

MA History: Colonial and Global History

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Focus of Colonial and Global History

Leiden mantra: Global Questions Local Sources!

Global circulation of people, goods and ideas during early-modern and modern times

Routes to Roots: combining a **global** approach and knowledge of globalizing societies, with a deep sensitivity for the **local, vernacular** context within which contacts take place.

Combining **broad transnational** processes such as empire-building, (de)colonization, modernization and globalization, with an in-depth engagement with **specific** regional societies. Focal points:

- The impact of the colonial relationship: in the **colonies** and at **home!**
- New **hardware** (from ships to cell phones) and their role in transforming spaces of disconnection (oceans, deserts) into zones of contact between societies

Literature Seminar

Intensive literature study

- Revolving around a theme, current debate, classic studies, etc.
- Weekly assignments
- Runs every semester; multiple options
- Final paper circa 3000 words

Examples:

- Globalization & Empire
- Circulation of People, Commodities and Ideas in the Indian Ocean World (1500-1800)
- Navigating History: New Perspectives on Maritime History



Globalization and Empire, dr. Fatah-Black and dr. Stolte

Research Seminar

Literature study *and*;

- Original source materials or published primary sources;
- Objective enhanced research, presentation, composition skills, and the ability to evaluate the findings of other researchers;
- Freedom of choice in topic, fully compose your own research;
- Multiple options every semester, both geographically and temporally

- Final paper: 7.500 words

Research Seminars: Examples

- Asian Events in Early Modern European Sources: Information Transfer and Genres in the Production of Knowledge
- The Business of Empire: Colonial and Imperial Entrepreneurship, 1415-1974
- Maritime Treasures. Diving into Maritime History and Archaeology
- Connecting Dreams: Europe in Africa, Africa in Europe
- The Decolonization War in Indonesia, 1945-1950
- Culture and Conquest: the Impact of the Mongols and their Descendants
- From Peacekeeping to Counter-insurgency: Military Operations in the Grey Zone between War and Peace

From Dawn to Sunset: The Rise and Fall of Iberian Empires, 1415-1999
Prof. dr. Catia Antunes and Edgar Pereira, PhD candidate



Optional Course

- Research seminar or literature seminar of the [Master History](#)
- Master courses from outside of the Master History programme (10 ec):
 - Leiden University
 - Area Studies
 - Other Dutch University
 - University abroad
- Internship

Internships

Specific for specialisation

Recurring internships:

1. Royal Dutch Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies (KITLV)
2. International Institute for Social History
3. National Archives of Indonesia, Jakarta
4. Ministry of Foreign Affairs (BuZa)
5. National Archives, The Hague (Archival Studies)
6. Maritime Museum Rotterdam (Maritime History)
7. Marine Wharves (Maritime History)

Recent thesis subjects

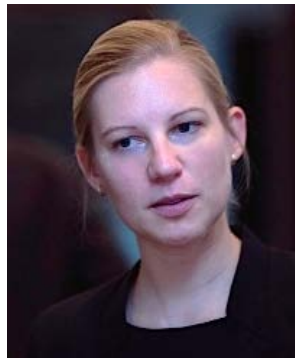
- The Making of Sino-Dutch Sugar Frontiers in Early Modern Asia: Connections and Comparisons, 1630-1730s
- European Mercenaries in the Armies of Post-Mughal Successor States, 1775-1849: A Case of Acculturation
- An Ignored supporting Actor in Drama of Imperialism: Dutch Imperialism and China (1919-1931)
- Up in the Air: Radio, Identity and Politics in the Dutch East Indies, 1927-1942
- A Third World Concept: The Asian Socialist Conference. Ideologies of Neutrality, Development, and Anti-Imperialism in the laboratory of the 1950s
- The Interacting Factors driving Change: Cape Verdean Organizations in Rotterdam
- Tentacles of Capitalism. Labour Mobilization in Indonesia's Sugar Industry, 1880s-1920s
- Depicting the Hajjah: Female Pilgrims from Dutch East Indies in the Late 19th Century
- Christianity, Conversion and Colonialism among the Eastern Algonquian of Southern New England, 1643 - c.1700

Staff expertise



Dr. Alicia Schrikker

- Asian history
- colonial history
- disasters
- Dutch East India Company
- global history



Dr. Carolien Stolte

- Global Intellectual History
- Decolonization and anti-imperialism
- Internationalism/regionalism
- India/South Asia



Dr. Thijs Brocades Zaalberg

- colonial warfare
- counter-insurgency
- intelligence
- military history
- peace operations
- security
- war studies



Dr. Anita van Dissel

- colonial history
- maritime history
- military history



Dr. Karwan Fatah-Black

- early modern history
- empire
- globalisation
- maritime history
- slavery
- smuggling

Staff expertise



**Prof. dr. Mirjam de
Bruijn**

- Africa
- modern media
- history and anthropology
- globalization
- nomads



**Prof. dr. Michiel van
Groesen**

- maritime history
- cartography
- WIC
- Brazil
- cultural history



**Prof. dr. Gert
Oostindie**

- Caribbean
- cultural heritage
- decolonization
- ethnicity
- Indonesia
- migration history
- slavery



**Prof. dr. Marieke
Bloembergen**

- heritage studies
- postcolonial studies
- Indonesia



**Prof. dr. Jos
Gommans**

- colonial history
- global history
- history of empires
- south Asian history

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Jos Gommans →

Michiel van Groesen →
Lennart Bes
Suze Zijlstra

Karwan Fatah Black →

Alicia Schrikker

Stefano Belluci Mirjam de Bruijn
Thijs Brocades Zaalberg
Anita van Dissel

← Carolien Stolte

Bart Luttkhuis

← Gert Oostindie

International atmosphere

Students from:

- Indonesia
- China
- India
- Taiwan
- Sri Lanka
- Singapore
- Iran
- Pakistan



Research Master Colonial and Global History

Extra's:

- Historical Theory
- Research Proposals
- Tutorial
- External Course Research School
- Thesis 30 ec

Apply Now!

Have you made your decision yet?

- Start your application for the [MA Colonial and Global History](#)
- Start your application for the [Research MA Colonial and Global History](#)

Questions?

For questions about MA or Research MA Colonial and Global History, please get in touch with our Coordinator of Studies Esther Buizer: mahistory@hum.leidenuniv.nl

Thank you!



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