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The Sensitive Past

History & Heritage Education in Italy and the Netherlands

In spite of many divergences, in Italy as well as the Netherlands the sensitive edges of national history have recently sparked off a public debate. Both countries have seen controversies on commemoration and the role of monuments, whether of Dutch naval heroes or Risorgimento icons. The disputes on projects to found historical museums on highly delicate issues like slavery in the Netherlands or fascism in Italy are still raging. Their legacies of colonialism challenge both countries to teach this sensitive past from multiple perspectives, doing justice to today's globalized world and multicultural societies. Present debates in media and politics on immigration or Islam urge educators to reflect on their didactics concerning topics such as emigration, the Holocaust or the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

During this symposium we will explore how Italian and Dutch researchers and teachers deal with the sensitive past in history teaching, museums and heritage education. The event consists of a first day of lectures by specialists from the fields of history, social sciences and heritage studies. On the second day, a more practical approach is chosen. In multiple workshops and during a joint excursion to a contested heritage site in Rome, participants will actively experience and investigate different pedagogies to approach and teach the sensitive past. The intended exchange of recent scientific research and practical insights in pedagogy is believed to be fruitful not only because of the similarities between the two countries, but rather because of their differences.



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