



## **KNIR Colloquium**

Culture Wars as a Historical Concept and Political Phenomenon



### **Thursday 18 May**

#### **9.30-10.00 Opening**

Maria Bonaria Urban (KNIR): Welcome  
Devin Vartija (Utrecht University), "Is Struggle Inherent to the Phenomenon of Culture? An Introduction to Culture Wars"

#### **10.00-12.00 Conceptualising Culture Wars**

Frans Willem Lantink (Utrecht University), "The Five Culture Wars since the French Revolution"

Gijs van Oenen (Erasmus University Rotterdam), "From Cultural Marxism to Queer Identity: An Historical and Philosophical Perspective on the Culture Wars"

#### **12.00-13.30 Lunch**

#### **13.30-15.30 Culture Wars and Religion**

Christine Vogel (University of Vechta), "From Confessional Polemics to Culture War: Anti-Jesuitism, Conspiracism, and the Media in 18th-century Europe"

Camille Creighton (Utrecht University), "The Dreyfus Affair and the 'two Frances': Culture wars in France, 1894-1906"

Gilfredo Marengo (Pontificio Istituto Giovanni Paolo 2), "Church, World, Culture wars"

#### **15.30-16.00 Coffee break**

#### **16.00-17.30 Public keynote address by Todd Weir (University of Groningen),**

"Culture Wars as the Motor Driving Modern Worldviews"

#### **17.30-18.30 Drinks**

### **Friday 19 May**

#### **10.00-12.00 Memory, History and Culture Wars**

Christian Wicke (Utrecht University), "History Wars as Culture Wars?"

Beatrice Falcucci (Università dell'Aquila and KNIR), "The Difficult Memories of Italian Colonialism: Museums, Monuments and Toponymy"

Eric C. Hendriks-Kim (Danube Institute), "Decolonizing the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution"

#### **12.00-13.30 Lunch**

#### **13.30-15.30 Contemporary Culture Wars**

Hande Eslen-Ziya (University of Stavanger), "Networked Misogyny, an Emerging Gender Politics?"

Luca Ozzano (University of Turin), "The Italian culture wars of the 2000s-2010s in the European context"

Adam Laats (Binghamton University), "'Fortresses of Democracy: The Role of Education in US Culture-War History"

#### **15.30-16.00 Coffee break**

#### **16.00-17.00 Roundtable concluding discussion**

#### **Organizers**

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