

# COLONIAL LEGACIES TODAY: INDONESIA AND THE NETHERLANDS

At IIRE, Lombokstraat 40, 1094 AL Amsterdam,

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## 10.00-10.30 Welcome / coffee & tea

With an introduction of the day and the aim of this gathering and future gatherings.

## A. 10:30-12:00 COLONIALISM AND ITS POLITICAL AND SOCIO- ECONOMIC LEGACIES

Screening of interview with **Francisca Pattipilohy**

**Francisca Pattipilohy** (93) is a living witness of both the Dutch, Japanese and Republican time. Together with Jeffry Pondaag (K.U.K.B.) she is the initiator of the open letter that was sent to the Dutch government in November 2017, which questioned the outline and approach of the Dutch research on violence in Indonesia (45-49). She will share her views regarding the long-term impact of colonialism on Indonesia and the Netherlands.

- **Michael van Zeijl**

**Michael van Zeijl** is a decolonial activist and co-founder of the Majority Perspective foundation. For this occasion Van Zeijl will present the findings of his research on the 4.5 billion payments of Indonesia to the Netherlands: *'The Dutch post war recovery financed by Indonesia: A classic Dutch tale of fraud, theft, extortion and genocide'*.

- **Jan Breman**

**Jan Breman** is an Honorary Fellow at the International Institute for Social History (IISH) in Amsterdam. He is the author of many works on Indonesian social history and also India. His work has focused on the impact of both colonial and contemporary policy on poverty and the struggles of the poor. The title of his talk is *'Colonialism as Racism'*, focusing on the historical background.

- **Discussion** from floor

## 12.00-13.00 Lunch (Indonesian lunch from Tino Pattipilohy)

## 13.00 – 14.00 THE COLONIAL LEGACY AND INDONESIA TODAY

**Max Lane – Colonialism's Contribution to Indonesia's 21st Century Dead End** / 30 minutes

**Dr. Max Lane** is Senior Visiting Fellow at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies – Yusof Isak Institute and Visiting Lecturer, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Gajah Mada University, He is author of *'Unfinished Nation: Indonesia Before and After Suharto'* (Verso, 2008); *'Catastrophe in Indonesia'* (Segaull 2010) and *'Indonesia Tidak Hadir di Bumi Manusia'* (Djaman Bare, 2017). Max Lane is the translator of six books by Pramoedya Ananta Toer, including This Earth of Mankind and its three sequels. For this seminar he will talk about: *'Colonialism's Contribution to Indonesia's 21st Century Dead End.'*

- Discussion from floor

## **B. 14.00- 15.15 COLONIAL HERITAGE IN NETHERLANDS**

**-Jazie Veldhuyzen, Bij1**

**Jazie Veldhuyzen** is city council member alternate for Amsterdam 'BIJ1', co-founder of Decolonization Network former Dutch East Indies and social entrepreneur. His talk will focus on '*Racism in the Netherlands*' from a contemporary perspective.

**-Lara Nuberg**

**Lara Nuberg** studied history and graduated in 2014 with a thesis on Dutch military forces in North Sumatra, 1945 – 1950. Currently she writes the blog '*Gewoon een Indisch meisje*' in which she explores the meaning of the colonial past on modern Dutch society and in particular on the mixed Indo-Dutch communities living in the Netherlands. For this seminar she will focus on the Dutch government sponsored research on violence in Indonesia (45-49) and the criticism that this project received. In this context she will further elaborate on the question: '*How to deal with institutionalized colonialism.*'

**- Riksa Afiaty**

**Riksa Afiaty** is an Indonesian curator and participant at the Jan van Eyck art institute (2018-2019) in Maastricht. She will talk about '*the current position and representation of Indonesian arts (and artists) in the Netherlands.*'

**- Discussion** from floor

## **15.15-15.30 Coffee Break**

## **C. 15.30-16:30 SOLIDARITY AND ACTION WORKSHOPS:**

**- 'The 1965 Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity: Efforts for Truth at National and International Level.'**

With **Kartika Pratiwi**, the founder of *kotakhitam Forum* – an independent organization, dedicated conducting research, workshops and documentary movie productions to record witness and survivor accounts of the 1965 mass killings. She just finished a fellowship at Alliance of Historical Dialogue and Accountability, at Columbia University in New York on a project project entitled "*Rewriting 1965 in the Digital Age*" which will be creating an interactive digital platform about the facts related with the Indonesian mass killing in 1965

**- 'Reviving Solidarity: Wim Wertheim and Henk Sneevliet and their responses to the Indonesian Struggle.'**

By **Prof. Jan Breman** and **Alex de Jong**.

**- 'Teaching and Understanding Colonial History: Oppression and Resistance. Dutch schoolbooks, how to include colonial history.'**

By **Marjolein van Pagee**, historian, publicist, photographer and founder of Histori Bersama.

**- 'Trade Unions In Indonesia Today: How to build solidarity.'**

By **Dr. Max Lane**.

- **'Agrarian and Environmental Struggles Today'**.

By **Nadya Karimasari**, PhD candidate in Sociology, Wageningen University and Research (WUR), volunteer with the Indonesian Peasants Union.

- **'Understanding the Indonesia Women's Movement Today: an Introduction.'**

With **Dr Ratna Saptari** who was Co-founder of Kalyanamitra, a feminist organization involved with women workers and currently with, rural women. This organization was established in 1985 during the Suharto regime.

**16.30-17.30 Drinks with snacks**