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Pursuing the Rooseveltian Century

Racial Democracy
Challenges to Civic Democratic Ideals
in American History

7 - 8 May 2020

Program

Thursday, 7 May 2020

10:15-10:45 **Registration & Coffee/Tea**

10:45-11:00 **Welcome** by Damian Pargas (RIAS/Leiden University)

11:00-12:00 **Keynote**
Gary Gerstle (University of Cambridge)
"Race and Spaces of Exception in American History"

12:00-13:15 **Lunch**

13:15-14:45 **Session 1**
Chair: tba

- Adam Smith (Rothermere American Institute/University of Oxford)
"Northern Responses to the Dred Scott Decision"
- Andrew K. Diemer (Towson University)
"The Politics of the Disfranchised: Black Abolitionists and the Fugitive Slave Law of 1850"
- Viola Müller (European University Institute)
"Illegal but Tolerated: The Spectrum of Black Freedom in Antebellum Southern Cities"

14:45-15:15 **Coffee/Tea Break**

15:15-16:45 **Session 2**
Chair: tba

- Adam Fairclough (Leiden University)
"Reconstruction, Race, and the Trajectory of American Democracy"
- Melissa Milewski (University of Sussex)
"I Shaping Democracy through Jim Crow Courts: African Americans' Civil Cases in the US South"
- Laura Visser-Maessen (Radboud University Nijmegen),
"The Foundation Necessary to Sustain our Democracy': Democratic Education, Civil Rights Memory, and the Algebra Project"

16:45-18:00 **Reception**

Friday, 8 May 2020

09:45-10:15 **Registration & Coffee/Tea**

10:15-11:45 **Session 2**
Chair: tba

- Maarten Zwiers (University of Groningen),
“Planter Politics: Bossism in the Jim Crow South and the Caribbean”
- Caroline Rolland-Diamond (Paris Nanterre University),
“The African-American Struggle for Justice, 1960s-1970s”
- Markha Valenta (University College Utrecht),
“Doing Democracy to Death: The Non-Citizen’s Body”

11:45-12:15 **Coffee/Tea Break**

12:15-13:00 **Concluding Lecture**
Peter Rose (IRISS, Stanford University)
“The Return of the *Herrenvolk*: Race and Politics in the Age of Trump”

13:00-14:30 **Lunch**



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