Doing Gender Lecture - Ashok Mathur: 'The Short, Happy Life of Harry Kumar: island hopping and gender swapping'



Ashok Mathur's cultural, critical, creative, and academic practice is wide ranging and investigates new models of artistic research and interdisciplinary collaboration, particularly those that pursue a social justice agenda. As a writer, cultural organizer, and interdisciplinary artist his work addresses the intersections of race, indigeneity, and creative and artistic research. In his novel *The Short, Happy Life of Harry Kumar*, he became fixated on the origins and interpretations of the *Ramayana*, particularly the kidnapping of Sita and sequestering her on the island of Lanka, and the highly constructed gender implications of duty and responsibility. He began to investigate the multiple global histories of islands as sites of incarceration, exile, and isolation, and what this meant for a contemporary reality of migration and citizenship.

As current Head of the Department of Creative Studies at the University of British Columbia, Professor Mathur works with critical race theory and radical/liberatory pedagogy to develop transformational and student-driven learning models.

Time: 16:00-17:30h

Location: Drift 25, room 0.02

Chair: Prof. Rosemarie Buikema

[Upcoming Doing Gender Lectures:](#)

Prof. Roderick Ferguson (University of Illinois, Chicago) & Dr. Rahul Rao (SOAS, University of London) - Thursday May 18, 2017 (11.00-12.30)

Prof. Lynne Huffer (Emory University, USA): Tuesday June 13, 2017 (15.30-17.00)

Please register at nog@uu.nl

19 & 20 May 2017: Symposium *Religion(s) and Cultural Production(s) of the Italian Diaspora(s)*

Matteo Brera and Monica Jansen (Italian Department at Utrecht University) organise a [two-day symposium](#) to explore how religious hierarchies, institutions and practices shaped the identity and the cultural production (language, literature, performance, social media) of past and present Italian diasporas.

Keynote speakers are Stefano Luconi (Università degli Studi di Firenze) and Loredana Polezzi (Cardiff University).

Friday June 2, 2017: NOG Research Day - '*Borders and Bridges. Cultural Translation and Travelling Theory*'



The Netherlands Research School of Gender Studies (NOG) will organize the annual National Research Day at Utrecht University this year. The theme is '*Borders and Bridges. Cultural Translation and Travelling Theory*'. The NOG Research Day is a dedicated platform for sharing the work of junior and senior researchers of Dutch universities in the fields of Gender, Race/Ethnicity, Sexuality and Diversity Studies. Faculty, Postdoctorate fellows, PhD candidates and Research Master students are cordially invited to present their work at this event. It's also possible to attend as an auditor.

Deadline: abstracts for papers (300 words maximum) can be sent to NOG@uu.nl until Thursday April 13, 2017.

For more information click [here](#).

Thursday June 8, 2017: Seminar *Transitional Justice, Social Justice, and Human Rights*

Together with CCHR, the Montaigne Centre for Judicial Administration and Conflict Resolution and SIM organizes a seminar on '*Transitional Justice, Social Justice, and Human Rights*'. For more information and the programme, please visit [here](#) or contact B.N.McGonigle@uu.nl

Monday June 12, 2017: Mediated Testimony Symposium

Hosted by Institute for Cultural Inquiry (ICON), Utrecht Forum for Memory Studies, and the Comparative Literature programme.



Testimony to lived experience plays a vital role in shaping the public conversation on many issues. This symposium will bring together leading scholars of life writing to discuss the role of mediation in the production, circulation and uses of testimony in contemporary debates regarding the treatment of people seeking asylum from war and those impacted by natural disasters. Questions considered in the symposium will include: how can we account for the role of different media forms (visual art, photographic journalism, print and online journalism, video) in the production of testimonial networks? To what extent must scholarship on testimony engage with debates regarding media, mediation and audiences in cognate fields? Is there evidence that specific media forms enhance the effects of testimony?

Confirmed speakers: Professor Gillian Whitlock (University of Queensland); Professor Leigh Gilmore (Distinguished Visiting Professor of Women's and Gender Studies at Wellesley College) and Associate Professor Rosanne Kennedy (Australian National University).

More information can be found [here](#).

Time: 13:00-17:30h

Location: Janskerkhof 15A, room 2.02

28 August - 1 September 2017, NOISE Summer School

'Reclaiming Critique in Times of Crisis: Feminist, Queer and Postcolonial Interventions'



This year, the 25th edition of NOISE will introduce you to diverse and debate-provoking scholarship on the relationship between critique and crisis at the intersections of feminist, queer and postcolonial studies, cultural studies, activism and the arts. The summer school is organized by the Netherlands Research School of Gender Studies and will be held at Utrecht University.

The status of critique today is undoubtedly in trouble. At the current socio-political conjuncture, one that is deeply characterised by multiple crises, the urgency, and paradoxically, redundancy of critique today has led to a widespread questioning of its political efficacy and theoretical appeal. Although the entanglement of both notions appear to be less prominent in feminist, queer and postcolonial traditions, both crisis and critique have resurfaced, sometimes in tandem with one another or as objects of enquiry, in many recent contributions within these fields. Recent debates over the inefficacy of critical theory to move beyond oppositional and reactionary rhetoric signal a condition of paralysis *qua* critique; one that is implicated in the development of post-critical paradigms in the (post)humanities today. Paradoxically, the two seemingly dominant critical paradigms in feminist, queer and postcolonial studies – critique as negation and critique as affirmation – have raised some urgent questions pertaining to the place of critique vis-à-vis structures of domination, oppression and exploitation (gendered, racial, political and economic) that permeate our contemporary societies. Is it possible to engage in feminist and queer theories that are critical of normativity without giving traction to

opposition and counter-strategies? Can we conceive of feminist decolonial and anti-colonial perspectives through/as affirmative critical practice?

More information can be found [here](#).

Friday September 8, 2017: CCHR Research Conference *Cultures, Citizenship and Human Rights: Taking Stock and Looking Ahead*



We will open the academic year by means of an international CCHR symposium. This international conference is comprised of renowned keynote speakers in the field of cultures, citizenship and human rights, and paper presentations of CCHR funded research by CCHR fellows and consortia. Hereby a selection of our

CCHR-affiliated researchers will present their ERC or National Research Council funded research projects among them Spinoza Laureat prof Birgit Meyer, Vici Laureat prof Barbara Oomen, ERC etc. The conference takes stock of the past three CCHR years and looks ahead into the future of these research themes at the crossroads of culture, citizenship and human rights. Consequently, we will look to the future prospects of the research focus area by setting out new thematic lines to be presented to the board of the University later that year. The keynote lectures both address a specific strand of CCHR's research programme and serve as an inspiration for setting the agenda of the next 5 years of CCHR research.

Keynote speakers:

Jacqueline Bhabha is Professor of the practice of health and human rights at the Harvard School of Public Health, director of research at Harvard's François-Xavier Bagnoud Center for Health and Human Rights, and the Jeremiah Smith, Jr. Lecturer at Harvard Law School. She'll address CCHR's research line Contesting Citizenship: '*Looking back, looking forward: Citizenship, Contestation and A New Compact for Child and Youth Mobility*'.

Nicholas Mirzoeff is Professor of Media, Culture and Communication, New York University. He'll be addressing CCHR's research line Mediating Citizenship.

Location: Academy Building, Utrecht University

To register, please email before August 25: cchr@uu.nl

11 – 13 October 2017, 'Religious Minorities' Self-Representations: Claims of Difference and Sameness in the Politics of Belonging'

During the last decades, there has been growing debate about religious and cultural diversity in modern Western nation states. The question of how people of different faiths and backgrounds can live together as a multiple "we" is considered by many to be one of the most urgent challenges to contemporary society. The multiple effects of ongoing globalization have provoked an increased emphasis on national identities and on "fundamental" (secular and liberal) values that are to be

shared by all citizens of a nation-state. Yet, what seems to be an upsurge of civic rather than ethnic nationalism turns out to entail a culturalization of citizenship. While members of the white and (post-)Christian majority are assumed to be loyal to the nation-state and to share these fundamental values naturally, other citizens have to demonstrate these virtues over and over again in order to be accepted as part of society. This is especially the case when religious difference is commonly associated with ethnic difference. Particularly Muslims are often construed as an Other to the Western Self. Islam is repeatedly presented as inherently incompatible with Western values. "Difference" is increasingly perceived as "deviance".

Keynote speakers:

Prof. Dr. Gökçe Yurdakul (Humboldt University of Berlin), Prof. Dr. Elisabeth Eide (Oslo and Akershus University College of Applied Sciences) and Prof. Dr. Evelien Gans (Netherlands Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies, NIOD)

The deadline for paper proposals is 1 May, 2017.

More information can be found [here](#).

CCHR Migration - Research Methodologies Working Group, Seminar 'Migrant Ethnographies and the Challenges of Mediating Research Practices'

Upcoming seminar on the topic of *Migrant Ethnographies and the Challenges of Mediating Research Practices*. The seminar is envisioned to take place in the beginning of the next academic year (September-October) and it would feature two or three keynotes from experts in the field.

In the press


Dr. Renée Steenbergen in *De Volkskrant* and the *NRC* - Interviews on the 'Day of Arts Philanthropy in Utrecht'

Before the 'Day of Arts Philanthropy' on Thursday January 19, 2017, Dr. Renée Steenbergen was interviewed by the national newspaper *De Volkskrant* and the *NRC* to speak about the upcoming event. The articles appeared in Dutch and can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

Prof. Rosemarie Buikema in the *Algemeen Dagblad* and *De Volkskrant*

Prof. Rosemarie Buikema (Gender Studies) explains in the *Algemeen Dagblad* why women should join peace negotiations. This article is in Dutch and can be viewed [here](#).

On October 31, 2016 Buikema published an article on women's emancipation in *De Volkskrant* with Renee Romkens and Sawitri Saharso. It can be viewed [here](#) (in Dutch).



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