

**AMSTERDAM April 22, 2010**

**Research Workshop**

***Heritage Education and the Atlantic Slave Trade***



**Center for Historical Culture (CHC) Erasmus University Rotterdam  
The Royal Tropical Institute (KIT)**

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In a series of workshops with experts we discuss several aspects of the research program, *Heritage Education, Plurality of Narratives and Shared Historical Knowledge*, subsidized by the Netherlands Organization for Scientific research (NWO). The Netherlands Heritage Institute is co-financier. Program leaders are prof.dr. Maria Grever (EUR) and prof.dr. Carla van Boxtel (EUR).

The NWO program examines how heritage education in a culturally heterogeneous and globalizing society can contribute to the construction of shared historical knowledge, while acknowledging different perspectives on the past. The program intends to investigate and reflect on the opportunities of heritage education with regard to disciplinary foundations, goals and approaches. On a practical level the aim is to develop a benchmark model for dynamic and professional heritage education and to stimulate its integration in the curriculum of primary and secondary Dutch schools. The program consists of three research projects: Dutch teachers' views (project 1 Stephan Klein); Dutch and English curriculum materials (project 2 Pieter de Bruijn); Dutch students' entrance narratives and classroom conversations (project 3 Geerte Savenije). The three projects and the intended synthesis focus on the same topics as contexts for analysis: *Christianization; Black slave trade; World War II*.

In this particular workshop we will focus on the topic 'Atlantic slave trade'. We start with a guided tour through the exhibition on Marrons. After the lunch we will continue with a paper by **Stephan Klein** on Dutch history teachers' views. **Ruth Fisher** presents a paper on the infrastructure in the UK concerning heritage education and her own experiences with Atlantic slavery heritage projects. **Alex van Stipriaan** will comment on both papers.

## Program

- 12.00-13.15 **prof.dr. Alex van Stipriaan** (EUR and curator KIT)  
Welcome and guided tour exhibition Marrons
- 13.15-14.00 Lunch
- 14.00 **prof.dr. Maria Grever** (EUR)  
Short introduction on the NWO program
- 14.05-15.05 **dr. Stephan Klein** (EUR Postdoc NWO Program Heritage Education)  
*The Atlantic Slave Trade: views from heritage educators and history teachers in the Netherlands*  
Comments and discussion
- BREAK
- 15.35-16.45 **Ruth Fisher** (Program Manager Learning Project Manager Understanding Slavery Project, London, UK)  
*Heritage Education, Transatlantic Slavery and Sensitive Histories in the UK*  
Comments and discussion
- 17.00 BREAK and Drinks
- 18.00 Dinner

## List of participants

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