



The Atlantic World and the Dutch 1500-2000

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'The Atlantic World and the Dutch, 1500-2000' is a joint cooperation between the Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies (KITLV), the Netherlands Institute for Heritage (Erfgoed Nederland) and the Dutch National Archives (Nationaal Archief).

As of October 2008, AWAD will be hosted by the Netherlands Institute for Heritage.



AWAD: follow-up and new website

The future of AWAD has been secured for at least one more year thanks to the cooperation between *Erfgoed Nederland* (Netherlands Institute for Heritage), *KITLV* (Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies, <http://www.kitlv.nl>) and the *Nationaal Archief* (Dutch National Archives). These three institutions have signed an agreement and will jointly steer the project; they will be advised by a group of renowned scholars and experts (Advisory Committee). This commitment brings together expertise in the field of research, collection and coordination. The AWAD office is moving on 1 November 2008 from KITLV to Erfgoed Nederland, where Barbara Consolini will continue to coordinate the project (more details are to be found on the final page of this issue). The month of November will also see the launch of the renewed AWAD website, which will remain accessible through <http://awad.kitlv.nl>. The website has been restyled and offers a series of new tools, including a discussion forum and a WebPage for every partner country where new details can be reported on the local tangible and intangible cultural heritage ('partners' section). The 'calendar' section provides general up-to-date information regarding the shared history and heritage in the Atlantic sphere (conferences, lectures, papers, announcements, newsletter, etc.). Through this, we hope to facilitate communication and enhance the quality of the information available to everyone interested in the AWAD database and website.

To conclude the first stage of the AWAD project we are working on a final report that we wish to publish at the beginning of 2009.

Attention: the new AWAD website is available as of November 1st !

Main objectives:

The preservation, accessibility and study of the mutual cultural heritage formed over a period of 500 years between the Dutch and the people in the Atlantic region;

Creating an Atlantic network of institutions, experts and projects relating to this shared cultural heritage;

Developing joint projects and securing financial support.

A Brazilian Atlantic Day

On 13 June 2008 the fifth Atlantic Day took place at NiNsee (National Institute for Dutch Slavery and its Legacy, <http://www.ninsee.nl>) in Amsterdam, in cooperation with KITLV. The history and historiography of Brazil was the central theme of the three presentations held during this event. Bruno Miranda, PhD candidate at Leiden University, presented his study on the daily life of West India Company soldiers in Dutch Brazil. Following this, Lucia Werneck Xavier, researcher of the *Projeto Resgate*, gave a presentation on the third volume of the *Mauritiana* Series, published in April 2008 (read more about the book under 'Publications'). Finally, Herbert S. Klein, professor at Stanford University and an expert in the history of slavery, discussed the present state of affairs regarding the research on slavery in Brazil, focusing on theory, practice and production. The afternoon was concluded with an open discussion led by Victor Enthoven.

For more information, please visit our website, <http://awad.kitlv.nl>

Joint cooperation

The joint project by KITLV and ING (Institute of Netherlands History) titled 'the Dutch and the Culture in the Atlantic World, 1670-1870', is on schedule, <http://www.inghist.nl/Onderzoek/Projecten/NederlandersEnDeCultuurInHetAtlantischeGebied1670-1870/index.html.en>

Our colleague Han Jordaan will visit the national archives of Suriname and Guyana in November 2008 to investigate and make a selection of archives and records that should be included in the final research guide.

From 21 until 23 January 2009 the symposium 'Multiculturalism, Religion and Legal Status in the Dutch Colonial World, c. 1600-c. 1960' will be co-organized by ING and KITLV. For more information see Forthcoming events.

News from ...

THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES

Curaçao – In the process of dismantling the Netherlands Antilles the governments are handling the national archives with meticulous care. To complete this task an archive expert group was installed in October 2007. The proposal is to select within a time span of five years the federal and island archives in a specific processing area on each island. Cooperation with the Netherlands and Aruba is advised since these two countries were also partly responsible for the formation of the archives. The goal is to reduce the 40 km of unselected records to 4 km. However, the main concerns in the Antilles are: lack of adequate legislation, insufficient expertise and manpower, and inadequate facilities for the storage of records.

The new entities will start to form their own archives as soon as the Netherlands Antilles cease to exist. In principle all (federal and island) archives will remain or be returned to the islands where they originated, to be selected and stored in order to make them accessible to the public. Curaçao and St. Maarten are advised to establish their own National Archives. Bonaire and Saba will keep their archives on Curaçao, but might want to set up their own depositories. St. Eustatius has chosen to keep its archives on St. Maarten. The expert group has offered to help the new entities with setting up their archives, including a modern registration and information system. Proper attention needs to be given to digitalising and the accessibility of shared memory.

(Adapted from an *extract of the article of Suzanne Koelenga, 'Dismantling the Archives is a Complicated Process'; we thank M. Scriwanek for this information.*)

BRAZIL

Recife - At the end of October 2008 Mr. F. Timmermans, State Secretary, and Ms. M. Leemhuis, chief international cultural policy and cooperation, of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs visited Brazil and Suriname within the framework of mutual heritage cooperation. Our counterpart Marco Galindo was invited by the Dutch Embassy in Brazil to accompany this mission to Recife.

São Paulo – The University of São Paulo (USP) has recently launched the project *Brasiliana USP* aimed at improving the accessibility of two major archival and bibliographical collections: the Brazilian Library Mindlin and the library of the Institute of Brazilian Studies. The project will unify these collections both digitally, through an online database, and physically, with the construction of a new building inside the main campus of the University. Professor Pedro Puntoni, one of our Brazilian counterparts, has been nominated director of this project, <http://www.brasiliana.usp.br>

(We thank M. Galindo and P. Puntoni for the information.)

Curaçao
Arquivo Nacional (National Archives)



Short news

PAST EVENTS

Mutual Cultural Heritage Meeting, The Hague, 25-26 September.

The Dutch ministries of Foreign Affairs and of Education, Culture and Science organised a mutual cultural heritage meeting together with Erfgoed Nederland to present the new policy on international cultural heritage, [http://www.minocw.nl/documenten/brief_BZ_en_OCW_DEFINITIEF_MR_versie_4_september_2008_\(2\)ICB.pdf](http://www.minocw.nl/documenten/brief_BZ_en_OCW_DEFINITIEF_MR_versie_4_september_2008_(2)ICB.pdf)

to the priority countries (Brazil, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Russia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Suriname). Representatives of the governments of these countries were invited to meet their counterparts in the Netherlands and discuss initiatives and actions to be taken in the mutual heritage field. The goal of the meeting was to intensify cultural cooperation among those countries that share a common heritage with the Netherlands.

Brazil wishes to host the second meeting next year in Recife, State capital of Pernambuco,

<http://portal.iphan.gov.br/portal/montarDetalheConteudo.do?id=14090&sigla=Noticia&retorno=detalheNoticia>

Countries included in the priority list have a special bond with the Netherlands with respect to their cultural heritage.

Book launch and debate on Dutch colonialism, migration and cultural heritage, Utrecht, 31 October.

On 31 October 2008 at the Museum Maluku in Utrecht an afternoon debate on the theme 'rethinking colonialism' took place. At this event, the book *Dutch Colonialism, Migration and Cultural Heritage*, edited by Gert Oostindie, was launched. This publication is the culmination of a project investigating the relationship between migration in the Dutch colonial world and the formation of cultural heritage. It was financed by the Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science and can be considered a spin-off project of AWAD,

http://www.kitlv.nl/home/main_page?subpage_id=188

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Workshop Mutual Cultural Heritage Suriname - The Netherlands, Paramaribo, 14 November.

On Friday 14th November the Directorate Culture of Suriname, in cooperation with the Centre for International Heritage Activities (CIE), organizes a workshop on "Mutual Cultural Heritage Suriname – The Netherlands", in Paramaribo,

<http://www.heritage-activities.nl/content/eng/news/Uitnodiging%20Workshop.pdf>

Symposium 'Multiculturalism, Religion and Legal Status in the Dutch Colonial World, c. 1600 - c. 1960', The Hague/Leiden, 21-23 January 2009.

This symposium, organised by the Institute of Netherlands History and KITLV, intends to shed more light on the relationship between religious change and the development of unequal multicultural social constructs in Dutch colonial society. Geographically, attention will be focused on the Dutch colonies in Asia, particularly Indonesia, and in the Atlantic, particularly Suriname and the Netherlands Antilles., <http://www.inghist.nl/Nieuws/Actueel/en/20080604>

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In order to keep our website and database updated your cooperation is essential. Please report to us any corrections, changes/additional information, news about your institution, project and expertise. Suggestions for further issues of this newsletter are welcome too. Thank you.

PUBLICATIONS

Brazilië in de Nederlandse archieven/O Brasil em arquivos neerlandeses, 1624-1654, vol. 3 (Mauritiana Series, CNWS publications, Leiden 2008). This bilingual catalogue (Portuguese and Dutch) presents the inventories of some relevant repositories in The Hague: the inventories of the States General held at the National Archives and those pertaining to the Royal Family Archive regarding the history of Dutch Brazil. This book was made possible thanks to Projeto Resgate (<http://www.resgate.unb.br/index.html>), which seeks to rescue, preserve and make more accessible the archival heritage relating to the history of Brazil beyond the country's borders. Authors: M. Wiesebron (ed.), B.N. Teensma, S. Groenveld, R. Buve and L. Werneck Xavier, <http://www.nieuwsarchief.leidenuniv.nl/index.php3?m=&c=2232>

Paramaribo Monument Map. This map of the city of Paramaribo includes 229 listed monuments with locations, photos and relevant historical and technical information. Since 2002 the historic centre of Paramaribo is on the UNESCO World Heritage list, serving as a unique example of a gradual fusion between European architectural and construction techniques and indigenous South American materials and crafts. This publication was edited by Aimee de Back, <http://www.powerofculture.nl/en/node/1571>

Elmina. Building on the Past to Create a Better Future. This book, edited by E. van Steekelenburg, is published by the KIT (Royal Tropical Institute) in cooperation with Urban Solutions (Rotterdam, <http://www.urban-solutions.nl/>) and with support of the European Commission. It is devoted to the success of an interesting urban heritage project in Elmina, Ghana, and illustrates how the restoration of several Old Dutch forts in Elmina paved the way for a series of initiatives which stimulated the development of the region from both a social and an economic point of view. For further information on the progress of the Elmina project, see the newsletter published by Urban Solutions, <http://www.urban-solutions.nl/projects/africa/elminanewslettermay2006.pdf>

New West Indian Guide (KITLV). The latest issue is available at KITLV. Write to kitlvpress@kitlv.nl for further information. For contents, http://www.kitlv.nl/pdf_documents/NWIG_82_1-2.pdf



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