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# NASA Amerikanistendag 2023

Thursday, 22 June 2023

Radboud University Nijmegen

**10.30-11:00 Registration with coffee/tea**

**11:00-11:30 Welcome / EOS 01.150**

Frank Mehring, Prof. American Studies at Radboud

Markha Valenta, NASA President

Christine Mertens, Editor of *Netherlands American Studies Review*

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**11:30-12:30 Opening Lecture / EOS 01.150**

**Transatlantic Relations after 24/2**

Anna van Zoest (Atlantic Council) and Tanja Röling (Deputy Director of Management Western Hemisphere)

Moderated by Albertine Bloemendal and Jaap Verheul (Radboud University)

**12:30-13:45 Lunch at Radboud Refter**

*\*NB: Lunch is not provided but the Radboud Refter Cafeteria has excellent food in the immediate vicinity!*

**NASA member General Assembly Meeting (AGM)** - for NASA paying members only, students included.

**13:45-14:45 Student Presentations**

**Panel 1: Political Collectives and Solidarities**

Chair: Laura De Vos (Radboud University) **EOS 01.610**

Kai Hopen (University of Groningen): “‘Shall I stop him?’: Literary Liberalism and Political Collectives in the *Crying of Lot 49* and Percival Everett’s *The Trees* (2021)”.

Sarah Lallemand (University of Antwerp): *Ida and Rufus at the Crossroads: An Analysis of Intersectionality in James Baldwin's Another Country*.

Thomas van Gaalen (Radboud University): "Friends of the Docks': Transatlantic Solidarities in the Curaçaoan Radical Movement, 1900-1940".

### **Panel 2: Authenticity, Violence, and Protest in the Transatlantic Sphere**

Chair: Melanie van der Elsen (Radboud University) **EOS 01.770**

Flynn ter Steege (Radboud University): "Friend of a Friend: The Authenticity Paradox in Representations of Kurt Cobain".

Kristi Dehan-Schmidt (University of Groningen): "Dangerous Snowflakes? Realities of the (Post) Pandemic Campus; Protesting Students; and Challenging the Ivory Tower".

Sjors van den Besselaar (Radboud University): "Do You Like Hurting Other People?' Critiquing American Violence in Hyperviolent Video Games".

### **Panel 3: Remapping the Politics and Culture of the Cold War**

Chair: Albertine Bloemendal (Radboud University) **EOS 01.780**

Konstantinos Machias (Leiden University): "Breaking away from NATO: The US-Greek relationship in the summer of 1974".

Pip van der Zanden (University of Groningen): "Decoding 'The Iron Curtain': The Role of Newspapers in Decoding American Propaganda in the United States and the Netherlands".

Maud Rijks (Leiden University): "'Young Ambassadors': US Military Children in the Cold War MENA Region".

**14:45-15:00 Break**

**15:00-16:00 Student Presentations**

### **Panel 4: Identity, Race and Resistance**

Chair: Michael Boyden (Radboud University) EOS 01.770

Kirsten Soer (Leiden University): "Disenfranchised after all? How the Vietnam War undermined the 'model minority' narrative#".

Mirjam Piepot (Radboud University): “Black Girl Resistance through the Ages”.

Nicolas Turner (Leiden University): “Constructing identity in post-war America: Race, multiculturalism, and the ‘desire for Jewishness’ in Philip Roth”.

### **Panel 5: Representation and Subjectivity in American Culture**

Chair: Mathilde Roza (Radboud University) **EOS 01.780**

Jan Bant and Marije van Lankveld (Radboud University): “Whose favorite pastime? Baseball and representation in the Kingdom of the Netherlands”.

Hanne Nijtmans (University of Groningen): “‘The Story is Bigger Than Me’: Journalism, Accountability, and Female Paranoid Subjectivity in *Limetown* (2015-2018)”.

Fleur Renkema (University of Groningen): “The system can still work sometimes when good people are involved:” The influence of the Black Lives Matter movement on representations of the US police in *Brooklyn Nine-Nine*.

**16:00-16:15 Break / Coffee**

**16:15-16:30 Theodore Roosevelt American History Award (TRAHA) 2023 / EOS 01.150**

Presented by **Addi Schroeder**, Counselor for Public Diplomacy, US Embassy The Hague.

**16:30-16:40** Presentation of the **John Adam Institute's Young Mind Program**

**16:45-17:15 Mariia Kravchenko** (National University of Kyiv) **EOS 01.150**  
**American Studies in Wartime: Stories from Ukraine**

Moderated by Jorrit van den Berk (Radboud University)

**17:30-19:00 Reception**

@ Grand Café Iris (Maria Montessori Building on RU campus)

**17:45 Radboud AS student trip to New Orleans: highlights of sights and sounds presented by students and staff Melanie van der Elsen, Ninge Engelen, and Peter van der Heiden.**

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