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and Vanzetti!

**Democracy in Action:
Radical Cultures, Protest Movements &
Resistance in the Americas**

2024 NASA Annual Conference
October 31-November 1, Utrecht

Unless otherwise indicated, all elements of the conference will take place at Utrecht University, in the city center. This can be easily reached by walking from Utrecht Central Station. (Bus transport is also available)

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Thursday, October 31

Welcome & Registration	11:30-12:00
Introductory Remarks: Markha Valenta	12:00-12:15
Keynote: Nicholas Grant	12:15-13:15
<i>Lunch</i>	<i>13:15-14:15</i>
Panel 1 & 2	14:15-15:45
Panel 3 & 4	16.00-17.30
<i>Presenters' Dinner</i>	<i>19.00</i>

Friday, November 1

Panel 5 & 6	9:00-10:30
Coffee	10:30-11:00
Panel 7 & 8 & 9	11:00-12:30
NASA Roundtable & Lunch	12:45-14:15

To attend the conference, please register by [clicking here](#) or scanning the QR code below by Monday, October 28.



Registration is required for everyone, including speakers.

Thursday, October 31

11:30-12:00 – Welcome & Registration (Drift 25, rm. 102)

12:00-12:15 – Opening Remarks (Drift 25, rm. 102)

12:15-13:15 – Keynote Presentation by Nicholas Grant (University of East Anglia)

The Best Kind of American: Race, Nation and Black Internationalism

Chair, Debby Esmeé de Vlugt



Dr. Nicholas Grant is a scholar of race and internationalism specialized in the history and politics of social movements in the United States and South Africa. His research examines how social movements for racial justice have challenged state power across national borders, engaging with the politics of the African diaspora, Black internationalism and decolonization. His first monograph, *Winning Our Freedoms Together: African Americans and Apartheid, 1945-1960* (2017), traces the development of anti-apartheid activism between the United States and South Africa. A current project examines the NAACP's

Task Force Africa and African American engagements with decolonization and human rights in the 1970s.

Nicholas Grant's work has appeared in the *Radical History Review*, *Modern American History*, the *Journal of American Studies*, *Safundi* and *Palimpsest: A Journal of Women, Gender and the Black International*.

A former member of the Executive Committee of the British Association of American Studies, Nicholas Grant is currently co-editor of the open-access *Radical Americas* journal, as well as a Board Member of the Anti-Apartheid Archives Committee and of the Project Advisory Group, Anti-Apartheid Legacy: Centre of Memory and Learning.

13:15-14:15 – Break (Lunch will not be provided)

14:15-15:45

Panel 1. Citizenship Activism [Drift 25, rm. 003]

Chair, Markha Valenta

Anne M. Martínez (University of Groningen), *Churching Democracy: Decolonizing Practices of Catholicism in the United States*

Oran Patrick Kennedy (Roosevelt Institute of American Studies), *Black Citizenship and Resistance to Racial Exclusion Laws in Antebellum Ohio*

Markha Valenta (Utrecht University), *The Life and Death of Aysenur Ezgi Eygi*

Panel 2. Conservative Activism [Drift 25, rm. 301]

Chair, Gaetano Di Tommaso

Mark van de Logt (Texas A&M University at Qatar), *Canceling a Campus: Radical Conservatism, Texas A&M University at Qatar, and the Ideological Struggle for Control over Higher Education in Texas*

Emma C. Riquet (Leiden University), *Why Do They Care?: The Heritage Americans and the Alt-right in the Confederate Symbols Debate*

Spencer Morrison (University of Groningen), *Anti-Globalization from Left to Right: Sunil Yapa's Battle in Seattle*

16:00-17:30

Panel 3. Democratic Institutions in the Americas and Beyond: [Drift 25, rm. 301]

Chair, Tim Jelfs

Mariia Kravchenko (Fulbright Ukraine & IIE Kyiv Office), *Democracy and Response to War in the Past and Present*

Daniel Campos Anaya (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México), *"In Cheating We Trust": A Brief Story on How Mexico's Dependence on Electoral Malpractice Has Turned into a Real Threat to Its Democracy (1988-2021)* [online]

Roxgeilys Orummila Achique Méndez (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México), *The Rising of the Authoritarianism in Venezuela through Institutional Weakness in the Constitution of 1999: A Case-Study* [online]

Panel 4. Trump and the Transformation of U.S. Democracy [Drift 25, rm. 103]

Chair, Oran Kennedy

Emma Long (University of East-Anglia), *Trump's Legacy: The Supreme Court and the Impact of Trump's First Term*

Jelte Olthof (University of Groningen), *A Concession in Name Only: Trump's Transformation of the Concession Speech Genre*

Lotte Telnekes (University of Groningen), *Stop the Steal: The Metaphorical Construction of Disinformation and Conspiracy Theories in Donald Trump's Tweets Before and During the Capitol Riots*

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9:00-10:30

Panel 5. Democratic Practices and Processes in Literature and Music [Janskerkhof 2-3, rm 115]

Chair, Markha Valenta

Katy Hull (University of Amsterdam), *Editing Emotions: Forging Participatory Democracy through Angela Davis's Autobiography*

Frank Mehring (Radboud University Nijmegen), *Sonic State Fantasies: Popular Music between Propaganda and Democratic Dissent*

Panel 6. Transnational Movements, Connections, and Reflections [Janskerkhof 2-3, rm 110]

Chair, Anne Martinez

Kirsten Soer (Leiden University), *(Mis)interpreting 'Third World People': American Perspectives on the Okinawan Anti-Base Movement (1965-1972)*

Fleur Renkema (Utrecht University), *Multidimensional Radicalism: A Transnational Comparison between the Gay and Lesbian Left in the US and the Netherlands*

Dario Fazzi (Roosevelt Institute for American Studies/Leiden University), *Water Justice in US History: The More-Than-American Struggle for Water Rights*

10:30-11:00 – Coffee

11:00-12:30

Panel 7. Progressive Politics and the Left [Janskerkhof 2-3, rm 110]

Chair, Katy Hull

Tim Jelfs (University of Groningen), *Eurosocialism, USA? European Social Democracy and the DSA in the 1980s*

Salim Kerboua (Mohamed Khider University of Biskra), *Youth-Led Progressive Movements in the United States: Resilient Radicalism as a Catalyst for Political Transformation?*

Maria Wiegel (University of Cologne), *“Multinational. Globalization. Capitalism”:* *Minding the Generation Gap in Nathan Hill’s The Nix (2016)*

Panel 8. Making and Remaking the America Nation [Janskerkhof 2-3, rm 115]

Chair, Frank Mehring

Jeanine Quené (Roosevelt Institute for American Studies), *In Her Best Interest: Conservative Women’s Activism against Second-Wave Feminism*

Carla Abella Rodríguez (University of Salamanca), *Tracing Ecomemories: Farming and Land Ownership in Natalie Baszile’s Queen Sugar* [online]

Megan King (University of Kent), *Patriot Fundamentalism Considered as a Nonviolent Political Ideology in Pre-Revolutionary Boston*

Panel 9. Trump, Carnival and Play [Janskerkhof 2-3, rm 111]

Chair, Dario Fazzi

Elizaveta Gaufman (University of Groningen) & **Bharath Ganesh** (University of Amsterdam), *The Trump Carnival – Populism, Transgression, and the Far Right*

Sara Polak (Leiden University), *How Trump “Plays” at Politics: Seven Types of Ambiguity and Seven Logics of Play*

Beer Prakken (University of Groningen), *Absorption: The Dark Play in Trump’s Rhetoric*

12:45-14:15

NASA Roundtable: American Studies and the Crisis of US Geopolitics [Drift 25, rm 102]

(Lunch will be offered to participants)

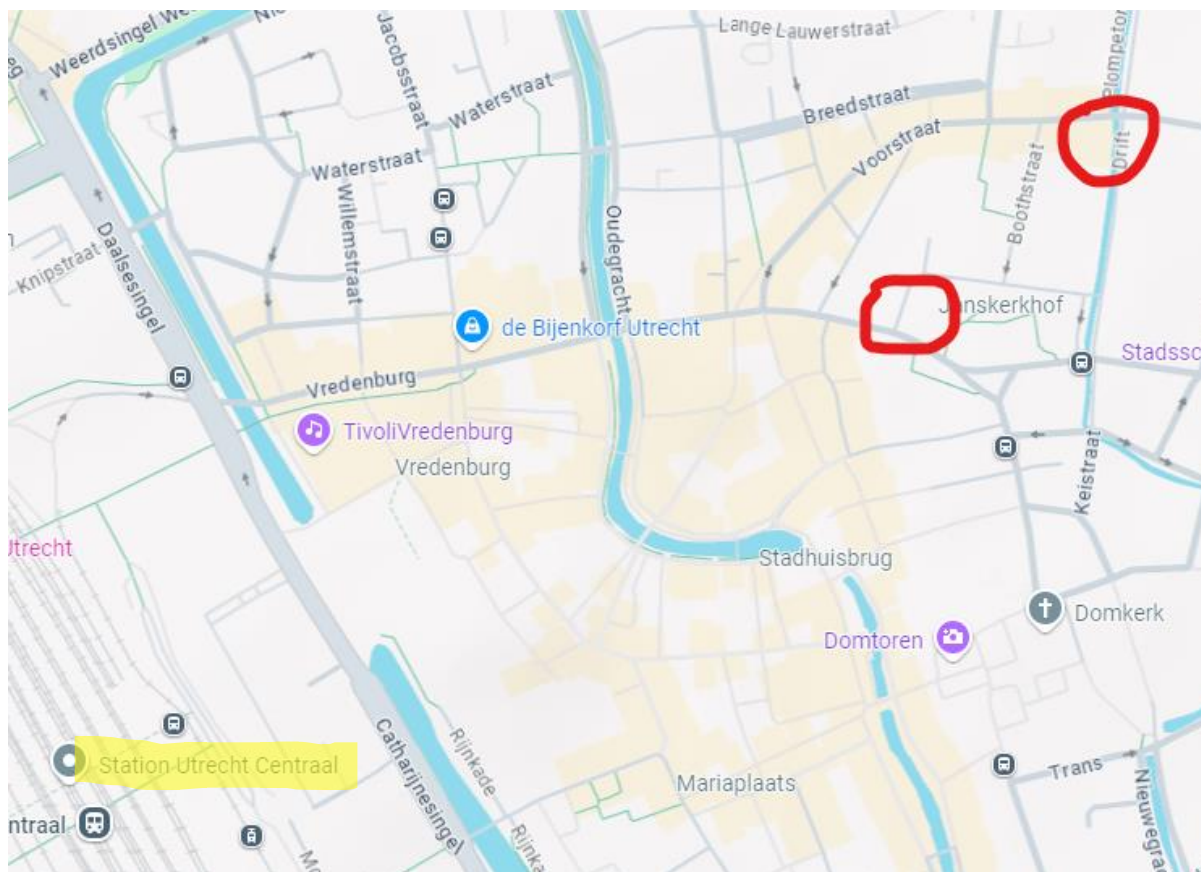
Chair, Markha Valenta

Manar Ellethy (Utrecht University) and **Andrew Gawthorpe** (Leiden University)

Conference Locations

The conference will take place in two different buildings located roughly one-and-a-half blocks apart, in the historic center of Utrecht. (Notice Utrecht Central Station in the bottom left corner)

- [Drift 25](#)
- [Janskerkhof 2-3](#)



Getting There

By Train

For international travelers: the easiest way to travel from Schiphol Airport to Utrecht Central Station is by train. There is a direct service every 15 minutes and the travel time is 32 minutes.

You can plan your trip here: www.ns.nl. On this website you can also find more information on departure and arrival times, platform numbers and national and international train connections.

Public Transport

For detailed public transport information and directions from any location, visit www.9292.nl.

Accommodations

There are diverse possibilities for accommodation in and around Utrecht. The conference venue is in the city center, roughly 10-15 minutes walk from Central Station.

[Stayokay Utrecht Centrum - Hostel](#)

The hostel is located on the edge of the Neude in the city-center.

[Utrecht City Hotels](#)

This collection of unique, small-scale hotels with their own concept and identity offers three different hotels all located in the city center:

- [Court Hotel](#)
- [Mother Goose](#)
- [Eye Hotel](#)

[Park Plaza Utrecht](#)

This is a large conference-type hotel, located directly behind Central Station

[NH Centre Utrecht](#)

This hotel is located very close to the conference venue. It is a little more expensive, but is convenient if distance is an important concern.

Further Information



Further accommodation possibilities and much information regarding the city can be found on the Utrecht City [hospitality site](#).