

# MA History: Politics, Culture, and National Identities, 1789 to the Present

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# Focus of Politics, Culture and National Identities

Domestic history in Europe and USA in the 19th and 20th centuries

- Politics

- Focus on political culture: Political behaviour in parliament, populism, terrorism
- Social, cultural, intellectual embeddedness of politics: rise of new moral ideas, memory of Holocaust or Paris Commune

- Culture

- Interaction of culture, collective identities and politics

- National Identity

- Nationalism and construction of national identities

- Approach

- Comparative history
- Transfer

# Programme

## MA

Sem. I Sept.-Jan. (30 ECTS)	Week 1-8	Thesis Seminar	Research Seminar I (10 ECTS)  within specialisation	Research Seminar II (10 ECTS)  within department	Literature Seminar (10 ECTS)
	Week 9-15				
Sem. II Febr.-Aug. (30 ECTS)	Week 1-15		Thesis and Exam (20 ECTS)		Optional Course (10 ECTS)

# Programme

## Research MA

Sem. I Sept.-Jan. (30 ECTS)	Week 1-15	<b>Historical Theory</b> (10 ECTS) <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Research seminar</b> (10 ECTS)	<b>Literature Seminar</b> (10 ECTS)
Sem. II Feb.-Aug. (30 ECTS)	Week 1-15	<b>Research Proposals</b> (10 ECTS) <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Course(s) Research Schools</b> (10 ECTS)	<b>Tutorial</b> (10 ECTS)
Sem. III Sept.-Jan. (30 ECTS)	Week 1-15	<b>Optional Course</b> (MA Courses at a university abroad – 20 ECTS)		<b>Research seminar</b> (at university abroad - 10 ECTS)
Sem. IV Feb.-Aug. (30 ECTS)	Week 1-15	<b>Thesis and Exam (30 ECTS)</b>		

# Literature Seminar (10 ECTS)

Intensive Literature Study:

- Comparison & Transfer → overcome isolated national histories
- Politics, Culture, & National Identities
  
- Weekly assignments
- Final paper circa 3000 words

# Two Research Seminars (2 x 10 ECTS)

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, compose fully your own research;
- Final paper: 7.500 words.

# Research Seminars

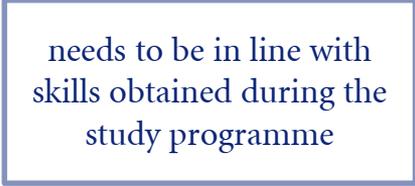
- Protest: A Transnational Perspective
- Neoliberalism in Global Perspective
- Social Movements, 1890-1960
- The Netherlands and the Cold War
- Urban Politics, Society and Culture in the Long 20th Century
- History of Human Rights
- Fighting Epidemics Together: Health Policies Between the Local and the Global
- Scholarly Virtues and Vices: Writing the History of the Humanities (1850-2000)
- Redemption Songs: African-American Freedom Struggles From Slavery to the present
- Constructing National Cultures. Nationalization of the Cultural sphere during the long 19th Century
- The Russian Revolution Revisited
- Statesmen and Politicians. Professionalization, Activism and Perception, 1800 until the Present

# Optional Course second semester (10 EC)

- A third research seminar or another literature seminar of the master History
  
- Master courses from outside of the master History programme:
  - Leiden University
  - Other Dutch University
  - University abroad
  
- Internship

# Internship

- Netherlands or abroad (several scholarship possibilities)
- Students have to
  - find the internship themselves (at least 10 ECTS, ca. 280 hours)
  - have their own internship assignment within the internship organisation



needs to be in line with  
skills obtained during the  
study programme

Contact [Career Service](#) for advice on internships and work preparation

# Internships

1. ProDemos. House for Democracy and the Rule of Law
2. Council for Public Administration (Raad Openbaar Bestuur)
3. Province of Noord-Holland
4. Dutch Ministry of the Interior, Board of Democracy and Civil Affairs (Binnenlandse Zaken)
5. Dutch House of Representatives (Tweede Kamer)
6. Municipality of Amsterdam, Board and Organisation
7. Municipality of Leiden

# Thesis topics, some examples

- ‘A Global Movement’: International exchange between women’s suffrage organizations
- Jesuits in the polder: The Jesuit myth in Dutch political debates, 19th century
- Dolle Mina en de Verenigde Staten. Transfer van 'prikacties' (1968-1970)
- 'Laat dat voorbeeld u bezielen'. De Duitse invloed op het Nederlandse socialisme, 1878-1894
- Debates about the legitimacy of the Senate in the French Third republic (1870-1914) in a comparative perspective
- Picturing Deutschböhmen: German Nationalist Tourist Material in Late Habsburg Bohemia
- Madurodam, een museale route naar commercieel succes
- Amerikaanse taferelen op Nederlandse bodem? Hoe Angelsaksische muziekfestivals en de counterculture voet kregen op Nederlandse bodem tussen 1965-1970.
- The Russian Revolution seen from a Turkish perspective
- Salon politics. The political role of Parisian salons and salonnières in the first years of the French Revolution, 1789-1793

# Staff expertise I



**Prof. dr. Henk te Velde**

- political culture
- political eloquence and debate
- political history
- political legitimacy
- parliamentary cultures
- Dutch history
- national identity



**Dr. Bart van der Boom**

- modern Dutch history
- political history
- political legitimacy
- second world war



**Dr. Dennis Bos**

- political culture
- political legitimacy
- political violence
- socialist labour movement



**Dr. Patrick Dassen**

- European history
- history of Germany
- intellectual history
- political legitimacy



**Prof. dr. Monika Baar**

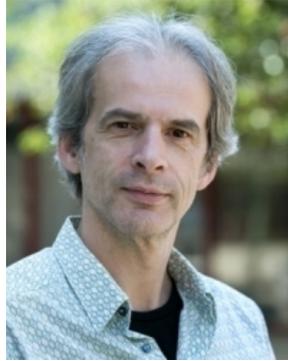
- central and eastern Europe
- cold war
- cultural history
- disability history
- global health
- historiography
- human rights
- human-animal-machine nexus
- political thought
- vulnerability

# Staff expertise II



**Dr. Eduard van de Bilt**

- African-American history
- American history
- political legitimacy
- political theory



**Dr. Joost Augusteijn**

- history of Irish republicanism
- modern British history
- modern Irish history
- political legitimacy
- political violence



**Prof. dr. Bernhard Rieger**

- Europe after 1945
- History of Technology
- Globalization
- German, British and American history



**Prof. dr. Ben Schoenmaker**

- Military history
- Armed forces & society
- Dutch Army
- International military operations



**Dr. Henk Kern**

- modern history
- political history
- political legitimacy
- Russian history

# Staff expertise III



**Dr. Adriaan van Veldhuizen**

- philosophy of history
- Dutch political culture
- Early socialist movement
- Intellectual history



**Dr. Eric Storm**

- European cultural history
- modern French and Spanish history
- nation building
- nationalism
- political legitimacy
- regionalism
- tourism



**Dr. Bart van der Steen**

- labour history
- political history
- social movements
- history of squatting



**Prof. dr. Herman Paul**

- historical theory
- historiography
- history of religion
- intellectual history
- philosophy of history
- political legitimacy



**Dr. Maartje Janse**

- Cultural history
- Dutch, British and American history
- political culture
- political legitimacy history
- social movement history
- History

# Application Deadlines

Dutch BA diploma and living in the Netherlands?

Yes		No	
Start in February	Start in September	Start in February	Start in September
↓	↓	↓	↓
1 December	15 June	15 October	1 April



# Apply Now!

**Have you made your decision yet?**

- Start your application for the [MA Politics, Culture and National Identities](#)
- Start your application for the [Research MA Politics, Culture and National Identities](#)

**Questions?**

For questions, please get in touch with our Coordinator of Studies Esther Buizer:  
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