

Workshop “Rethinking Dutch Caribbean Studies”

October 26, 2018, 9.30-17.00hrs

KITLV, Room 138, Reuvensplaats 2, Leiden

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This KNAW-sponsored workshop seeks to explore new directions in Dutch Caribbean studies, focusing in particular on a new generation of PhD candidates and postdocs who are bringing critical, postcolonial approaches to Caribbeanist research in the Netherlands. How is the epistemological landscape of Caribbean studies changing as these new scholars reassess previous perspectives on the region, and mainly on Suriname, Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao, Saba, St. Eustatius and St. Maarten? What new geographies of theorizing emerge as scholars trained in the Caribbean, Latin America, the United States, and elsewhere in Europe pursue postgraduate studies and postdoctoral research at Dutch universities? Are new ecologies of knowledge emerging following recent constitutional changes within the Kingdom of the Netherlands, or new geopolitical orientations in Suriname? We seek to address these questions by discussing our work-in-progress during this one-day workshop.

Program

- 9.30 Introduction
- 9.45 **Joeri Arion** (KITLV), *Traveling Caribbean heritage: Nationhood, belonging and the politics of culture on Curaçao, Bonaire and Aruba*
- 10.15 **Guiselle Starink-Martha** (UvA), *Imagination and belonging in a globalized world*
- 11.00 Coffee break
- 11.15 **Olivía Gomes da Cunha** (UFRJ, Brazil), *Modern landscapes, sacred places: Transforming Moengo*
- 11.45 **Kasia Mika** (KITLV/UvA), *title tba*
- 12.15 Lunch (Leiden University Faculty Club, Rapenburg 73)
- 13.45 **Tracian Meikle** (UvA) *The political landscape of memorial murals in Kingston, Jamaica*
- 14.15 **Julian Isenia** (UvA), *On rhythm and same-sex couples dancing on heteronormative songs in the Dutch Caribbean*
- 14.45 **Rosemarijn Hoefte** (KITLV/UvA), *Cherchez la femme and other challenges in historical research on the Caribbean*
- 15.15 Coffee break
- 15.30 **Jetske Vaas** (UU), *“Objective support” for management of invasive species*
- 16.00 **Rivke Jaffe** (UvA), *More-than-human geographies of protection in Kingston, Jamaica*
- 16.30 Wrap-up session