

# Experience Day South and Southeast Asian Studies 29 March 2019



Universiteit  
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## **Tutorial:**

**Titel:** Learning to Eat, Pray and Love in Hindi

**Teacher:** Abhishek Avtans

## **Bio teacher:**

Abhishek Avtans is a Lecturer of Hindi language & literature at Leiden University. A linguist by training, Abhishek specializes in second language acquisition, language pedagogy, cognitive-linguistics, lexicography, and Hindi-Urdu Literature. He has worked on various varieties of Hindi such as Bhojpuri, Braj Bhasha, Rajasthani, Awadhi etc. along with an endangered language named Great Andamanese. He continues to learn and speak several Indian and world languages including Bengali, Punjabi, Marathi, Gujarati, English, Japanese, Mongolian and Dutch.

## **Abstract:**

In this taster session, you will experience how we teach Hindi language and culture at Leiden University. You will learn to greet, say what you want, to express your liking or disliking in a restaurant, and to have fun. The tutorial will involve role plays, playing interactive games, and music.

## **Lecture:**

**Title:** Time and the future in Southeast Asia

**Lecturer:** David Henley

## **Bio lecturer:**

Professor of Contemporary Indonesia Studies

David Henley teaches a wide range of courses on the history and politics of Southeast Asia. He has published on comparative economic development trajectories in Southeast Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa, on nationalism and regionalism in Indonesia and Indochina, on the environmental, demographic and agricultural history of Indonesia, on colonial expansion, on political institutions and ideology, and on development finance.

## **Abstract:**

This lecture explores how attitudes to time and the future in Southeast Asia have changed over the last century, from cyclic and millenarian expectations to ideas of progress and development, and from augury, prophecy and prayer to planning, programmatic politics, and insurance. How does this process of what appears to be rapid cultural modernization relate to the current intensification of religious piety in Indonesia and Malaysia?