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## Antiliberal Internationalism in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century: Beyond Left & Right? Conference Programme

January 11-13, 2023  
Amsterdam, The Netherlands



**Wednesday, January 11**

**Welcome (2:45pm CET)**  
Stefan Couperus (University of Groningen)

Introduction speaker: Matthijs Lok (University of Amsterdam)

**Keynote 1: Global Sources of Anti-Liberalism (3:00-4:00pm) (Doelenzaal)**

Glenda Sluga (European University Institute/University of Sydney)

**Coffee Break (4-4:30pm)**

**Panel 1: Anti-“Western” Internationalism (4:30-6pm) (Doelenzaal)**

Chair: Stefan Couperus (University of Groningen)

Arnab Dutta (University of Groningen): “Kalidas Nag, the Oriental League of Nations, and the Limits of Liberal and Anti-liberal Internationalisms in British Bengal, 1920s-40s”

Sungik Yang (Harvard University): “Skepticism of Western Liberalism in South Korea, 1945–1960” [online]

Tomohito Baji (University of Tokyo): “Ecological internationalism? Postcolonial and archipelagic visions of the Pacific”

Discussant: Sudha Rajagopalan (University of Amsterdam)

**Borrel / Drinks**

**Informal Dinner, Surinamese Chinese restaurant Kam Yin (7:30pm)**

Warmoesstraat 6  
1012 JD Amsterdam

**Thursday, January 12**

**Welcome (9:25am CET)**  
Robin de Bruin (University of Amsterdam)

**Panel 2: Religious Internationalism (9:30-11:00am) (Belle van Zuylenzaal)**

Chair: Rachel Johnston-White (University of Groningen)

Mriganka Mukhopadhyay (University of Amsterdam): “Occult Roots of Indian National Congress: Religious Nationalism and Alignment of Ideologies in India”

Katherine Booska (University of California, Berkeley): “Importing Theocracy: Thomas Molnar, Hungary, and American Catholic Traditionalism”

Avital Sicon (Hebrew University of Jerusalem): “Jewish Purity and Disgust: Israeli Anti-liberalism and its Transnational Inspiration”

Gulnaz Sibgatullina (University of Amsterdam/George Washington University): “‘White European Islam’: An Ideological Experiment”

Discussant: Chloe Kattar (Darwin College, Cambridge University)

**Coffee Break (11:00-11:30am)**

Introduction Masterclass: Rachel Johnston-White & Stefan Couperus (University of Groningen)

**Early Career Masterclass with Glenda Sluga (11.30am-1pm) (Belle van Zuylenzaal)**

**Lunch (1:00-2.30pm)**

Introduction speaker: Rachel Johnston-White (University of Groningen)

**Keynote 2: Contemporary “Illiberalism” (2:30-3:30pm)**

Marlene Laruelle (The George Washington University) [online in Doelenzaal]

**Coffee break (3:30-4pm)**

**Panel 3: Inter- and supranational Contestations of Liberal Values (4:00-5:30pm)**  
**(Belle van Zuylenzaal)**

Chair: Robin de Bruin (University of Amsterdam)

Hugo Canihac (Saint-Louis University, Brussels/Sciences Po): “The Anti-Liberal Origins of Supranational Law: Shaping the legal concept of ‘supranationality’ in France between the World Wars”

Jonathan Voges (Leibniz Universität Hannover): “Antiliberal Internationalists in the League of Nations? Gonzague de Reynold, Alfredo Rocco, and Hugo Andres Krüss in the International Committee of Intellectual Cooperation”

Iason Zarikos (Panteion University Athens) & Georgios Giannakopoulos (London School of Economics): “Anti-liberal internationalism and the European South during the Global Financial Crash”

Ivan Kalmar (University of Toronto): “Viktor Orbán’s Quest to Lead the West” [online]

Discussant: Theresa Kuhn (University of Amsterdam)

**Conference Dinner, Indonesian restaurant Indrapura (7:00pm)**

Rembrandtplein 40  
1017 CV Amsterdam

**Friday, January 13**

**Welcome (9:25am CET)**  
Marjet Brolsma (University of Amsterdam)

**Panel 4: Neo-traditionalism, Nationalism, and Internationalism (9:30-11:00am)**  
**(Belle van Zuylenzaal)**

Chair: Arnab Dutta (University of Groningen)

Memtimin Semet & Klaus Weber (Europa-Universität Viadrina): “Shaping anti-liberal modernity: Intellectual transfers between the Kaiserreich, the late Qing and the late Ottoman Empire, and three young Republics”

Brandon Bloch (University of Wisconsin-Madison): “Reclaiming Homelands: Pan-German Nationalism and International Refugee Law after World War II”

Chloe Kattar (Darwin College, Cambridge University): “‘Dhimmitude’, an international theoretical site for Islamophobic intellectuals”

Discussant: Matthijs Lok (University of Amsterdam)

**Coffee Break (11:00-11:30)**

Introduction speaker: Robin de Bruin (University of Amsterdam)

**Keynote 3: Authoritarian and fascist sources of anti-Liberalism (11:30-12:30pm)**

António Costa Pinto (University of Lisbon/ISCTE-IUL, Lisbon) (Doelenzaal)

**Lunch (12:30-2:00pm)**

**Panel 5: Fascist, Nazist and Colonial Echos in Internationalism (2-3:30pm)**  
**(Belle van Zuylenzaal)**

Chair: Marjet Brolsma (University of Amsterdam)

Katy Hull (University of Amsterdam): “The Symphony of Order: Fascist Corporatism in the United States”

Baijayanti Roy (Goethe University): “Nazi propaganda and ethno-religious nationalism: The “German Society” of Aligarh Muslim University” [online]

Siobhán Amelia Smith (European University Institute): “Anti-liberal internationalism, and the pariah state of Rhodesia”

Discussant: Daniel Knegt (University of Amsterdam)

**Coffee break (3:30-4:00pm)**

Introduction speaker: Stefan Couperus (University of Groningen)

**Keynote 4: Contemporary “traditionalists” and anti-liberalism (4:00-5:00pm)**

Benjamin Teitelbaum (University of Colorado, Boulder) [online in Doelenzaal]

**Close of conference**

Theresa Kuhn (University of Amsterdam)

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