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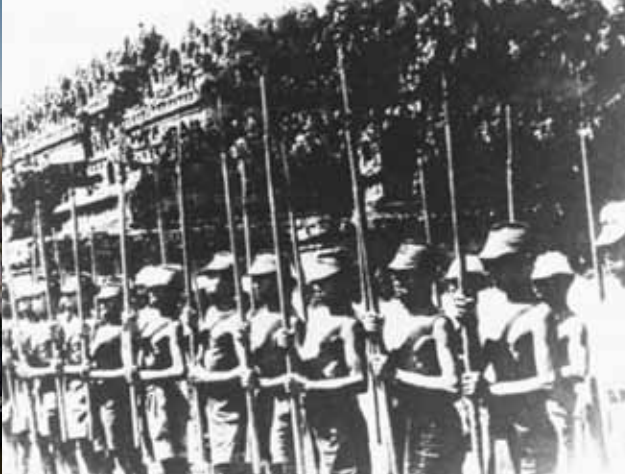
NIOD's mission statement focuses on the knowledge of war, genocide and mass violence, their roots and their aftermath, and disseminating this knowledge to society. Key to achieving this is conducting state-of-the-art interdisciplinary research, developing finding tools for the collections and setting high service standards.

NIOD is internationally recognised as one of the leading institutes in the field of war studies and its already established role as a great authority in this field was further strengthened in 2013. As part of an International Committee NIOD advised the International Tracing Service on how to make its archives accessible to the general public. Aegis Trust invited NIOD to give advice on how to set up and manage a war history archive in Kigali, Rwanda. NIOD researchers received a number of invitations from the international research community on mass violence in the 20th and 21st century to speak at international conferences and advise on various research projects.

In April, Puck Huitsing MA, MCM, former Director of the Unit for War Victims and Remembrance of WWII of the Dutch Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport, succeeded Dr Elly Touwen-Bouwsma as Director of Collections and Services. At the start of the year, Dr Nanci Adler succeeded Dr Wichert ten Have and became Manager Holocaust and Genocide Studies. Before joining NIOD, in 2003, Adler was lecturer and research fellow at the Department of East European Studies of the University of Amsterdam, at the University of California San Diego, and at San Diego State University.

Some NIOD partners and alliances

- CEGESOMA, Brussels
- Columbia University, New York City
- Duitsland Instituut, University of Amsterdam
- Erasmus University Rotterdam
- Euroclio (the European Association of History Educators)
- Herinneringscentrum Kamp Westerbork
- Humanities Institutes of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences
- Human Rights Watch
- Jewish Museum Prague
- Nationaal Monument Kamp Vught
- The Anne Frank House, Amsterdam
- The International Criminal Court, The Hague
- The International Tracing Service, Bad Arolsen
- The National Archives of the Netherlands, The Hague
- The National Committee for 4 and 5 May, Amsterdam
- The National Library of the Netherlands
- The Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences, Amsterdam
- The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington DC
- University of Amsterdam
- Utrecht University
- Yad Vashem, Jerusalem
- Aegis Trust, Newark, Nottinghamshire



Young Indonesian recruits stand before the Borobudur

Elly Touwen-Bouwsma

Research projects

Legacies of collaboration

The NWO-funded *Legacies of Collaboration* project, finalised in 2012, was concluded with three publications, two of which were presented in October 2013. The project received significant coverage in local and national Dutch media.

The first publication, *Van landverraders tot goede vaderlanders* by Dr Helen Grevers, focuses on the physical ostracism of collaborators. She compares the role of the internment camps, set up in the Netherlands and Belgium immediately after the war, to gain differentiated insight into daily life. Camp life had a big impact on the reintegration of internees into society. The second publication, *Doorn in het vleys* by Dr Ismee Tames, focuses on the 1950s and 1960s, a period in which former political delinquents and their families had to devise a reintegration strategy. It also looks at the role of government and social help organisations. The final publication, *Spreken over fout* by Dr Bram Enning, will be published in May 2014.

Sleeping Beauties, Hidden Forces

The project *'Sleeping Beauties, Hidden Forces - Archaeological sites and the dynamics of heritage formation in colonial and postcolonial Indonesia'* looks at today's meaning of notions of 'self' and 'other' in relation to archaeological sites. *Sleeping Beauties, Hidden Forces* is a cooperative project between NIOD and KITLV. The other cooperation partners are: the Department of History of VU University Amsterdam, the Department of History of Gadjah Mada University Yogyakarta, and the Department of Archaeology of Gadjah Mada University Yogyakarta.

This project is part of the VU-based research programme *Sites, Bodies and Stories - The dynamics of heritage formation in colonial and postcolonial Indonesia and the Netherlands*.

Four Centuries of Labour Camps

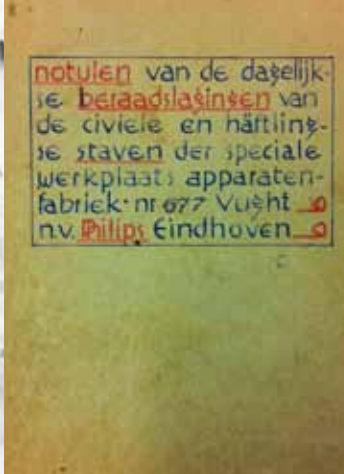
This project aims to write the first integrated, worldwide history of labour camps. It will reach beyond Nazi Lagers and Soviet Gulags to place labour camps in the context of the global history of oppression and exploitation in the early modern and modern world. Studies will be conducted in the context of specific sites within four settings: penal transportation to and within the Netherlands East Indies, early modern and modern prison workhouses in Hamburg, incarceration and internment in Italy and the Italian colonies, and Tsarist katorga camps and Soviet Gulags in Western Siberia. The project falls under the auspices of the International Institute of Social History (IIS) and NIOD. The four studies will be conducted between September 2013 and August 2018 by three postdocs and one PhD student.

The Netherlands Red Cross

This project looks at the role of the Board of the Netherlands Red Cross (NLRC) in The Hague, local Red Cross departments and individual Red Cross members during the Nazi occupation. On the one hand, they obeyed the Nazi regime, but on the other hand they continued their work as a humanitarian organisation. NLRC's aid during the Nazi occupation boosted its popularity after the war. However, Jewish Holocaust survivors and former members of the Resistance who had been interned in Nazi concentration camps were very critical of the NLRC. They claimed that the organisation had failed them by not sending food parcels to the camps and not providing assistance during their repatriation, while other National Red Cross Societies had found ways and means to provide aid.



A Japanese officer surrenders his sword to an Allied officer



Philips Kommando archives
- notebook



Kees Ribbens as forum leader at the N

Collections and Services

Symposium for Dr Elly Touwen-Bouwsma

In honour of the retirement of Dr Elly Touwen-Bouwsma, NIOD organised the Forum 'Oud Papier?! Papieren verleden - digitale geschiedenis'. Elly Touwen-Bouwsma ended the day with the farewell speech titled 'What did analogue collections bring to NIOD?'.

New in the collections:

the Philips-Kommando archive

In 2013, NIOD made 15.6 metres of archives accessible. An interesting addition was the Philips-Kommando archive, donated by Philips Company Archives (PCA). The Philips-Kommando was a group of prisoners in Kamp Vught whose situation significantly improved when they became employed within the camp. This also increased the survival chances of Jewish members of the group. The main reason why PCA transferred the archive to NIOD was to make it accessible to the general public and available for research.

Metamorfoze:

Netherlands East Indies Collection

Thanks to funding from Metamorfoze, the national programme for the preservation of paper heritage, in 2013 NIOD started its largest digitisation project: the digitisation of a large part of the Netherlands East Indies Collection. The 32 meters of this collection which will be digitised include documents related to the Japanese occupation, such as the remaining administration of Japanese internment and POW camps and personal records. The diversity and the multiplicity of perspectives make this collection a rich and unique resource for research into the history of the Dutch Eurasians during and after the Japanese occupation. The digitisation contributes to preserving a valuable collection and marks an important step in preserving the legacy of WWII.

Netwerk Oorlogsbronnen

The national WWII portal oorlogsbronnen.nl, coordinated by NIOD, provides access to WWII archives and collections of many Dutch archives and institutions. In 2013, five new collections were linked to the portal. At the end of 2013, oorlogsbronnen.nl offered access to 445 collections with more than 3.2 million resources. Netwerk Oorlogsbronnen also started cooperating with Oneindig Noord-Holland (ONH). Also in 2013, NOB highlighted several unique objects in oorlogsbronnen.nl on the online history magazine www.historiek.net.

EHRI

The European Holocaust Research Infrastructure (EHRI) is a 4-year EU-funded project coordinated by NIOD. EHRI supports the international Holocaust research community by building a portal that will give access to dispersed Holocaust-related sources. EHRI also encourages collaborative research: supporting a network of Holocaust researchers is as important as collecting and connecting data. To achieve this, 20 organisations from 13 countries, including research institutions, libraries, archives, museums and memorial sites, have joined forces.

In 2013, EHRI completed several activities: the online portal and research environment are in an advanced state of construction, a thesaurus was built, 12 EHRI fellows did research at five international research institutions, two EHRI Summer Schools were organised in Munich and Paris, an online course in Holocaust Studies was developed, EHRI co-organised the international conference 'Public History of the Holocaust' in Berlin, EHRI researchers published many articles, and several workshops and expert meetings took place.



OB network day



Ntarama identity card



Students of Holocaust and Genocide Studies

University teaching

Prof. Kees Ribbens at EUR

On 1 January 2013 prof. Kees Ribbens was appointed as Endowed Professor of Popular Historical Culture and War at the Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR) in cooperation with NIOD. The chair is part of the Center for Historical Culture (CHC) of the Erasmus School of History, Culture and Communication. Ribbens examines how the historical phenomenon of war and widespread violence is represented in popular culture and memory throughout the 20th and 21st century and how these representations are distributed and appropriated. He connects NIOD's knowledge of the role of WWII, the Holocaust and other genocidal violence in various societies with CHC's knowledge of historical culture.

University professors

Several senior NIOD researchers and directors are professors at universities in the Netherlands with the following chairs:

Professors:

- Johannes Houwink ten Cate: Holocaust and Genocide Studies, University of Amsterdam;
- Peter Romijn: History of the 20th Century, University of Amsterdam;
- Marjan Schwegman: Politics and Culture in the Extended 20th Century, Utrecht University.

Professors occupying an endowed chair:

- Evelien Gans: Modern Jewish History, University of Amsterdam;
- Kees Ribbens: Popular Historical Culture and War, Erasmus University Rotterdam.

Master Holocaust and Genocide Studies

NIOD staff members offer a one-year Holocaust and Genocide Studies Master's degree at the University of Amsterdam. In the academic year 2013-2014, 24 students from various countries enrolled in the MA.

Feasibility study: Genocide Archive Rwanda

Aegis Trust aims to create a single Genocide Archive of Rwanda (GAR) by consolidating the existing archives, held by various organisations, into one archive and building a documentation and archive centre at the Kigali Genocide Memorial (KGM). The purpose of this centre is to improve the physical and digital availability of these collections and facilitate research on the genocide against Tutsi in Rwanda. In the Summer of 2013 Aegis Trust asked NIOD to conduct a feasibility study to support the decision-making process for such a centre. NIOD's findings and recommendations will be presented in a final report, to be delivered in March 2014.

Feasibility study: Srebrenica Archive

The Srebrenica Archive is a conceptual idea to stimulate academic research into the war that followed after the breakup of Yugoslavia (1985-1995) and, in particular, research into the 1995 Srebrenica genocide, by offering the public a central portal with access to related public sources.

In the summer of 2013 NIOD started a feasibility study to look into the user requirements with regard to content and functionality, the legal (im)possibilities of information re-use and the development of a technical design for this portal. The feasibility study will be concluded in 2014.



Nanci Adler en Marjan Schwegman



Gulag symposium



René Lemarchand and

Outreach

Throughout the year NIOD organised many lectures, debates, film screenings, presentations and symposia for specific target groups. At the end of 2013 NIOD organised an academic symposium combined with a public event. The two-day conference *Legacies of the Gulag and the Memory of Stalinism* started with a sold-out public programme filled with the screening of *Children of the Gulag*, a keynote lecture by Arseny Roginsky and a panel discussion with Roginsky and the journalists Laura Starink and Arnout Brouwers. On the second day, the topic was academically addressed by experts from around the world during an international symposium.

Other events in 2013

- Symposium 'Rape. Sexual Violence in the Age of Genocide'
- Lecture series 'Helden en Schurken in WOII' (Heroes and Villains in WWII)
- Lecture series 'Zeithistorische Perspektieven' (Perspectives on Contemporary History, about Germany)
- First Lecture on Fascism by Nigel Copsey: Fascism...but with an open mind
- NIOD Now: 10 Years Darfur
- NIOD Annual Lecture by René Lemarchand: The Politics of Memory in the Great Lakes Region
- Annual National Month of History
- The First World War on Screen (in cooperation with IDFA and EYE Film Museum)
- NIOD Now: Framing Memory – National Perspectives on Remembering WWI

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NIOD online

In 2013, NIOD's various websites were visited 650,690 times, with most sites seeing an increase in the number of visitors. The number of visitors of, for example, oorlogsbronnen.nl doubled to 77,053. NIOD's main website, niod.nl, was completely redesigned in 2013 and now has a better search engine and more information about NIOD's research focus and collections. Ten famous NIOD publications have been digitised and made available via the website. NIOD was active on various social media platforms such as Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter to reach and engage with new audiences.

Holocaust Memorial Day

NIOD is coordinator of Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) in the Netherlands. Holocaust Memorial Day, 27 January, is a worldwide memorial day for the victims of the Holocaust and other genocides.

In cooperation with a number of organisations, NIOD organises activities for youths aged 15-25 to raise their awareness about past and current genocides and to promote the debate about the consequences of racial hatred, discrimination and anti-Semitism.

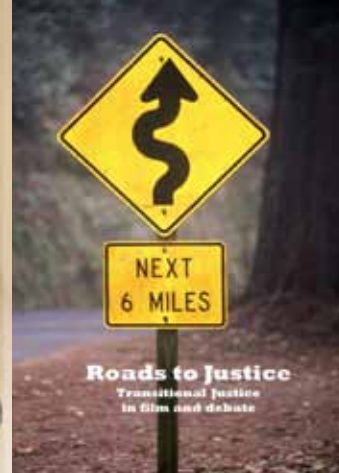
As coordinator of HMD, NIOD invested in a new website, promotional material and cooperated with schools across the country in different projects. Together with the Dutch Auschwitz Committee, NIOD organised the 2013 *Nooit Meer Auschwitz* Lezing (Auschwitz, Never Again Lecture) by Beate Klarsfeld.



Thijs Bouwknecht



Kees van Kooten



Roads to Justice

HIGHLIGHTS

Transitional Justice series

As part of the KNAW-funded Transitional Justice research project, NIOD organised Roads to Justice, a film, lecture, and debate series highlighting the various forms of Transitional Justice throughout the world. The series discussed four types of mechanisms of coming to terms with the past, starting with the hybrid tribunals in East Timor and Cambodia. This was followed by a topic in Europe: the recent urge of many Spaniards to talk about the atrocities of the civil war and Franco's dictatorship. The third, and relatively unknown topic, was the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in Canada which has been set up for the many residential schools victims. Aboriginal children were forcibly taken from their families and re-educated at these church-led schools. The 2013 series concluded by addressing Kenya's wish to prosecute the suspected instigators of the 2007 post-election violence at home instead of at the International Criminal Court.

The four episodes of the series can be viewed on NIOD's YouTube channel.

Prof. Peter Romijn at Columbia University

Prof. Peter Romijn, NIOD's Research Director, occupied the Queen Wilhelmina Chair in Dutch studies at Columbia University, New York, during the first half of 2013. Romijn taught a course on WWII and its aftermath, titled 'The Long War of the 1940s', using the Netherlands as an example. During his stay, Romijn also gave various public lectures and presentations to colleagues at Columbia University.

Kees van Kooten

In May 2013, author Kees van Kooten donated his father's war photo album to NIOD. The photographs will be added to NIOD's collection and made available for visitors of the reading room. His donation marked the official start of the national campaign 'Niet weggooien!' ('Don't throw it away!'). NIOD initiated this campaign, in cooperation with fifteen Dutch war and resistance museums and memorial centres, to try and prevent the loss of WWII material owned by individuals and organisations in the Netherlands and the Netherlands East Indies.

Research grant for Iwona Gusc

NIOD researcher Dr Iwona Gusc focuses on Polish migration to and from the Netherlands between 1914 and 1962. In 2013 Gusc received a € 9,000 grant for research in the field of Culture and Identity. Her proposal was one of three selected by the jury of a call organised by KNAW's Council for the Humanities (RGW). The scholarships are intended to prepare an NWO or European research application.



READING ROOM VISITORS 2013

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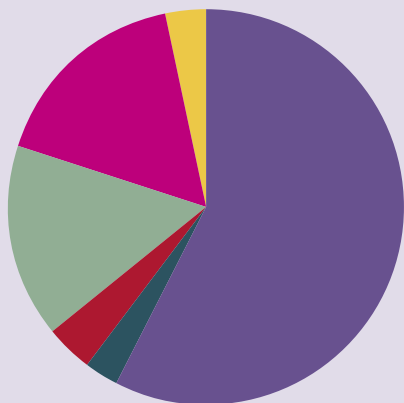
FACTS AND FIGURES

WEBSITE VISITS

• ALL WEBSITES MANAGED BY NIOD	650,568
• NIOD.NL	148,855
• BEELDBANKWO2.NL	60,940
• OORLOGSBRONNEN.NL	77,053

COLLECTIONS AND SERVICES

● LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS	718
● ACQUISITIONS FROM THE LIBRARY OF THE ROYAL TROPICAL INSTITUTE	1,200
● ARCHIVE ACQUISITIONS	434
● NUMBER OF (PERSONAL) WWII INFORMATION REQUESTS	4,074



FUNDING

● KNAW (LUMP SUM)	€ 2,913,800
● KNAW STRATEGIC FUND	€ 151,119
● NWO	€ 190,907
● MINISTRY OF HEALTH, WELFARE AND SPORT	€ 798,367
● OTHER FUNDING	€ 852,217
● OTHER INCOME	€ 160,212
TOTAL	€ 5,056,622