



Building Liberty. Canada and world peace, 1945-2005

Preliminary program (subject to change)

THURSDAY June 2, 2005

- 15.00 **Registration**, Roosevelt Academy in the Old City Hall, Markt, Middelburg
- 17.00 **Official opening**
President of the ACSN – Conny Steenman-Marcusse
Dean of the Roosevelt Academy – Hans Adriaansens
Canadian Ambassador to The Netherlands – Serge April
- 17.30 **Session I: Introduction**
Chair: Aritha van Herk, University of Calgary, Alberta
Ko Colijn (Erasmus University, Rotterdam – Defence and Foreign Affairs correspondent Vrij Nederland Weekly and TV)
Security Issues in Canada and the Netherlands
Christl Verduyn (Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, ON – Dept. of English and Film Studies, Canadian Studies)
A Piece of the Picture: Krijn Taconis, Dutch-Canadian Photojournalist (1918-1979)
- 19.00 **Reception hosted by the Canadian Embassy**
- 20.00 **Speakers' Dinner, co-hosted by the Province of Zeeland**

FRIDAY June 3, 2005

- 9.00–10.30 Parallel sessions
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| <p>Session II: Human intervention and human rights
<i>Chair: Lea Zuyderhoudt, University of Leiden</i></p> <p><u>James Walker</u> (University of Waterloo, ON – History)
<i>The Impact of the War on Canada's Human Rights Movement.</i></p> <p><u>Ross Lambertson</u> (Camosun College, Victoria, B.C. – Political science)
<i>The Development of Human Rights Activism during the Second World War.</i></p> <p><u>Stephanie Bangarth</u> (University of Guelph, ON – History)
<i>Canada's First Human Rights Campaign: Protesting the Deportation of Japanese Canadians, 1945-1949.</i></p> | <p>Session III: Canadian multiculturalism
<i>Chair: Fred Toppen, Utrecht University</i></p> <p><u>Evelyn Ersanilli</u> (Free University, Amsterdam – Social sciences)
<i>Canada and its multiculturalism: preventing an internal 'clash of civilizations'</i></p> <p><u>Paul Dube</u> (University of Calgary, Edmonton – Department of Modern Languages and Cultural Studies)
<i>Multiculturalism in the context of Francophone minorities in Canada</i></p> <p><u>Constantine Passaris</u> (University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, N.B. – Economics)
<i>Canadian Multiculturalism and the New Global Economy</i></p> |
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- 10.30 **Coffee/Tea break**
- 11.00 **Keynote speaker**
Chair: Danielle Schaub, University of Haifa, Israel
Richard Menkis (University of British Columbia, Vancouver – Department of History and Religion)
"But you can't see the fear that people lived through". Canadian soldiers, the

liberation of the Netherlands, and Dutch survivors.

- 11.30 **Session IV: The role of liberators and peacekeepers**
Chair: Ko Colijn, Erasmus University, Rotterdam
Doeko Bosscher (University of Groningen, Groningen – History)
Canadians in the Netherlands: heroes, liberators, and more
Houchang Hassan-Yari (Royal Military College, Kingston, ON)
A Diminishing Middle Power? Canada's National Security and Peacekeeping
- 12.30 **Lunch**
- 14.00 **Guided city tour on foot through the medieval centre of Middelburg.**
- 15.00 **Keynote speaker on Gender and Liberation: Canadian and Dutch women at war and peace**
Chair: Conny Steenman-Marcusse
Janice Kulyk Keefer (University of Guelph, ON – novelist, poet, critic)
The interrelated writings of Etty Hillesum and Naomi Klein
- 15.30 **Coffee/Tea break**
- 16.00–17.00 **Session V: Representations of war and peace in Canadian literature**
Chair: Nina van Gessel, Free University, Amsterdam
Frank Davey (University of Western Ontario, London, ON – poet and critic)
Earle Birney's 'The Road to Nijmegen' in Canadian Second World War Literature
Danielle Schaub (University of Haifa, Israel - English)
Caught between anxiety and sense of duty: trauma in Alan Cumyn's 'The Sojourn'
- 19.00 **Dinner and pre-dinner poetry readings**

SATURDAY, June 4, 2005

- 9.00–10.30 Parallel sessions
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| Session VI: Canada. Peacekeeper to the world
<i>Chair: Joyce Goggin, University of Amsterdam</i>
<u>Massimo Rubboli</u> (University of Genoa, Italy – History)
<i>Challenging the Myth of Canada as a "peacekeeper to the world".</i>
<u>Barbara Hocking</u> (University of Brisbane, Australia – Faculty of Law)
<i>A tale of three roads to peace: Canada, Netherlands, Australia: What have they done about biological weapons and warfare?</i>
<u>Hugh Barrie McCullough</u> (Okanagan University College, B.C. – Political Sciences)
<i>The end of a foreign policy era: constraining influences on Canada's foreign policy in the matter of peace and liberty.</i> | Session VII. Canada and the media: an invisible country
<i>Cahir: Leen d'Haenens, University of Leuven, Belgium</i>
<u>Stephen A. Longstaff and Patricia Williams</u> (York University, Toronto – Sociology)
<i>Canada in American Eyes: Taking Stock of Canada's New Visibility</i>
<u>Ruben Vroegop</u> (Roosevelt Study Centre – American Studies)
<i>The Avro Arrow Jet Fighter program</i>
Lea Zuyderhoudt (University of Leiden)
<i>Native veterans. The war in Blackfoot cultural memory</i> |
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- 10.30 **Coffee/Tea break**
- 11.00 **Keynote speaker**
Chair: Conny Steenman-Marcusse
George Elliott Clarke (University of Toronto – poet, critic, playwright, librettist)
Domestic dissenters in the Peacable Kingdom
Poetry readings
- 12.30 **Lunch**

- 14.00 **Session VIII: Getting out. Dutch postwar emigration to Canada**
Chair: Christl Verduy, Wilfrid Laurier University
Michiel Horn (York University - History)
Dutch immigration to Canada: the children's view
Timothy Nijhof (policy consultant - Province of Manitoba, Winnipeg)
How Dutch perceptions of the Canadian army influenced the decision to emigrate
- 15.30 **Coffee/tea break**
- 15.00 **Keynote speaker**
Chair: Cornelius Remie, European Network for Canadian Studies
Aritha van Herk (Univ. of Calgary, Alberta - writer, critic)
Inventing a Family Tree: Is it possible to be a Dutch-Canadian?
- 15.30–16.00 **Closing ceremony**
- 16.30–19.00 **Optional bus tour on the island of Walcheren**