



## Newsletter

Dear all,

With this newsletter we wish to inform you of upcoming events, calls for funding and new releases. If you have relevant information or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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## News

### Results grant proposal round February 2015

The CCHR selection commission received a total of 12 eligible applications, that all have impressed us in terms of quality of the work and determination of the scholars to make CCHR a strong and timely focus area within Utrecht University. A total of 8 proposals have been approved for funding, which are:

- Georg Frerks & Marjolein van den Brink – *The Truth of Gender and Gendering the Truth. Truth and Reconciliation Commissions in Peru, Sierra Leone and Sri Lanka*
- Eva Midden & Ernst van den Hemel – *Postsecular Nationalism*
- Janina Pigaht – *Documentary 'De Argonauten'*
- Henrike Prudon – *Informal Justice: Features & Functions. Cross-disciplinary and Comparative Perspectives*
- Anouk Smeekes – *National Narratives and the Inclusiveness of Dutch Society*

- Yvon van der Pijl & Ellen-Petra Kester – *Babel in the Dutch Caribbean*
- Ido de Haan & Paul van Trigt – *Disability Human Rights as a Site of Contestation*
- Doro Wiese – *Untranslatable Worldscapes. Configurations of Space and Time in American Indian Fiction*

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## Nationale Wetenschapsagenda 2015



CCHR will submit a cluster of questions to the Nationale Wetenschapsagenda (NWA) related to the concept of citizenship in the light of processes of inclusion and exclusion in cooperation with societal partners like Oxfam/Novib, FOAM, Casco, BAK, CM, ATRIA. We trust that most of the CCHR researchers will be represented by our suggestions to NWA. We are still working on them, but we will keep you informed about the process.

If you want to make particular CCHR related contributions to the NWA please let us know **before April 21** and we will include your suggestions to our submission. CvB will support three questions with the highest level of aggregation for every strategic theme and research focus area of Utrecht University. We as CCHR have to send the questions to the CvB before April 24.

See for possible CCHR related questions for NWA [two examples](#) (in Dutch).

See [here](#) for more information on the process of submission at the NWA.

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## Utrecht University becomes partner of Oxfam Novib – E-motive Going Global project

E-MOTIVE



Oxfam Novib

On April 1 with the support of CCHR, Utrecht University started their partnership with Oxfam Novib for the project E-Motive Going Global. The aim of this project is to build a digital platform with digital tools that will be used by all the organizations that are in the E-Motive network to exchange their knowledge and build new connections. The platform will provide the space for ‘multiple learning’ and thereby transcends the mutual exchange between the global South and North. Instead, it will provide a horizontal network space in which organizations can find a new network connections and share their expertise with others. For this project three pilot projects have been selected, namely:

COC – Common Ground: “Dialogue on Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Islam”

Elos – E-motive re-evolution game

Young in Prison – 50 NEW ideas for a GOOD Prison: an online platform

Oxfam Novib has requested the expertise from Utrecht University to build a research design that will be included in the EU grant proposal for which this project will apply in the summer. With the support of CCHR an interdisciplinary team has been formed consisting of dr. Eugene van Erven, dr. Domitilla Olivieri and Maartje Willeminj Smits, MA, who will conduct this research and present a research methodology to critically evaluate the three pilot projects.

For a short introduction video to the project see [here](#).

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### Results ERC Starting- and Consolidator Grant round 2014



The European Research Council (ERC) has published the results for the Consolidator Grant-laureates of 2014. There were 2528 proposals submitted of which the ERC has selected 372 laureates. These excellent mid-career scientists are awarded a total of €713 million, as part of the European Union Research and Innovation programme Horizon 2020. Grants are worth up to €2.75 million each, with an average of €1.91 million per grant. The funding will enable them to consolidate their research teams and to develop their most innovative ideas.

The average success rate is 15%. In comparison, of the candidates from Utrecht University 25% received a Consolidator Grant. Most of the Consolidator Grants went to the United Kingdom (86), Germany (66), and France (53). The Netherlands received 32 laureates (9,5% of all awarded) and thereby shares the fourth place together with Spain. From Utrecht University 24 researchers submitted a proposal of which 13 were invited for an interview. 54% thereby made it to the second round. In comparison, ERC states 32% of all proposals made it to the second round. Out of the interviewed 46% received the Consolidator Grant.

CCHR-member Prof. Dr Sandra Ponzanesi has been selected for this ERC-Grant. We would like to congratulate her with this success.

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### European funding for research project on 19th century magic lantern slides



The project 'A Million Pictures: Magic Lantern Slide Heritage as Artefacts in the Common European History of Learning' has received funding via the Joint Programming Initiative in Cultural Heritage. The proposal was submitted by media researchers Dr Sarah Dellmann and Prof. Frank Kessler. The next three years, together with an international team of researchers they will study the use of magic lantern slides by educational, popular and academic associations.

## Conferences / Courses / Lectures

### 12 May 2015, Transnational Memory Seminar with Horst Hoheisel and Andreas Knitz



How does one remember an absence? How does a nation of former perpetrators mourn its victims? Can the perpetrators' means of deportation become a vehicle for transporting the memory of their victims? It is precisely such seemingly insoluble memorial conundrums that the artists Horst Hoheisel and Andreas Knitz address. Indeed, it was in response to their work that James Young coined the influential concept of the 'counter-monument': a provocative, painfully self-conscious memorial space that is conceived to challenge the very premises of what a monument is or does.

While Hoheisel and Knitz's memorial work has its roots in Germany's attempts to come to terms with National Socialism and the memory of the Holocaust, they have been engaged in artistic projects commemorating injustice all over the world.

In their talk they will focus on the transnational dimension of their work and present past and current projects in Germany, Poland, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Spain, and New York, and situate them within the context of ongoing memory debates in these countries.

16.00-18.00 hrs  
Sweelinckzaal, Drift 21

More information can be found [here](#).

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### 18 May 2015, Prince Claus Chair: Inaugural lecture by Professor Javier Couso



Professor Javier Couso will formally accept his appointment to the Prince Claus Chair in Development and Equity 2014/2016. He will deliver his inaugural lecture, entitled: Sine qua non - On the role of judicial independence for the protection of human rights in Latin America. Her Majesty Queen Máxima of the Netherlands, patron of the Prince Claus Chair, will attend the Academic Ceremony.

16.15 – 17.15 hrs  
Aula University Hall, Domplein 29

If you wish to attend the ceremony, please register [here](#)

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### 11 June 2015, Hacking Habitat lecture 'How to Cross Borders'



Hacking Habitat – Art of Control is the international art manifestation that will take place in the spring of 2106 in the former prison at the Wolvenplein, Utrecht. Hacking Habitat demonstrates how systems and technology is taken over our lives. Yet, we can also control our lives again and reclaim having a say about our environment. We can hack our habitat. Eighty artists from all over the world make this control sensible, audible and visible, and will provide a powerful sound of resistance. In 2015 the subject of Hacking Habitat will be explored through four 'Lifhack-lectures'.

The first Lifhack lecture was with sociologist and economist Saskia Sassen on 9 April. In collaboration between the CfH and CCHR she also gave a workshop. The next lecture will take place on 11 June on the theme 'how to cross borders'.

20.00 hrs  
Tivoli Vredenburg  
Tickets €10,-

More information can be found [here](#)

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## 12 June 2015, NOG-day Doing Gender in the Netherlands: Strategies, Tactics and Impact



The Netherlands Research School of Gender Studies (NOG) would like to invite you for the annual National Research Day dedicated to the cutting edge work of junior researchers of Dutch universities in the field of Gender, Ethnicity, Sexuality and Diversity. This year the National Research Day is called 'Doing Gender in the Netherlands: Strategies, Tactics and Impact' and will be hosted by our colleagues of the Institute for Gender Studies at the Radboud University Nijmegen on Friday June 12, 2015.

More information can be found [here](#).

Further details concerning time and location will be announced as soon as possible.

## Call for funding

### **NWO: Security & Rule of Law - Applied Research Fund: Open Call for evidence-based policy advice and tools**

The Open Call for evidence-based policy advice and tools aims to strengthen the evidence-base of policies and practices for Security & Rule of Law approaches in Fragile and Conflict-Affected Settings. The Call focuses on innovative research proposals that result in applicable insights for practitioners. It is part of the Applied Research Fund within the research programme Security & Rule of Law in Fragile and Conflict-Affected Settings.

A maximum budget of 3,000,000 euros is available for this call. The maximum budget for a single research project is 100,000 euros for a project duration of six months. A single project can run between three and six months. The applicants can budget for costs that directly attribute to the project: personnel costs of project staff, research costs and knowledge sharing costs.

#### **Deadline**

Project applications can be submitted continuously, with an ultimate deadline of 6 November 2015, 14.00 hrs CET. However, three times during this period, an assessment round will be performed for the applications received before a specific assessment date. The first assessment round starts at 17 April 2015, 14:00 hrs CET, the second at 17 July 2015, 14:00 hrs CET and the last one at 6 November 2015 14:00 hrs CET.

More information can be found [here](#)

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