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2008 has been a year in which bottlenecks were identified and several strategic decisions reached. Clearly, these strategic decisions did not achieve an impact during the year under review, but their effects will materialize from 2009 onwards.

Analysing the obstacles revealed that funding is tight at the IISH, both because price increases for goods and services are compensated only in part, and because the Institute employs more staff than can be paid from the Royal Academy grant and funding for research projects. These staff members are paid from several different sources of income, but the Institute receives no compensation for pay raises according to the collective labour agreement to which they are entitled and this strains the budget nonetheless.

Internal strength-weakness analysis has demonstrated that the IISH has an excellent reputation among scholarly circles, based on its collections as well as on the research conducted there, as confirmed by the qualification ‘excellent’ that visiting evaluation committees attributed to the operations of the Institute in both 2007 and 2008. The analysis also revealed, however, that the IISH is largely an institution by and for researchers and as such has relatively few interactions with and little impact on the outside world. This finding has led to devising a PR and communications policy with assistance from the KNAW’s PR department, including the recruitment of a new staff member. The objective is to enhance the social visibility of the IISH, as well as to increase public support for the Institute. In this context the IISH attaches special importance to its ties with the City of Amsterdam and has already discussed collaboration on various occasions. The first results of the new communication practices have been manifested through media coverage of discoveries in the IISH collections, particularly the ‘Einstein papers.’

The Institute will continue to pursue the current course of action, in which automation and digitization have been designated as key processes, with noticeable effects in every department and activity of the IISH, on the basis of the Information Policy Plan applauded by the evaluation committee. This policy entails coordinating the changes throughout the organization necessitated by technological advances and seeking solutions suitable for multiple applications. Open-source programming is used whenever possible, in all cases following careful review to determine whether internal development adds sufficient value over purchasing existing systems. Devising a clear game plan for allocating, implementing, and monitoring projects within the IISH and reorganizing the Digital Infrastructure Department have proven necessary. The IISH uses internal ICT capacity to serve the core operations of research and collection development and outsources basic office automation whenever possible.

Because the rapid, technology-driven changes in the world of research and in that of archive and library collections also affect and will continue to affect the nature of operations within the Institute, a competence-development trajectory was planned in conjunction with the KNAW’s P&O Department in 2008. The objective is to determine on the basis of a shared vision of the future in 2015 within the different task forces of the
collections department which competences (in terms of knowledge and skills) will be required, to identify in what measure staff members presently possess these competences, and to determine what needs to be done to ensure that the required competences are present in 2015. In all likelihood, the traditional divisions between the archive, the library, and the audiovisual materials will lose their importance as primary organizing principle in the process.

In the second half of 2008, much time was devoted to drafting a vision of the future relationship between the two pillars of the Institute: collections and research. The basic principle is that both sides wish to shift their emphasis from the traditional collection development and research areas (the Netherlands and Europe) to the ‘global South’ (Asia, the Middle East, Africa, and Latin America). The result is a new architecture, involving twelve new positions, six for senior researchers/chief collectors in Amsterdam, and six for staffing regional representative offices in the regions outside Europe. Internal resources would enable the IISH to complete this transition by 2014, but nearly 800,000 Euros in financial aid has been requested from the KNAW strategy fund to accelerate the process. The request has already been approved.

During the years ahead, IISH staff will age significantly, especially in the collection development department. This trend provides opportunities (e.g. the change of course described above), although lasting preservation of the vast knowledge of the collections acquired by the specialists over the course of twenty or thirty years and ensuring that such knowledge remains accessible to future users of the collections are important priorities. In 2008 preparations to secure ‘sustainability’ began, and in 2009 a project will be developed to be implemented parallel with the elaboration of extra-European operations.

In addition to the limited financial means (for the reasons indicated above), lack of space is a growing concern. The planned expansion of the building has been postponed by three years because of the debate within the parent organisation, the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences, about possible clustering of its humanities institutes, and the IISH has therefore had to lease office space elsewhere. The transfer of the Academy library to the IISH and average annual growth of the Institute’s collections by more than 1,000 m of shelf space is filling the warehouses as well. In early 2009 the future occupancy of the Cruquiusweg premises became sufficiently clear to start the remodelling and expansion project. The underlying memorandum of understanding was signed by the KNAW, the IISH, and the IIAV in 2008 and indicates that the three parties aim to place the international archive of the women’s movement (the IIAV) on the expanded IISH premises, which will once again reunite these two chips from the same block founded by Mr and Mrs Posthumus in 1935.

In 2008 the Institute received a visit from an evaluation committee to conduct a mid-term review of the Institute’s collection and collection policies. The evaluation yielded extremely favourable results. The committee summarized its rating as excellent and explicitly supported the Institute’s decisions, especially with respect to the digitization and internationalization. In 2007 the Research Department had already been evaluated as excellent, especially because of its pioneering role in developing Global Labour History, internationally comparative study of the
historical development of labour relations. In 2008, the Global Collaboratory on the History of Labour Relations began, sponsored by the Barbara Henkel Stiftung and the NWO. Construction of data collections (the ‘global hubs’) on labour, wages and prices, and strikes evolved into the central infrastructure of IISH research. One of the major data collections of the IISH (the Historical Sample of the Netherlands) entered its final year of guaranteed financing. Funding has yet to be raised to consolidate this database, which will require a considerable technical upgrade for long-term storage. This reveals once again that the vast data collections on which humanities research has become increasingly dependent cannot subsist solely from research grants. Generally, such grants provide only for establishing these collections, not for preserving them.

Tokens of appreciation of IISH research included the honorary doctorate awarded to Marcel van der Linden, director of research, and the academy membership of Erik-Jan Zürcher, the general director, making him the third member of the KNAW’s history section affiliated with the IISH. Professor Maarten Prak, chairman of the academic advisory board of the Institute, was elected to the KNAW as well.

As the IISH annual report for 2008 indicates, funding from outside sources covers about 40 percent of the Institute’s operations each year – an impressive rate for a humanities institute. Funding is raised both within the Collections and the Research departments, with the largest amounts allocated in lump sums to research projects. IISH researchers are increasingly applying for European grants in addition to Dutch ones. Marco van Leeuwen’s ERC advanced grant was an important milestone, although he will conduct his project at Utrecht University, rather than at the IISH. This experience shows that one of the great strengths of the IISH is at the same time a continuous weakness: the absence of teaching responsibilities, minimal bureaucracy, and high standards of the staff make for an ideal environment for planning projects and applying for funding, but the small permanent staff severely curtails career prospects. The IISH tries to compensate by setting up endowed chairs at Dutch universities for senior researchers wherever possible. This practice has the fringe benefit of enabling researchers to stay in touch with students and university counterparts. As a result, we welcomed the appointment of Kees Mandemakers as a professor on behalf of the IISH at Erasmus University in Rotterdam last year, bringing the total number of part-time professors at the IISH to ten.

According to the fact sheets for 2008, the output achieved with the means allocated is definitely cause for satisfaction. With 13.42 ftes (by KNAW standards), 201 publications were generated altogether, including 136 academic ones, yielding an average output of 15 publications per fte, an impressive achievement and the highest productivity in the Institute’s history. The numbers of scholarly meetings (12) and lectures and papers (138) reveal that the research department staff are very active in academic networks.

While the output of the Collections Department might appear to have declined somewhat with respect to previous years, this impression is distorted. Annual growth of the archive averages 600 to 700 m. In 2007 such growth was considerably higher, thanks to the arrival of about 250 metres of CNV archives. Nor did any special collections of photograph materials reach the Institute in 2008, although approximately ten moving crates of photograph materials and four
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metres of video materials are still waiting to be processed. The library placed several large orders just before the end of the year, and these do not yet appear in the figures. Generally, however, such figures fluctuate considerably, especially in archives. The number of visits to the IISH website is a special case. In the past three years, counting the website log files has yielded completely unreliable results. This has ruled out statistical analysis or comparisons between specific years. The system has been adjusted. On the Google Ranking, the IISH website was the highest of all Dutch archival institutions.

Digitization of collections has, as indicated above, remained as high a priority as ever at the IISH. As at many institutions building collections in the field of the humanities, however, the prohibitive cost of mass digitization precludes a ‘great leap forward’ for the moment. Institute staff have teamed up with several European partners (AMSAB in Ghent, ARAB in Stockholm, and FES in Bonn) to tackle this problem. A joint proposal for funding from the EU Europeana programme is being prepared.

I will conclude by mentioning the surrounding institutions with which the IISH has close ties. These include first of all the Stichting IISG, the owner or holder on standing loan of our collections, as well as the recipient of the library budget for the IISH from the Koninklijke Bibliotheek [Dutch national library] and the employer of project staff serving the IISH. As such, this foundation performs several functions indispensable to the IISH. The foundation board consists of representatives from the City of Amsterdam, the University of Amsterdam, SNS REAAL, the Koninklijke Bibliotheek, IISH personnel and a few unaffiliated members. In the course of 2008 the IISH administration strengthened its ties with this board by involving this body in strategic decision-making. The second foundation, Stichting Beheer IISG, merely administers donations and bequests to the IISH. In the past four years, the overwhelming majority of the funds entrusted to the foundation have been spent on keeping the Aksant publishing company (which includes the KNAW publisher) operational. In early 2009 extensive measures were taken in consultation with Aksant, Stichting Beheer, and the IISH to safeguard the publishing company’s continuity over the long term as well.

Erik-Jan Zürcher
General Director IISH
# Financial Survey

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At the end of 2008 the IIISH employed 148 people. The majority (81) still works for the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW), including 80 permanent employees, and 1 temporary one. The Stichting employs all temporary staff (37) and some permanent ones (18), among whom one third (6) works according to the inflow/progression arrangement. Two staff members have been seconded here, seven work here to gain professional experience, and three work for the publishing company, including one who has been seconded. On 1 April 2008 J.J.L.M. Kloosterman resigned as general director of the IIISH and was succeeded by E.J. Zürcher. A.F. Heerma van Voss was appointed deputy director of operations on 1 July 2008.

No other major changes in appointments took place. Most staff members work part-time, the respective shares of part-time and full-time employees are 77.7% and 22.3%. Men remain in the majority (54.7%). They are also overrepresented in the top salary scales, while women continue to prevail in the middle ones. In 2008 the average age was 48.6.

Eighteen new staff members were hired in 2008. Eleven people left the Institute, including 2 who held permanent appointments.

The rate of absenteeism was 3.85% in 2008, representing an increase of nearly 1% compared to last year’s absenteeism rate (2.92%).

In 2008 the administration met five times with the staff council [OC].
A staff council (OC) is active at the IISH and affiliated organizations.

In early 2008 the OC had six members. The departures of three members during the year for various reasons left the staff council incomplete. Only three of the seven seats were filled by: Els Hiemstra (chair), Rob Wadman (secretary), and Ineke Kellij (ARBO). Hans Staphorst (prospective member) and Gerben van der Meulen (on behalf of the KNAW works council) supported the OC.

OC members are also represented in consultations with the Stichting IISG board. Because the OC is so small, many staff groups and departments within the organization are not represented on this body. We hope that this will change after the March 2009 elections.

In 2008 there were six consultation meetings with the administration. In addition to pending matters, a few major changes at the Institute were discussed at these meetings. The OC advised about the appointment of a new general director at the IISH and about a change in the management structure. The P&O memorandum was discussed at length, as were the 2008 financial statements and the budget for 2009. Recurring agenda items included the imminent remodelling of the premises and possible incorporation of other institutes, such as the IIAV, and the social annual reports for previous years, which should be appearing in the near future.

The administration is working on plans to make the research and collections departments more cohesive, to revise collection policy, and to formulate collection profiles. In addition, the Institute has teamed up with the KNAW on a competence management programme, which will involve the OC. Remodelling the premises and the arrival of the IIAV will remain on the agenda.
The Institute received 252 archives, collections, and accruals to files already present. Eleven spanned more than 10 m, 190 less than 1 m, of which 131 less than 10 cm, covering nearly 420 m of shelf space altogether. The largest accession was the 60 m accrual to the archive of the International Federation of Chemical, Energy, Mine and General Workers’ Unions. Other international organizations entrusting new or supplemental archive materials to the Institute were Amnesty International, the Asian Network for the Rights of Occupational Accident Victims, Europe against the Current, the European Bureau for Conscientious Objection, the European Trade Union Confederation, the International Federation of Workers’ Education Associations, the International League for the Rights and Liberation of Peoples, the International Union of Socialist Youth, and the War Resisters’ International.

The arrival of the documentation centre of the Nederlands Instituut voor Zuidelijk Afrika [Dutch Southern Africa Institute] was especially important. In addition to a large library and an audiovisual collection, this accession comprised the archives of several political action committees that have been involved in the struggle against apartheid and colonialism in the region since the 1970s and have gathered a wealth of local materials in the process. Thanks to financial support from the SNS REAAL Fonds, these materials will become considerably more accessible in the next three years. They beautifully complement collections already present, such as those of the Werkgroep Kairos, the SANAM Association, and Martin Bailey. Martin Bailey worked closely with the Shipping Research Bureau, which carefully monitored the embargo on South Africa. The Shipping Research Bureau archive arrived at the IISH during the year under review as well.

Several local correspondents once again helped the Institute acquire interesting material in Turkey, the Middle East, and Central Asia, including a remarkable large collection of letters and journals generated by the members of the Devrimci Halk Kurtuluş Cephesi [DHKC (Dev-Sol), the Revolutionary People’s Liberation Front, in Turkish prisons. An ongoing project in conjunction with the Nederlands Theater Instituut brought a wealth of materials regarding Turkish theatre companies in the Netherlands to the IISH. Our antiquarian acquisitions included the volumes from 1933-1940 of the journal Fikir Hareketleri edited by Hüseyin Cahid Yalçın. In Egypt, the United Kingdom, and the Netherlands, large quantities of pro and anti-salafist literature were obtained.

Since 2007 our Bangkok Office has coordinated acquisition efforts in Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Northeast Burma, Thailand, Cambodia, the Philippines, and Hong Kong. As a result, during the year under review, various organizations from these areas entrusted their records to the IISH. They were the Nava Sama Samaja Party [Sri Lanka], the National Health and Education Committee [Burma], the Parti Sosyalis Malaysia, and Akbayan Citizens’ Action Party (Philippines). The footage from the Apa Khabar Orang Kampung [Village People Radio Show] documentary about members of the prohibited Malayan
The Communist Party currently based along the Thai border is particularly noteworthy. In addition, local correspondents provided a constant supply of materials from the different countries.

The foundation Hulp aan Papua’s in Nood [Aid to needy Papuas], a fund for small-scale projects to inhabitants of what was formerly Dutch New Guinea, was one of many Dutch organizations by and for foreigners that entrusted its records to the Institute. In addition to the archive of the Bond van Italiaanse IJsverkopers in Nederland [Union of Italian Ice-cream Vendors in the Netherlands], we received material from and about Slovenian labour migrants in Limburg.

The Komitee Marokkaanse Arbeiders in Nederland [Committee of Moroccan workers in the Netherlands] delivered a large supplement to its archive. The collection of the Samenwerkingsverband Onderzoek Zwervende Groepen [Partnership for research on traveller groups] comprises a lot of historical documentation about gypsies in particular. The Guatemala Komitee Nederland delivered its records to us, and the Werkgroep Maleisië/Singapore provided an accrual for the archive it had previously entrusted to the Institute.

In addition to accessions from organizations that gave their archives to the Institute some time ago, such as the Partij van de Arbeid [Dutch labour party], the Federatie Nederlandse Vakbeweging [Federation of Dutch trade unions], the ABVA-KABO [Civil Servants’ Union], the Jonge Socialisten [Young socialists], the Nederlandse Jeugdbond voor Natuurstudie [Dutch youth league for nature study], and the Landelijke Studenten Vakbond [National students’ union], we also received several ‘new’ Dutch organization archives. These included the records of the Jongeren Organisatie Beroepsonderwijs [youth organization of occupational education] and the Landelijk Aktie Komitee Scholieren [national action committee of secondary school students], the Kostersbond [Sextons’ league] of the Christelijk Nationaal Vakverbond, the Coornhert Liga [an association dedicated to criminal justice reform] and the Werkgroep Andere Tijden [Different times working group] [which promoted historical research about the Dutch labour movement].

In addition to the abundance of contemporary material that we receive regularly from Russia, thanks in part to the State Historical Public Library and the Moscow Independent Public Library, we acquired several interesting historical samizdat documents from the Eastern Europe Institute in Amsterdam. We also obtained a lovely collection of old picture postcards featuring social-historical themes from Germany and the Soviet Union. Among the many newly arrived audiovisual materials at the Institute, a series of photographs by Dora Russell is particularly noteworthy. Other remarkable West-European accessions concerned Andreas Baader [documents donated by his mother, Hiltrud von Rein], Ernest Mandel [a substantial accrual to his personal papers], French organizations left of the PCF [an accrual to the documentation collection of Patrick Serand], and the Partito Anarchico Italiano.

Once again, a few antiquarian items were purchased for the Economic-History Library, one of the finest collections in the world, entrusted to the Institute by the Netherlands Economic History Archive. Accessions in merchant literature included Richard Dafforne’s The Apprentices Time-Entertainer Accomptantly (1669), Hustcraft Stephens’ Italian Book-Keeping Reduced into an Art
(1737), Der Kaufmann wie er seyn soll (1815), Johann von Putean’s Grundsätze des allgemeinen Rechnungswesens (1818), and the 40-volume series Mémoires et observations receuillies par la Société oeconomique de Berne (1760-1773). We added the Lehrbuch der Statistik by Johann Georg Meusel (1792) to the Institute’s collection on early statistics and purchased works by authors such as Francis d’Ivernois, Havouard, and Ch.J. Mathon de la Cour. Other important accessions included a great many works from the library of the Geldmuseum [Money museum] in Utrecht, to which the NEHA has issued its collection of bank notes on standing loan. Many accessions have been obtained thanks to the efforts of a great many persons to whom we are very grateful for their role in promoting social-historical research. The items mentioned here are of course only small selections of the total; additional information about our collection development appears on our website.
Access and Preservation

Archives

During the year under review the archives task force arranged 679 m of archives and documentation collections, yielding an output for 2008 slightly below the average for the previous review period, when 810 m was arranged on average, although in this year the total processed exceeded acquisition of new materials (418 m).

A total of 72 lists and inventories were published on the IISH website.

In two major projects, we arranged the records from the Nederlandse Vereniging voor Seksuele Hervorming [Dutch association for sexual reform] (NVSH) and the vast documentation collection of the IISH.

The following other major archives were arranged as well:

• The papers of Hugo Fedeli (1898-1964), an Italian anarchist, writer, and collector of documents on socialist and anarchist movements in Southern Europe. Starting in 1913, he was arrested and imprisoned several times and lived for many years in exile in Switzerland, Berlin, and Paris. Expelled from France in 1929, he went to Montevideo, Uruguay. Deported to Italy by the Terra dictatorship in 1933, he was imprisoned in confino from 1935 to 1943. After World War II, he served as secretary to the Federazione Anarchica Italiana (FAI) and on the Commission de Relations Internationales Anarchistes (CRIA). In 1951 he was hired by Adriano Olivetti as a librarian and course organizer for the Olivetti Cultural Centre. Throughout his life he contributed to several periodicals and authored many publications on anarchism, especially bibliographical and biographical studies.

  His collection was transferred to the IISH in 1964. Many books, pamphlets, and periodicals have been catalogued in the library since then. In 2008 the Italian historian Antonio Sentacompleted a new inventory of his papers, which replaces the previous, incomplete list. The papers [21.6 m] include extensive series of correspondence, many handwritten and typed manuscripts, files on various organizations (mainly anarchist and Italian), and Fedeli’s collected documents of foreign organizations, mainly in Europe and South America (especially France, Spain, Argentina, and Uruguay) on persons and militants, especially anarchists.

  • The papers of the Dutch social-democratic politician Henk Molleman (1935-2005). Molleman was a political scientist and was affiliated with the universities of Nijmegen and Leiden. From 1976 to 1979 he served in the Dutch House of Representatives for the PvdA [Labour Party] and dealt mainly with cultural minorities issues. From 1979 to 1990 Molleman, then a senior civil servant at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, was in charge of coordinating minorities policy. His papers span 18.5 m and cover the period 1967-2003. They are particularly interesting because of his detailed daily reports about his work as an MP and a policy officer. The papers also comprise correspondence and many files about different migrant groups and their position in Dutch society.

  • The records of Milieukontakt Oost-Europa, a liaison foundation serving environmental groups in Central and Eastern Europe and the
Netherlands. Established in 1988 by Friends of the Earth International and various Dutch organizations, such as Stichting Natuur en Milieu, Vereniging Milieudefensie, and World Information Service on Environment and Development (WISE), Milieukontakt is based in Amsterdam and promotes ecological sustainability in Europe and Central Asia, works with NGOs, and supports Greenway, the Central and East European Network of Environmental NGOs. Funding toward arranging the records came from the Prins Bernhard Cultuurfonds. In addition to correspondence and documents from the executive and general boards, the records comprise many documents concerning environmental issues in various countries in Eastern Europe and efforts to address them. Other files comprise reports and correspondence on projects in Central Europe, the former Soviet Union, Central Asia, and the Balkan countries and documentation concerning NGOs and similar organizations active in Eastern Europe. The records extend nearly 40 m and relate to the period 1980-2006.

- The papers of Ivo Samkalden (1912-1995), a former PvdA government minister and mayor of Amsterdam for several years. Samkalden read Indology at Leiden University and as a civil servant participated in the negotiations for Indonesian independence after World War II. He was a PvdA MP in the Dutch House of Representatives from 1952 and served as minister of Justice from 1956 to 1958 and from 1963 to 1966. He was sub-sequently appointed mayor of Amsterdam, an office he held for nearly 10 years. His papers are mainly about his political activities with the PvdA and his many offices as a civil servant, professor, and leading politician. Materials relating to his years as a mayor are kept at the Amsterdam municipal archive.

Samkalden’s papers at the IISH span 11.5 m and relate to the period 1932-1994.

Descriptions of 18 new archives and accruals were published in the International Review of Social History as a supplement to the Guide to the International Archives and Collections at the IISH, edited by Jaap Haag and Atie van der Horst (eds) and published in 1999.

At the end of 2008 the archives and documentation collections at the IISH spanned a total length of 15,099 m.

Library

In 2008 we ordered and received 1,620 books (2007: 2,007 titles), 271 titles for the International Review of Social History (2007: 334). Orders seem to have declined considerably with respect to previous years. In early 2009, however, an unusually large number of orders was received and catalogued, and this appears to offset the decrease entirely.

The library received 12,595 issues of journals and newspapers (2007: 13,586). The department catalogued 15,916 titles of books and journals (2007: 14,155). The increase in new titles of journals was especially impressive in 2008. In addition, 2,491 titles of books and journals were added as lists (group entries) in 2008 (2007: 1,700).

Newly arriving books and journals spanned over 190 m (2007: 216 m), largely from archives obtained in previous years. In addition, a few major collections arrived, including a donation from the Geldmuseum in Utrecht (to the NEHA collection), the transfer of the library and archive from the Nederlands Instituut voor Zuidelijk Afrika (NiZA), and vast accruals from Turkey, Pakistan (Ahmad Saleem), and via our Bangkok Office.
Lists and Inventories

Lists and inventories were made and published on the website of the archives and collections of:

- ABVA-KABO (accrual)
- Álvarez Palomo, Ramón
- Bailey, Martin
- Becker, Johann Philip
- Beroepsvereniging van Beeldende Kunstenaars (BBK) (accrual)
- Bertoni, Luigi
- Bond voor Dienstplichtigen (accrual)
- Bond van Sociaal-Democratische Vrouwenclubs
- ENV Kostersbond
- Comité Herdenking Februaristaking 1941 (accrual)
- Duyvendak, Jan Willem
- ENFB (accrual)
- Euro-Burma Office
- European Bureau for Conscientious Objection (accrual)
- Fedeli, Ugo
- France, various manuscripts
- Gingold, Peter
- Great Britain, various manuscripts
- Hagen, F.B.E. ten
- Industriebond FNV. Bedrijfssedengroep Koninklijke Shell Laboratorium Amsterdam
- Jonge Socialisten in de PvdA
- Klinkenberg, Tineke van den
- Koedijk, Johan
- Kommunistische Eenheidsbeweging Nederland (accrual)
- Landelijk Inspraakorgaan Zuid-Europeanen
- Landelijke Organisatie Vormingswerk Werkende Jongeren
- Landelijke Studenten Vakbond (LSVB)
- Linkes Dokumentationszentrum (Berlin) (collection)
- Mansholt, Sicco (accrual)
- Milieucontact Oost-Europa
- Molleman, Henk
- Nabrink, Gé (accrual)
- Nederlandse Politie Bond (accrual)
- Nederlandse Vereniging voor Seksuele Hervorming (NVSH)
- Nederlandse Bond van Personeel werkzaam in het Muziekinstrumentenbedrijf
- Nederlandse Vereniging van Journalisten (accrual)
- Olcay, Osman
- Opitz, Reinhard
- Prasad, Devi
- Press Now (accrual)
- PSP-jongerengroepen (accrual)
- PvdA Tweede Kamerfractie (accrual)
- PvdA Amsterdam Gemeenteraadsfractie
- PvdA Stichting Vormingswerk (accrual)
- Rassemblement Universel pour la Paix
- Romein, Jan (accrual)
- Romein-Verschoor, Annie (accrual)
- Samenwerkingsverband Onderzoek Zwervende Groepen
- Samkalden, Ivo
- San Pedro-Raymundo, Alice
- Sanders, Paul
- Sloveense Arbeidsmigranten in Limburg (collection)
- Social and political developments in Iran (collection)
- Socialistische Arbeiders Partij (SAP) (accrual)
- Spain, various manuscripts
- Stekelenburg, Johan
- Stichting Herplaatsing Medewerkers European Bulk Services
- Stichting Alert (accrual)
- Stichting Burgerinspraak over de Grens
- Stichting Man/Vrouw en Prostitutie
- Stichting Vredesopbouw (accrual)
- Stichting Een graf voor Marinus van der Lubbe
- Thijn, Ed van (accrual)
- Tijdschrift voor Sociale Geschiedenis
- Turks Theater in Nederland (collection)
- Uruguay Koördinatie Komitee
- Veenstra, Tinus
- Verenigd Verzet (accrual)
- War Resisters’ International (accrual)
- Weerth, George
- Werkgroep Maleisië / Singapore (accrual)
- Wiebes, Cees (accrual)
Some of these collections were catalogued immediately (Turkey, Bangkok, and the Geldmuseum donation). Larger collections previously received and catalogued in 2008 include the Milieukontakt Oost-Europa one (featuring a fine collection of periodicals from Eastern European environmental organizations and projects), the donation from the Centre for Latin American Research and Documentation (Cedla), and the one from the International Institute for Research and Education (IIRE). At the end of 2008 cataloguing the library of the Edward Brongersma Stichting started.

To date, means for providing access to non-European materials are limited. Each year the financial opportunities are reviewed and the best ways of allocating them carefully considered. In 2008 cataloguing Arabic and Iranian materials were assigned priority. The web presentation of the Tarnschriften collection and catalogue in the IISH collection is particularly noteworthy. Tarnschriften are leaflets printed between 1933 and 1945 (although they also appeared later on, for example in the GDR and Spain) and featuring a seemingly innocuous cover to camouflage their anti-fascist, democratic, and anti-war content. This collection had been at the IISH since the 1930s but had yet to be catalogued. This has now been done.

**Image & Sound Collection**

During the year under review entries were generated for 28,768 image and sound documents. Many new acquisitions were described, and access was improved to several collections for which descriptions already existed. As in previous years, many entries were comprehensive. Most of the material added consisted of slides and negatives (11,684), photographs (7,661), prints and drawings (3,793), and posters (1,854). A few special collections made accessible this year merit separate mention:

- Louis Hermen Grondijs: 408 photographs, 526 negatives, 4 photo albums
- Bond voor Dienstplichtigen [league of conscripts]: 602 photographs and 123 negatives
- Ed van Thijn: 68 photographs
- Federacion Anarquista Iberica (FAI): 229 photographs
- Rooie Vrouwen: 84 photographs, 5 negatives, and 220 slides
- Nederlandse Vereniging voor Sexuele Hervorming [Dutch association for sexual reform] (NVSH): 202 photographs and 46 negatives
- War Resisters’ International (WRI): 10 photographs, 100 negatives, 237 slides, 8 video tapes, 26 audio cassettes and tapes
- CNV Bedrijvenbond [Christian national union of companies]: 38 video tapes
- Nederlandse Arbeiderssportbond [Dutch workers’ sports league]. Amsterdam Chapter: 42 magic lantern pictures
- Mumia Steun groep [Mumia support group]: 3 banners, 22 video tapes, 7 posters, 2 stickers, 1 cd
- 3 rare brooches from the 1920s featuring portraits of Rosa Luxemburg, Karl Liebknecht and Vladimir Il’i Lenin
- H. Schmidt: 127 picture postcards from 1900–1935, primarily from Germany
- E. Iturria: 44 gramophone records and 10 cds featuring battle songs and folk music from Latin America
- Fons Eickholt: 60 audio tapes and cassettes concerning the 4th Russell Tribunal
- 159 original drawings for *Cuadernos de Ruedo Iberico* from the José Martinez collection
- 82 posters from the Stefan Landsberger collection.
Documentation

In addition to collecting and making books, photographs, posters, motion pictures, and audio materials accessible, the Institute has gathered documentation for years. These documents, ranging from pamphlets, stencils, and leaflets to adhesive labels and flyers, reach the IISH in many different ways. They were found on the street, brought along to, and distributed at demonstrations, retrieved from archive lots, or found in books.

At first these documents were filed in binders by organization name or subject. The organization or subject name was then written on a catalogue index card, together with the number of the binder containing the documents. The index cards were arranged alphabetically by country.

As the collection expanded, especially in the 1960s and 70s, this labour-intensive system proved impossible to maintain, and the documents started to be stored in boxes according to the year in which they were collected, and no more index cards were updated or generated.

In 2002 a system was sought to improve access to all these individual documents, which by then spanned 138 m.

The documentation has always been and continues to be arranged by country. Documents from a single country were arranged according to a system, such as: political parties, trade unions, elections, strikes, social movements (e.g. anarchists, squatters), solidarity movements (e.g. country committees), and cultural movements.

Within these categories, the documents were organized alphabetically by organization name. Those not known to be from a specific organization were stored under the heading 'General' within the appropriate category.

Arranging and storing the documents was not the most challenging problem. Making the documents accessible to the public was more complicated. A traditional catalogue entry would be inadequate: such entries would provide insufficient information for users and would never answer questions such as: is information available about Organization X?

The IISH had by then acquired software to ensure digital Internet access to inventories. This software was used to generate a list for each category within a country. These lists comprise two parts: a general section listing titles or subjects of documents not known to be from a specific organization and an alphabetized section listing the organizations.

These lists are all accessible on the Internet. The extensive search features facilitate tracing which country committees were active worldwide for Vietnam, for example, or whether information is available about a given organization. Detailed lists may be generated as well, for example of peace movements in a specified country.

In the course of this project, a fine collection of French revolutionary songs surfaced, as well as a large quantity of flyers from the 1980s and 90s. In addition, several first issues were found of newspapers, company newsletters, and other special periodicals. They have been transferred to the library.

The documentation from 95 countries (spanning 105 m) may now be accessed via 435 lists. On the Netherlands (spanning 32 m), 102 lists are available.
A special project was dedicated to improving access to several collections that have been at the Institute for a while, covering 9,609 image and sound items from the Arbeiders Jeugd Centrale [Workers’ youth centre] (AJC). These items consisted of photographs, negatives, slides, magic lantern pictures, paintings, drawings, prints, picture postcards, flags, textiles, objects, brooches, pins, tapes, audio cassettes, and video tapes.

We catalogued 1,255 posters from the Collectie Sociale Documentatie (CSD), as well as 2,276 original drawings by Opland (Rob Wout) for de Volkskrant newspaper and 1,036 original drawings by Albert Hahn for the Zondagblad [Sunday insert] of Het Volk and the Notenkraker newspapers for the Press Museum.

Stacks and Reproduction

In 2008 over 26,000 items were retrieved from the stacks, including 6,685 archive units, 4,575 periodicals, 5,733 books, 7,467 image & sound documents, and 1,169 microfilms and microfiches. In repro 1,276 requests were processed, of which 935 were external and 341 internal. In addition to making copies of archival documents, most of the repro operations involved scanning image documents for publications and exhibitions, totalling 7,556 scans. In addition to the ‘regular’ scans 23,757 items were scanned for the image system. Thanks to the efforts by the Digital Infrastructure Department, everybody can access the image system to see whether an image or high-resolution file is already present; these high-resolution files are directly available to repro.

Preservation

The cabinets database compiled reflects total space in use and indicates where space remains vacant in the different stacks. The space problem keeps growing more acute. Hardly any space remains for large archives. Lack of space for newly catalogued books has led the complete library (over 25,000 titles) of the Nationale Raad voor Maatschappelijk Welzijn [National council for social welfare] (NRMW) to be stored elsewhere temporarily.

The Dora Russell archive was prepared for microfilming as part of the Metamorfoze programme. The regular operations in the stacks consisted of providing acid-free packaging for fragile materials, binding, and restoring individual items on a limited scale. Over 25 linear metres of fragile leaflets thus received acid-free covers and boxes.

In addition, the collection of over 9,000 negatives from the Algemeen Hollands Fotopersbureau (AHF) was repackaged into acid-free cardboard cassettes.

In 2008 a great many items were issued on standing loan, among which the exhibition China In Posters. The Dreamt Reality in the Kunsthall (Rotterdam) was especially significant and featured 167 posters from the IISH collection and Stefan Landsberger. In December over 300 items from the collection appeared on display in Almost 75 years… an exhibition at the occasion of the conference Collecting Sources for Social History.
In addition to bringing together all kinds of collections of individuals and institutions important in social history, 75 years of systematic collecting at the IISH also leads to a ‘condensation’ of documents from people whose own archives have not ended up at the Institute. The letters of Albert Einstein (1879-1955) exemplify this process.

In anticipation of the introductory visit to the IISH (7 July 2008) by the new president of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) Robbert Dijkgraaf, we explored the possibility of exhibiting several of Einstein’s letters. After all, Dijkgraaf is a renowned physicist, and Einstein was once a foreign member of the KNAW. To our surprise, rummaging through various archives yielded not only dozens of letters and manifests but also a lecture with discussion, an unpublished preface, and various visual artefacts.

How did all this ‘Einsteiniana’ end up here, without any deliberate collection efforts on the part of the IISH? The reason is simply that even before the start of his stormy scientific career, Einstein made no secret of his views on social issues. He never became affiliated with a specific political party, as he feared losing his independence. Still, the positions he adopted certainly placed him at the left of the political spectrum. At the start of World War I, he embraced pacifist principles – to the intense displeasure of his fellow Academy members – and in Mein Weltbild (1934) he stated frankly: ‘I consider social class distinctions to be unjustified and of late based on violence.’

The collection of Einsteiniana at the IISH spans the period from circa 1919 to 1947. A letter from an admirer, Minna Cauer, dated 19 November 1920, includes the following nice but cynical self-observation: ‘I am aware that as a person and a spirit I fall considerably short of the image that you project of me. But what difference does it make? Some people are destined to embody the illusions of others, and, strangely enough, I have become one of them. As long as one acknowledges this situation, no harm is done.’ That he was actually capable of this is clear from his capacity to admire others. On 19 February 1925, for example, he wrote the following to the famous social democrat Eduard Bernstein: ‘so few have consistently been faithful to the common good, even when it was bitter and thankless. Still fewer have taken it for granted and done so with such modesty as you,’ followed on 7 November 1926 by: ‘It would take a powerful Diogenes lantern to find a second person who is as good.’

The most substantial part of the Einsteiniana found at the IISH is probably the account of a lecture discussing the concept of ‘causality,’ which the famous scholar delivered at the Marxistische Arbeiter Schule (M.A.S./MASCH) in Berlin on 14 November 1930. In his distaste for the prominent emerging national socialism, he sympathized with the communists, who had established this school in the early 1930s. One of those present, Karl Korsch, had in fact already left the KPD in 1923, but such lectures were open to a far broader public. In 15 typed pages, he gives an account of the lecture, which was continually interrupted by questions that Einstein appears to have willingly answered.

In the lion’s den, he explained in response to one of the questions: ‘Marxists [...] attribute excessive significance to external causes.'
For example, Marxists like to say that the invention of machines is a consequence of external circumstances, such as a country’s sparse population, labour shortages, etc. But the opposite is equally true. ‘Later in the lecture, ‘a leading member of the M.A.S.’ returns to that theme by stating ‘that legitimacy in the rise of human civilization tends to reflect a statistical pattern, and that accordingly the more recent developments in physics are no cause for questioning causality as the foundation of communist policy.’

Although Einstein expressed agreement with this, he added: ‘These subtleties [i.e. the current KPD policy] are in no way indicative of the legal necessity of human history. This is entirely independent of whether the latest laws of nature are statistical or strictly causal.’ Korsch fails to note whether all those present were satisfied with this response.

In the framework of the history of social movements, Einstein is, of course, mainly known for his efforts on behalf of the peace movement. It is curious that the protocol to establish a radical pacifist International Peace House, which he signed together with the Dutch clergyman J.B. Th. Hugenholtz (1888-1973), never materialized, due to Einstein’s flight from the Nazis to Belgium and later to the United States.
One of the most striking themes in the Netherlands during the tumultuous 60s was sexual liberation, in which the NVSH figured prominently. The Nederlandse Vereniging voor Seksuele Hervorming [Dutch association for sexual reform] (NVSH) was founded in 1946, after its predecessor the Nieuw Malthusiaanse Bond (founded in 1881) was disbanded at the start of World War II. The objectives of the association were expanded from dispensing information about birth control to include disseminating 'correct and clear, scientifically proven insights and views on intercourse' (1947) and 'emancipation of individual and community, especially regarding sexuality' (1972). The NVSH promoted contraceptives, enrichment of sexual opportunities, and the right to abortion and lobbied against current legislation on morality. The association organized parent evenings, movie nights, lectures, discussion groups and marriage courses, seminars, and congresses. In addition, the association published the journal Verstandig Ouderschap, Sekstant from 1967, and De Nieuwe Sekstant from 1993. The NVSH also started mediating abortions and opened information centres in many places with office hours for the public, where medically trained staff answered questions about family planning, marital problems, and sexology. In 1969 this service was channelled through the Dr. J. Rutgers Stichting, which existed until 2001.

The NVSH experienced its heyday in the 1960s. Membership peaked in 1966 at over 220,000. The decline began after the 1970s: contraceptives came to be taken for granted, as were many ideas. Later a counter-movement emerged, and the NVSH was fiercely criticized for some of its controversial positions (e.g. on paedophilia and pornography). The association encountered serious financial difficulties and was forced to make drastic cuts; at present the NVSH has about 1,500 members and relies entirely on volunteers. Information services continue mainly via the website.

The NVSH archive has been preserved almost entirely and was entrusted to the IISH in 1986. Regular accruals have arrived since then. Arrangement has been made possible thanks to donations from the Prins Bernhard Cultuurfonds and the SNS REAAL Fonds. It was originally accessible via a card catalogue system; this card catalogue and code lists were used to transform these listings into a proper inventory.

The archive comprises documents from meetings by the board, the association council, members council, and congresses. There is also a wealth of correspondence and files about the many areas in which the association was active. Other archive material is from national working groups and commissions and from districts and chapters, which existed in nearly every corner of the Netherlands during the association’s heyday. The arranged archive spans 62.75 m. Consultation is subject to permission from the NVSH.

Tiny de Boer, Inventaris archief Nederlandse Vereniging voor Seksuele Hervorming (1940, 1945) 1946-2007. Amsterdam 2008 (published on the IISH website)
In 2008 visits to the reading room remained roughly the same. The total of 4,937 visitors approximated the average from previous years. The 5,375 information requests reflect a substantial increase, attributable primarily to the rise in requests submitted by e-mail. The growing availability of information on the website has led to an increase in electronic requests as well.

The most important event was the departure of Mieke IJzermans as information officer. Her extensive contacts with visitors made her the calling card of the Services Department. Some of her duties have been omitted, while others have been reassigned.

In 2008 a group was formed within the Institute to structure guided tours and recruit more guides. They will be responsible for reaching out to students and other interested parties. In 2008 we gave guided tours to various groups of Dutch students, especially history students, as well as those specializing in social studies and sociology and those enrolled at the art academy. In addition, groups from Denmark, China, and Germany visited the Institute.

As in previous years, the Institute contributed to exhibitions in the Netherlands and abroad. We made substantial contributions to PROTEST! Campaign posters from 1965 at the Dutch Resistance Museum in Amsterdam, Signs of Change: Social Movement Cultures 1960s to the Present at Exit Art New York, China in Posters: The Dreamt Reality at the Kunsthall Rotterdam, and Censorship! at the Press Museum in Amsterdam. In addition, materials were provided to dozens of exhibitions in the Netherlands, as well as to exhibitions in Barcelona, London, and Berlin.
Obrigado Lisboa

The seventh European Social Science History Conference brought together some 1,600 social historians in Lisbon from 26 February until 1 March 2008. Together, they offered and participated in a programme comprising over 400 two-hour sessions and a vast survey of research by social scientists and historians applying social theories to the past. These numbers made for the biggest ESSHC thus far. Because of the unprecedented number of participants and sessions, the conference even had to be extended by a half day.

Thanks to the hospitality of the Faculty of Letters of the University of Lisbon, the assistance of the Lisboa Convention bureau, and assistance from numerous people in Lisbon and elsewhere, the conference turned out to be a very successful, fruitful, and enjoyable event.

Every two hours participants divided and re-divided over 20 to 25 sessions. They gathered in the Aula Magna for the keynote speech on Orientalism in One Country? Race, Region and Nation in Twentieth Century Brazil, delivered by Barbara Weinstein, professor of History at New York University. After the plenary meeting, participants filled the halls of the Rectory for an animated reception. As in previous years, the book exhibit featured presentations by several academic publishers and organizations. Guided walks organized by ‘I love Lisbon’ in the historical centre of Lisbon were particularly pleasant, given the wonderful spring weather.

The bi-annual ESSHC is an international and interdisciplinary conference, bringing together social scientists working on historical themes and historians using tools from social sciences in their research. With participants from all over Europe, the United States, Asia, Latin America, and Africa, this meeting is truly international. It is organized in a 28 thematic networks, each of which covers a topic like Health, Labour, Historical Geography, or Urban History.

The merge of the networks ‘Nations and Nationalism’ and ‘Politics’ to form the new network ‘Politics, Citizenship and Nations’ proved wisely chosen. The ‘Religion’ network made a miraculous recovery, as did the ‘World History’ network. The new network ‘Material and Consumer Culture’ was off to an excellent start and organized 14 panels. This time the ongoing amicable competition between ‘Ethnicity and Migration’ and ‘Family and Demography’ to be the conference’s largest network was won by the latter, but by a narrow margin.

Many sessions are joint efforts between two or more networks. Co-operation and communication between networks was driven by a meeting of network chairs in Amsterdam in the spring of 2007 to exchange ideas and discuss and shape the programme. This meeting proved very useful and will hopefully be a permanent addition to the ESSHC organizational structure.

At the general meeting, Ghent, Belgium was presented as the location for the next ESSHC. In April 2010 the historic Bijloke site will host the conference. Information on the ESSHC appears on the congress website: www.iisg.nl/esshc
Ongoing development of labour history was an important focus of the activities within the Research Department, with regional historiographies (especially in Europe and Asia) as another important area of interest. The ‘global’ activities revolve around the ‘sample years’ project, which is intended to generate cross sections for 5 years (1500, 1650, 1800, 1900, 2000) of the entire world, revealing approximately which types of labour relations occurred how frequently and where. These cross sections may visualize long-term changes and thus serve as a foundation for additional analyses. Part of this project is launched with the Institute for Economic and Social History in Vienna, funded by a grant from the Netherlands Research Foundation NWO, and started in 2007 (coordinated by Karin Hofmeester). Another part of the project (the part that concentrates on the years 1500 and 1650 and will also address the different types of work ethics that existed at the time) is funded by the German Gerda Henkel Foundation and started on 1 April (coordinated by Christine Moll-Murata). The project organized two workshops (in Vienna, 14-15 March, and in Amsterdam, 28-29 November), where scholars from different parts of the world discussed substantive and methodological problems and proposed preliminary series of figures.

Transcontinental changes in labour relationships are also the focus of the project *Plants, People and Work*, which has been in progress since 2007 (coordinated by Marcel van der Linden and Willem van Schendel), and on which eight researchers in Europe and Asia now work. Transcontinental was also the theme of the colloquium about the long-term consequences of the British abolition of the slave trade in 1807 (Amsterdam, 30 June – 2 July), organized by the Institute with support from the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW). The colloquium made clear that this measure (and its sequel, the British abolition of slavery as such in 1834-38) had countless anticipated and unanticipated consequences, such as the diversion of the slave trade from the Atlantic Ocean to other parts of the world, the rise of indentured labour migration from South Asia, China, and Java, as well as in some cases far worse treatment of slaves within Africa.

A Summer Institute was organized together with the New College of the University of Toronto (principal: Professor Rick Halpern) in Toronto (8-14 June), where graduate students and scholars from all over the world spent a week talking and debating about their current projects, the insights arising from them, and theoretical and methodological obstacles they encountered. Not only was information exchanged, but a global network of young labour historians began to take shape. Possibilities are being explored for a sequel to this Summer School. Together with six other institutes, the Institute received what is known as a CATCH grant of € 680,840 towards the LINKS project (2009-2012), which aims to reconstruct all 19th and early 20th-century families in the Netherlands. Kees Mandemakers is envisaged as the leader of this project. The Institute received a € 108,100 grant from the Ministry of Welfare, Health, and Culture towards setting up a website with information about Dutch trade unions in World War II.
Farmer with buffalo, ploughing a rice field in Szechuan. Illustration from A. Kircher, China monumentis qua sacris qua profanis (1667). IISH library, collection KNAW
As part of the Global Labour History Research Programme, the IISH tries to map labour relations in areas and periods outside the classical field of labour history. To this end, we launched a project last year called *A Global Collaboratory on the History of Labour Relations, 1500-2000*, which has been sponsored by NWO and the Gerda Henkel Stiftung. The project group consists of Karin Hofmeester, Marcel van der Linden, Jan Lucassen, and Christine Moll-Murata. The project aim is to compile an inventory of all types of labour relations worldwide, ranging from slavery, indentured labour, share-cropping, to free wage labour and self-employment in all manifestations and combinations, and to reconstruct developments in this field from 1500 until the present. This also relates to ideologies on labour and the place of labourers in society.

Assisted by a large group of regional experts from different disciplines, we started gathering gender and age-specific statistical data on the incidence of all types of labour relations in all parts of the world during five chronological cross-sections, i.e.: 1500, 1650, 1800, 1900 and 2000. To facilitate comparison of the data worldwide, we have devised a set of definitions of labour relations that are being applied to all cross sections. Participants share data and critical annotations in a collaboratory (an ‘on line laboratory’) and during meetings. Thus far, data have been gathered on Europe (Netherlands, Scandinavia, Italy, and Spain), the Ottoman Empire/Turkey, North America and Spanish America, India, Indonesia, China, Taiwan, and Korea. Data on the Middle East and Northern and Sub-Saharan Africa will be gathered in the very near future.

Creating this research infrastructure has led us to discover shortcomings in our knowledge and analysis, which we aim to resolve through further research. The second goal of our project is therefore to develop a research programme aimed at explaining the rise and decline of types of labour relations in the period 1500-2000. Why was slavery much more frequent in the 17th and 18th centuries than it is today? Why was slavery abolished in Europe and subsequently introduced in the European colonies? Why is child labour still an issue today? Why did tenant farming sometimes disappear altogether, only to return later? Why did free wage-labour become more important in the course of time? Answering these kinds of questions requires insight into the ‘logic’ of particular labour relations (e.g. what are the economic advantages and disadvantages of a given type of labour relationship for employers?) on the one hand, while on the other hand mutual competition between types of labour relations needs to be explored, as they manifest in transitional situations, i.e. historical turning points, when regionally one type of labour relations gave way to another.

See https://collab.iisg.nl/web/LabourRelations
This project is being conducted by Moira van Dijk. Elise van Nederveen Meerkerk started her research on testaments, and Machiel Bosman launched his study about collecting donations as part of Giving in the Golden Age (2008-2012), a project about Dutch philanthropy in the 17th century. The Centre for Iranian Documentation and Research (CIDR) established the Dr Sadiqi Research Fund, through which the IISH will support scholars studying the social history of Iran. Görkem Akgöz received a second consecutive Huygens Grant from the Netherlands Organization for International Cooperation in Higher Education (NUFFIC) to continue her dissertation about working-class formation in Turkey in the 1930s and 40s – an exceptional honour. Peyman Jafari received what is known as a Mosaic Grant from NW0 for his PhD project about political liberalization in Iran (1979-2005). Matthias van Rossum started working on a dissertation about Asian and European sailors on the global labour market of the Dutch East India Company.

The Research Department received various tokens of support and recognition. The University of Oslo awarded research director Marcel van der Linden an honorary doctorate for his contributions to social history. The KNAW chose Erik-Jan Zürcher, the new general director who spends part of his time at the Research Department, to become one of its members. The University of Utrecht appointed Jan Luiten van Zanden Distinguished Professor at the Faculty of Humanities, although the downside of this distinction is that Van Zanden will be leaving the Institute on 1 September 2009. The European Research Council awarded Marco van Leeuwen an Advanced Research Grant of €2 million toward his research on intergenerational social mobility in Europe (1700-2000). Again, this honour comes with the drawback that Van Leeuwen will be transferring to the University of Utrecht on 1 April 2009, although he will remain affiliated with the Institute as an honorary fellow. On 1 September the Erasmus University Rotterdam appointed Kees Mandemakers professor on behalf of the IISH for Large Historical Databases. The British Economic History Society awarded our former colleague Dr Danielle van den Heuvel (now at Cambridge University) the Thirk-Finstein Dissertation Prize for the PhD thesis she wrote during her years at the Institute about female traders in the Northern Netherlands (ca. 1580-1815). Christine Moll-Murata passed her Habilitation examination at the University of Tübingen with her study about state and crafts in the Qing Dynasty. Christiaan van Bochove obtained a doctorate at the University of Utrecht for his research on economic integration around the North Sea (1500-1800).

Several fellows from abroad worked at the Research Department for brief or extended periods this year: Irina Gordeeva and Sergey Afontsev from Moscow, Óscar Bascuñán Añover from Ciudad Real, Anne-Marie Bouchard and Alexis Desgagnés from Montreal, Erkan Döğan from Ankara, and Matthieu Leimgruber from Lausanne. Staff members published quite a few articles, books, and edited volumes. The following list is selective. Marcel van der Linden’s Workers of the World (Leiden/Boston: Brill) is a programmatic substantiation of global labour history. The collection A Dream Deferred by Gijs Kessler et al. (Berne [etc.]: Peter Lang) features an overview of new insights about labour history of Russia and the Soviet Union in the 20th century. Ulbe Bosma and Remco Raben’s Being “Dutch in the” Indies (Singapore: National University of Singapore Press) addresses processes of Creolization in
the Netherlands Indies. Jacques van Gerwen and Ferry de Goey's *Ondernemers in Nederland* (Amsterdam: Aksant) is the first result of a vast study of Dutch corporate industry in the twentieth century and covers Dutch entrepreneurs in this period. *The International Review of Social History* (issued by Cambridge University Press) has continued to thrive under the aegis of Aad Blok, with paid subscriptions increasing further. This edition of the annual supplement *The Return of the Guilds* was edited by Jan Lucassen, Tine de Moor, and Jan Luiten van Zanden and is about transcontinental comparative history of guilds.

**Conferences**

By far the largest conference organized by the Institute was the biannual European Social Science History Conference (ESSHC, Lisbon, 26 February-1 March). 1,600 participants discussed all aspects of social history in more than 400 sessions. With these numbers the conference was larger than ever before. Els Hiemstra was responsible for content organization and coordination from the Dutch end, while Professor Ana Maria Scabra de Almeida Rodrigues dealt with the local organization for the Portuguese. The cooperation was exemplary. Other gatherings concerned Life Courses in the 19th and 20th Centuries (11 April), Social Positioning and Everyday Life in Qajar Persia (4-6 June) and Long-term Consequences of the British Abolition of the Slave Trade in 1807 (30 June-2 July). A database on postcolonial migrant organizations in the Netherlands (constructed by Marga Alferink and Ulbe Bosma) was made available to the public. The Institute also supported or co-organized several events abroad. At the University of Minneapolis the second conference on Global Migration History was held as part of our Global Migration History Programme (17 - 19 April). Together with the New College of the University of Toronto a summer school on global labour history was initiated (Toronto, 8-15 June), and in Johannesburg a conference of the University of the Witwatersrand on Labour History Beyond Borders (5-8 September) was assisted actively. Together with the Institute of Biography of the University of Groningen the Institute organized (6-7 November) an international conference on the role of charisma in emergent social movements.
Illustrations

The illustrations in this annual report revolve around two themes: the exposition Censorship! and the research projects on various commodities at the IISH.

Censorship! was organized by the Press Museum and the IISH in the autumn of 2008. What is censorship? Censorship is a form of prohibition and punishment. Ever since the 15th century products of the printing press have been subject to censorship and since the 20th century the same has applied to film, radio, television and the Internet. Censorship thus relates to public communication and content in word, image and sound. Censorship generally focuses on communication and content that is displeasing to secular and religious rulers. It concerns opinions on state and politics, theological and religious issues, issues related to social (in)equality, sex, honour, and norms and values. The exposition in the Press Museum comprised of documents from the 17th until the 21st century.

The Global Labour History of commodity production is a key area of research at the IISH. First, there is the project on cash crops in Asia that compares the social role of three important cash crops (tobacco, sugar and indigo) that were transferred from the Americas to Asia. The comparison, which covers the last 200 years, concentrates on how each crop was embedded in Asian societies, the way in which labour was mobilised to produce and process the crop, and the social after-effects of its cultivation. The second project is on the formation of a working class in the Iranian oil industry after the first oil was brought to the surface at Masjid Sulaimain in 1908. The ascendency of the Iranian oil industry, that brought about British Petrol (BP), was not only of great geopolitical significance but also led to a momentous change of Iranian society. A massive industrialisation took place in a society which hardly had known any industrial labour just within a few years. The third IISH project is on diamonds. It aims at following and explaining the various reallocations of the diamond finishing industry in the last five hundred years, starting in India where it had it origins, via various European cities, to end in India again where the largest share of diamonds is being now finished.
Censorship!
**Den Nederlandtschen Bye-Korf** / The Dutch Beehive, 1607 -1608

The Bye-Korf or Beehive is the introduction to a collection of 30 to 40 pieces on the Dutch-Spanish peace negotiations in 1607-8 that ultimately led to the Twelve Years’ Truce (1609-21). The Eighty Years’ War did not come to an end until 1648. Most of the pieces in the Bye-Korf criticize the peace with Spain. This was the reason why the States-General banned a number of the texts on 27 August 1608.

Collection KNAW

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**Dictionnaire historique et critique 5me éd., revue, corrigé et augm.** Avec la vie de l’auteur, par Des Maizeaux, Amsterdam etc., Brunel etc., 1740 (originally 1697), 4 parts / Historical and Critical Dictionary. This is the most important work of Pierre Bayle (1647-1706), a French Huguenot who fled to the Netherlands in 1681 and became a professor at the Illustrious College of Rotterdam. Bayle advocated religious tolerance and a strict separation of faith and science. The Dictionnaire historique et critique was originally published in 1697. This attractive, improved version appeared on the market in 1740.

Collection IISH
DICTIONNAIRE
HISTORIQUE
ET CRITIQUE,
PAR
MR. PIERRE BAYLE.
CINQUIEME EDITION,
REVUE, CORRIGEE, ET AUGMENTEE.
AVEC LA VIE DE L'AUTEUR,
PAR MR. DES MAIZEAUX.
TOME PREMIER.
A—B.
Emile ou de l’éducation / Emile, or on Education, 
Rousseau, Amsterdam, 1762

When Emile was published in 1765, with the book first being printed in Paris and a little later in Amsterdam, it was immediately banned in France (in June), and Jean-Jacques Rousseau had to flee the country to avoid arrest. Frederick II of Prussia offered him asylum in Neuchâtel and after some peregrinations he returned to Paris in 1767. The printer of Emile in Amsterdam was Jean Néaulme. At the end of July 1762 the States-General took action as well: Néaulme was issued with a publication ban and Emile was consigned to the flames.

Collection IIISH
In this allegorical print an armoured warrior, in view of the orange almost certainly denoting Stadtholder William V, tries to push Freedom from her pedestal.

Collection Press Museum
DE ONTWAAKTE LEEUW.

N° 2.
MAANDAG.

Verschijnt elken Haagse maandag, des Maandags en Vrijdags morgens.

WAAR MOET HET HEEN?

Uitgeput en uitgekleed, zoo als Neerlanden natie zich door hare bewindslieden gedwongen in slaap ligt, moet een blik naar de zwaarste ramp, die een volk hun treffen: hongersnood! De grootste ploeg, die eene bevolking zoo als de Neerlandsche, kan onder ons geen aanhaal van haar voedsel, van den burger en den handwerksman is door eene ziekte aangetast: de aardappel is bedorven, genoegzaam algemeen bedorven.

Schoon er op dit oogenblik weinig voor de werkzaam klassen te verwachten valt, doet zich echter de nood nog niet zoo erg gevoeld, als als volks te zitten winter te voorzien is. Wanneer dan de door zijnen tiran uitgemergelde burger geen geld genoeg meer heeft, om de in prijs stijgende levensmiddelen te koopen, wat zal hij dan doen? Zal hij geen geld meer hebben, dit niet met geweld zien magtig te worden bij hem, die zoo lang van hem schraapte, die zoo veel bloempotten ontving? Zal hij dan den goudwolf ongenoemde laten en hem laten zweigen en brassen van hoeveelpeld, middelwijl zijne vrouw en zijn kroost van kommer en ellend ten grave dalen?

Armoede aan den eenen- en duurde der levensmiddelen aan den anderen kant — waar moet het heen?
De ontwaakte leeuw / The Awakened Lion, 26 September 1845

In 1840 Eillert Meeter, a Republican, founded the journal De tolk der vrijheid [The Interpreter of Liberty]. In this and other journals he published, he lashed out against social injustices and the opaque political system. Kings and ministers were not spared his wrath. He also strongly criticized other newspapers and journals that in his view toadied to the government.

His outspoken articles led more than once to prosecution and a prison sentence. His journals were regularly banned. The second issue of his De ontwaakte leeuw [The Awakened Lion], of 26 September 1845, in the format known as a ‘Lilliputter’, was confiscated even before it could be distributed.

Collection Press Museum

Uit het leven van Koning Gorilla / From the Life of King Gorilla, S.E.W. Roorda van Eysinga

In February 1887 the brochure Uit het leven van Koning Gorilla [From the Life of King Gorilla] was published in The Hague. This was an anonymous diatribe against King William III; only later was it revealed that the author was the editor of the socialist journal Recht voor Allen [Rights for All] and an admirer of Multatuli, Sicco Roorda van Eysinga. The lampoon appeared on the eve of the king’s seventieth birthday, and in the following weeks tens of thousands of copies of the booklet were sold.

Supporters and opponents of the booklet joined the debate, and many of the latter tried to prevent distribution of Uit het leven van Koning Gorilla at various bookshops. The brochure rails against the king’s ‘criminal life’ and the ‘degenerate nature of the family’; the king is also portrayed as a ‘sadistic monster’ who shows no consideration for his people whatsoever.

In 1893 a new attack on the royal family appeared in the ‘humorous-satirical’ socialist weekly De Roode Duivel [The Red Devil]. The publisher, editor and cartoonist L.M. Hermans, presented a drawing for the design of a King Gorilla statue to commemorate the death of King William III three years earlier.

The wild-looking gorilla with a crown holds a crock of gin in one hand and a virgin in the other. Because of this and other articles about the royal family, Hermans was sentenced to several spells in prison at the end of the 19th century.

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De Notenkraker, De Censor, Albert Funke Kupper,
8 October 1932.
Collection IISH
**Wenn ein Torero verliebt ist / When a Torero is in love,** Camouflaged publications, 1933-1945

Camouflaged publications (in German: *Tarnschriften*) were texts against the National Socialist regime in the form of clandestine brochures in a cover that hid the true content.

The brochures were produced in the period 1933-1945 and were so small that they could easily be sent in an envelope or kept in an inside pocket.

Typically, such camouflaged publications had innocent titles on the cover, giving no indication that the content was aimed against National Socialism.

Collection IISH
Following the Nazi seizure of power, Bottema indicated that things were not looking good for free speech.
Mein Kampf, Adolf Hitler, 1936

The Dutch translation of Mein Kampf – Mijn Kamp – to which the Dutch state holds the copyright, is the only book that is forbidden by criminal law in the Netherlands. The copyright to the original German edition is held by the German federal state of Bavaria. The book is banned by the Bavarian authorities in agreement with the Federal Government of Germany. Throughout Germany copying or printing the book is forbidden.

Collection IISH
De gelijkgeschakelde pers, Nachtmerrie over Nederland, Herinneringsalbum 1940-1945 / The press forced into line’, Nightmare over the Netherlands, Commemorative Album 1940 – 1945
A special issue of De Groene Amsterdammer, designed by Jan van Keulen and illustrated by L.J. Jordaan. In 1945 the cartoonist Leen Jordaan reflected on the occupation in thirty lithographic satirical cartoons.
Collection IIISH
Beatrijs, 2 April 1955 and Libelle, 2 April 1955
In the 1950s each Catholic daily, weekly and monthly journal had its own censor, a sort of spiritual advisor, who had the task of checking the publication for moral correctness. Until 1950 portraying a woman wearing a dress with bare shoulders was forbidden in advertisements in these magazines. The same advertisement appearing on the same day could thus look quite different in two publications catering to different religious affiliations.

Collection Press Museum

Der Spiegel, 13 June 1956
The Greet Hofmans affair, 1956
In June 1956 the tribulations at Soestdijk Palace (the royal residence), which had been kept secret for years, finally became public. The spark in the powder keg was an article in the Hamburg-based magazine Der Spiegel of 13 June 1956 about the supposed
overcome, and Juliana remained on the throne. She was, however, forced to dismiss Hofmans and several members of her household, including her private secretary Walraven van Heeckeren van Molecaten.

Collection Press Museum
Extra Jezus-nummer / Extra Jesus issue of Propria Cures, including an interview by Abraham de Swaan with J. of Nazareth, 10 October 1964.

The article discusses ‘de volksmenner, gebedsgenezer en voedingsdeskundige J. “Christus” van Nazareth [33]’ [the rabble-rouser, faith healer and nutritional expert J. “Christ” of Nazareth [33]]. In 1965 De Swaan was ordered to pay a hundred-guilder fine because of ‘mocking blasphemy, hurtful to the religious feelings of those who hold a different view to the accused’.

Collection IIISH
God, Nederland en Oranje / God, the Netherlands and Orange, Year 1, issue 1, 1966.

God, Nederland en Oranje was a cartoon magazine linked to the Provo movement, featuring many publications by 'Willem' (pseudonym of Bernard Willem Holtrop). The provocative cartoons regularly led to confiscation and prosecution. Altogether, 10 issues were published between September 1966 and March 1968.

This first issue from 1966 depicted Queen Juliana as a window prostitute; it was confiscated, the charge of lèse majesté was changed to one of insulting the Public Authorities, and Willem was fined 200 guilders. Three members of the Provo movement were arrested but were released after questioning. See also the Provo archive.

Collection IISH
On 3 March 1967 the Amsterdam police confiscated all 25,000 copies of the issue of the Jan Cremer-krant on suspicion that the content was ‘offensive to public decency’. In addition, charges of slander and defamation were brought against the magazine by the author Cees Nooteboom because of an article entitled ‘The drama of Liesbeth List’.

Collection Press Museum
The Satanic Verses by Salman Rushdie was published in 1988. The book caused great outrage among Muslims worldwide, due particularly to the portrayal of Mohammed. On 14 February 1989 the spiritual leader of Iran, Ayatollah Khomeini, issued a fatwa on Rushdie, calling for his execution. As a consequence, Rushdie had to go into hiding for many years and even today cannot move about entirely freely. The novel is still banned in all Islamic countries.

Collection Press Museum
On 2 November 2004 Theo van Gogh was murdered by Mohammed B. The murder of Van Gogh instigated a debate on self-censorship that continues to this day. Since the murder, writers, journalists and cartoonists think longer about certain statements and positions. Above all, the murder was an ultimate, terrible deed of censorship. Theo van Gogh was silenced forever.
Commodities
Thanks to massive female labour input the yield of cane per hectare on Java was one of the highest in the world and made this island the second largest cane sugar producer after Cuba (Watoetoelis Poppoh, 1926).

Collection IISH
Harvesting the cane at the sugar factory Ketanen (Residency Surabaya in the 1930s. The arduous work of cane cutting on Java was done by an army of hundreds of thousands of often landless peasants during the sugar campaign [W. Hasselman, N.V. Landbouwmaatschappij “Ketanen 1898-1938. s.l., 1938]. Collection IISH

Next pages: From the 1870 onwards tens of thousands of Chinese coolies were brought to plantations of Deli (East Sumatra), from 1911 onwards coolie imports from China were discontinued and labour was recruited in Java. Here Javanese labour immigrants are registered at the central office of the Deli Planters, in the 1920s [P.W. Modderman, Gedenkboek uitgegeven ter gelegenheid van het vijftig jarig bestaan van de Deli planters vereeniging. Batavia, 1929]. Collection IISH
Assembling and transporting the tobacco leaves at a plantation in Deli, Sumatra.

Collection IISH
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Contemporary cigarette factory in East Java. Photo by Ratna Saptari, 1990.
Collection IISH
Being the first location in the Middle East where oil was discovered in 1908, Masjidsulaiman in southwest Iran became a site of world historical significance. Here it is payday in 1910. Ministry of Oil, Tehran, Iran.

Collection IISH
It took two years to construct the pipeline from Masjid Sulaiman to the Port of Abadan in 1909. Mules were used for transport men taking over when the mountains were too steep. Ministry of Oil, Tehran, Iran. Collection IISH

In four years time the Abadan refinery was built, at that time the world’s largest, Workers involved in the construction of this site were recruited from India, China and neighbouring Arab countries. Abadan, 1913. Ministry of Oil, Tehran, Iran. Collection IISH

Next pages: The diamond polishers in their workshop Amsterdam. Not dated IISH/Slijpers
Turner’s shop in Amsterdam. Here the polishing disks for diamond polishing were manufactured, ca. 1906 Photograph by A.S de Levita. Collection IISH
Banner of the brilliant cutters branch of the ANDB (Dutch Diamond Workers Union) in the collection of the IISH, design by H.P. Berlage.

Collection IISH
Picture postcard [1916] of the 'Koperenstelenfonds' (copper wire fund) meant to collect money for diamond workers suffering from tuberculosis. The Diamond Workers Union had its own sanatory 'Zonnestaal' in Hilversum.

Collection IISH
In 2008 the board members of the Foundation International Institute of Social History were as follows:

Dr M.P. (Martin) Bossenbroek  
H.M. (Hans) van de Kar, MA (Chair)  
Professor Dr U. (Uri) Rosenthal  
G.H. (Gerrit) Terpstra, MA  
L. de (Lodewijk) Waal  
H.F. (Renz) de Wit, MA

The board met on 2 February and on 30 June 2008. The meetings were attended by Jaap Kloosterman (General Director until 1 April) and Titia van der Werf (Deputy Director of Collections). Erik-Jan Zürcher (General Director from 1 April) attended the meeting on 30 June. Staff interests were represented by Els Hiemstra (Staff Council) on both occasions.

IISH-KNAW Academic Advisory Board

As part of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW), the International Institute of Social History is subject to periodic peer reviews, which take place every six years. Halfway between reviews, Academy institutes take time for a self-evaluation (or mid-term review). At the end of 2007, the IISH organized a mid-term review that took the form of a semi-formal evaluation by its new international Academic Advisory Board. The result was that the Board rated the Institute’s research as ‘excellent’ and its collections activities as ‘very good and potentially excellent’.

The international Academic Advisory Board comprises the following members:

Professor Dr M.R. (Maarten) Prak, Utrecht University (Chair)  
Professor Dr M. (Michiel) Baud, University of Amsterdam, director of CEDLA  
Professor E. (Eileen) Boris, University of California, Santa Barbara  
Professor P. (Patrick) O’Brien, London School of Economics  
Professor U. (Ute) Frevert, Yale University  
Professor D. (Dick) Geary, University of Nottingham  
Dr N. (Nandini) Gooptu, University of Oxford  
Professor Dr J. (Jürgen) Kocka, Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung

Mid-term Review Committee Collections

Since the Academic Advisory Board is composed entirely of scholars, however, the IISH made a proposal with support from the Board that specialists in collections and information technology be invited to take part in a separate review of collection development, preservation, and access. Eric Ketelaar, professor of Archive Studies at the University of Amsterdam and a former State Archivist of the Netherlands, agreed to chair such a review. Members of the review committee paid a working visit to the IISH and drafted an official report on their findings. The members of the Mid-term Review Committee Collections met on 12 and 13 December 2008. Their evaluation was that the collection component of the IISH should be considered ‘excellent’.

The Mid-term Review Committee Collections comprised the following members:

Professor Dr F.C.J. (Eric) Ketelaar, University of Amsterdam (Chair)
Professor M. (Michel) Cordillot, Université de Paris-VIII
Professor S. (Sanjay) Garg, Assistant Director National Archives of India
Professor F. (Francesca) Gori, President of Memorial Italia
Professor J. (Jim) Michalko, Vice-President of RLG Programs at OCLC
Professor Dr W. (Wilfried) Reininghaus, President of the Landesarchiv Westfälisches Staatsarchiv
Professor A. (Anne) Van Camp, Director Smithsonian Institution Archives

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* Interview on the New Database on Migrant-organizations, Radio Wereldomroep (26 June)

Touraj Atabaki
* Lecture: ‘Constitutionalism beyond Frontiers: From Calcutta to Tehran en route Bukhara’, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, Delhi, India (11 January)
* Lecture: ‘Edward Said and post-Colonial Studies’, Khazar University, Baku, Azerbaijan (29 January)
* Lecture: ‘Social Positioning and Every Day Life in Qajar Persia. “Revisiting Social Historiography of Qajar Persia”, IISH and Leiden University (4-7 June)
* Lecture: ‘Remembering the Past, An Oral History project for Soviet Central Asia’, Open Society Institute, Budapest (8-9 October)
* Lecture: ‘Apocalyptic Culture and the Emergence of Charismatic Agency in the Persianate World’, Charisma: Emergent of Social Movements, University of Groningen (6-7 November)

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Machiel Bosman
* Lecture: ‘Elisabeth de Flines. Een onmogelijke liefde in de achttiende eeuw’, Maritiem Museum, Oudeschild (15 November)
* Interview, on the publication Het weeshuis van Culemborg (Amsterdam: Athenaeum – Polak & Van Gennep, 2005), Verre verwanten (22 March)
* Interview, on the publication Elisabeth de Flines, Parool (24 May)
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Sara Farris

* Guest lecture: on Max Weber’s Sociology of Religion, University of Amsterdam (April)
* Guest lecture: on Immigration and Integration in Europe, International Institute for Research and Education, Amsterdam (March)
* Paper: ‘The knot of Eurocentrism. The Encounter between Post-colonial Studies and Social Theory’, 10th anniversary Conference of the European Journal of Social Theory, University of Sussex, Brighton (19-21 June)

Jacques van Gerwen

* Lecture: ‘Dutch Entrepreneurs in the Twentieth Century’, Presentation Project voor Raad van Advies BINT-project, Utrecht (15 September)
* Interview, on the publication Ondernemersin Nederland, BNR radio (26 November)

Patricia Kennedy Grimsted

* Lecture: ‘Returned from Russia: Archives as Prisoners of War and Hopes for Restitution’, National Archives, Washington, DC (12 March)
* Presentation [with M. Kurtz and R. Wolfe]: ‘Returned from Russia: Nazi Archival Plunder in Western Europe and Recent Restitution Issues’, Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center, Washington, DC (13 March)
* Book presentation: ‘Returned from Russia: Nazi Plundered Archives from Western Europe’, Vienna Municipal Library (27 March)
* Book presentation: ‘Returned from Russia: Nazi Plundered Archives from Western Europe’, The Netherlands Nationaal Archief (3 April)

Lex Heerma van Voss

* Lecture: ‘Henri Polak’ at First Henri Polak lecture, De Burcht, Amsterdam (19 February)
* Lecture: ‘Socialism’ at Studium Generale, TU Eindhoven, (20 February)
* Paper: ‘What do we see when we look at the increasing contacts between the shores of the North Sea in the Early Modern period as a case of globalisation?’, at seminar Social and Economic history, Utrecht University (21 February)
* Lecture: ‘Worldwide employment’ at Focus en Massa-bijeenkomst ongelijkheid, Utrecht University (4 April)
     * Lecture: ‘Dynamic and Stagnation in the Dutch Golden Age’ at ICLON, Leiden University (19 September)
* Lecture: ‘Wat kan een onderzoeker met Baltic Connections’ at Symposium Baltic Connections, Nationaal Archief, Den Haag (1 October)
* Lecture: ‘Trade Union history’, AbvaKabo kaderscholing (3 November)
* Lecture ‘iISH and Karl Marx’, Sociology students Amsterdam University (24 November)
* Lecture ‘A Global History of Dutch Labour’, Zentrum für Niederlande-Studien van de Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität in Münster (3 December)
Marien van der Heijden
* Interview on Soviet Posters, for ‘De vrijheid van de kunstenaar’, Kunstlicht Next, Teleac NOT (4 December)

Jack Hofman
* Lecture: ‘EAD in de praktijk op het IISG’, Stichting Akademisch Erfgoed, UB Leiden (29 October)

Karin Hofmeester
* Lecture: Introduction to Judaism, University of Antwerp (12 March)
* Lecture: From Strangers to Citizens, Jewish Emancipation in France and the Netherlands, University of Amsterdam (18 April)
* Lecture: ‘The Jewish Collections of the IISH’, Jewish Studies Week, Fontys Hogeschool Amsterdam (13 June)
* Lecture: ‘Jewish representatives or representatives of Jews?’, Utrecht University Symposium on Jewish politics and political behaviour (1 December)

Frank de Jong
* Lecture: Artifacts in the IISH Collection in Relation to Archives, Platform Particuliere Archieven, CODA, Apeldoorn (17 April)
* Lecture [with H. Sanders and T. van der Werf]: on the Photo Collection of the IISH, for the Nederlands Fotogenootschap, IISH (25 April)
* Interview, on the Death of Ben van Meerendonk, AT5 Nieuws (14 January)
* Interview [with D. Bos], on the Tradition of the 1st of May Celebrations, Teleac Radio Hoe? Zo! (22 April)

Nazima Kadir
* Lecture: ‘Paranoia and Social Movements’, symposium ‘Collecting Sources for Social History: who, how, where?’ (13-15 December)

Gijs Kessler

Jaap Kloosterman
* Lecture on the return of Dutch archives from Russia, National Archives (3 April)

Jan Kok
* Paper [with H. Bras]: ‘Clustering and dispersal of siblings in the North-Holland countryside, 1830-1940’, ESSHC, University of Lisbon, Portugal (27 February-1 March)
* Paper [with J. van Bavel]: ‘The Inter-generation Transmission of Age at Marriage in Rural Holland, 1850-1940’, ESSHC, University of Lisbon, Portugal (27 February-1 March)
* Paper: ‘The Family Factor in Migration Decisions’ central paper for roundtable ‘Family and the History of Migration’, ESSHC, University of Lisbon, Portugal (27 February-1 March)
* Lecture [with J. van Bavel and T. Engelen]: ‘Crisis of keuze? Kinderloosheid tijdens het Interbellum in Nederland’ Conference Levenslopen in de 19e en 20e eeuw, IISH (11 April)
* Lecture: ‘New media in the Humanities. The case of e-social history’, Summerschool of the Honors Program University of Washington (14 August)
• Paper [with J. van Bavel]: 'Pioneers of a modern life style? Childless couples in early-twentieth century Netherlands', 33rd Annual Meeting of Social Science History Association, Miami (23 October)

• Paper [with H. Bras and K. Mandemakers]: 'Sibling Structure and Status Attainment Across Contexts: Evidence from the Dutch Past', 33rd annual meeting of Social Science History Association, Miami (25 October)

• Lecture [with K. Mandemakers]: 'Life Courses of Stayers and Movers Compared, Netherlands, 1850-2000', 33rd Annual Meeting of Social Science History Association, Miami (26 October)

• Invited Lecture [with K. Mandemakers]: 'A Life Course Perspective on Household Structure in the Netherlands 1850-1940', Center for Economic Demography, School of Economics and Management, Lund University (27 November)

Ursula Langkau Alex

• Lecture: 'Hertha Kraus, die Flüchtlingshilfe der Quäker und die Perzeption von Verfolgten / Geretteten', 18th International Interdisciplinary Meeting of the Study Group 'Frauen im Exil' at Berlin (25 October)

Marco van Leeuwen

• Paper [with C. Lesger]: 'Urban GIS. Spatial proximity of rich and poor in Dutch towns during the Golden Age', ESSHC, University of Lisbon, Portugal (26-29 February)

• Paper [with P. Lambert et al]: 'HIS-CAM - Presentation and Evaluation of an Historical Occupational Stratification Scale', ESSHC, University of Lisbon, Portugal (26-29 February)

• Lecture [with I. Maas]: 'Occupational Careers of Men and Women since 1850', Conference on Dutch Life Courses since 1850, IHSS [11 April]

• Paper: 'Social mobility on the community level in Sweden', Demographic Database Umea, Umea University (6 May)

• Lecture: 'Church, State and Citizen: Charity in the Netherlands from the End of the Dutch Republic to the Welfare State', conference on Dynamics of Religious Reform in Church, State and Society in Northern Europe, 1780-1920: Social Reform, German Historical Institute, London, (19-21 September)

• Lecture: 'Giving in the Golden Age: the GIGA-project', Conference on the Organization of Social Care, N.W. Posthumus Institute, Koninklijke Bibliotheek, The Hague (9 December)

Matthieu Leimgruber

• Lecture: 'Who is afraid of grey capital? Pension funds and late capitalism', Workshop 'Returns of Marxism', International Institute for Research and Education, Amsterdam (11 March)

• Lecture: 'Switzerland and the Netherlands: two deviant cases among continental European pension systems?', seminar 'Opkomst en ontwikkeling van de Nederlandse verzorgingstaat na 1945', Universiteit Leiden, Department of Social and Economic History (19 March)

• Lecture: 'Der Schweizer Sozialstaat: Akteure und Prozesse', seminar 'Sozialpolitik im Umbruch. Der Schweizer Sozialstaat in vergleichender Perspektive', Institut für Politikwissenschaft, Universität Zürich (2 April)

• Lecture: 'Trois piliers semés d’embûches pour les femmes. Prévoyance vieillesse et rapports sociaux de sexe en Suisse au 20e siècle’, journée annuelle de la Société suisse d’histoire économique et sociale consacrée à “La production des inégalités”, Université de Lausanne (24 May)


• Lecture: 'L’Assurance vieillesse et survivants: une victoire de la solidarité', journée pour les 60 ans de l’AVS, UNIL (2 October)

• Lecture: ‘Depuis quand existe-t-il un modèle
social européen?', participation à une table ronde dans le cadre des Rendez-vous de l’histoire, Blois, [10 October]

Marcel van der Linden

• Keynote lecture: ‘Labour History Beyond Borders’, on the Conference 'Global History, Globally', Harvard University (8 February)
• Keynote lecture: ‘Gegensätzliche und entkoppelte Erinnerungen’, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Bonn (20 February)
• Keynote lecture: ‘Conclusions’ on the Bi-annual Conference of the Association of Indian Labour Historians, Noida (29 March)
• Lecture: ‘1968 in globaler Perspektive’, Hamburg University (26 April)
• Dinner talk: ‘Global Labour History’, European Congress on Global and World History, Dresden (5 July)
• Keynote lecture: ‘Soziale Konsequenzen der Globalisierung’, Austrian Parliament, Vienna (5 December)

Kees Mandemakers

• Lecture [with M Oosten]: ‘GENLIAS en het linken van huwelijksakten’, Visiedag MijnVoorouders.nl, Goudriaan (29 January)
• Presentation: ‘Development, database and results of the Historical Sample of the Netherlands (HSN)’, Workshop Les Grandes Bases de Données et l’Histoire Sociale des Populations, Centre d’Etude des Mondes, Université Michel de Montagne, Bordeaux (7-9 February)
• Lecture: ‘Structuring and Distributing Longitudinal Historical Data for Comparative Analysis’, ESSHc, Lisbon (26 February – 1 March)
• Lecture [with M. Oosten], ‘Linking with the Dutch GENLIAS Index of Marriage Certificates, ESSHc, Lisbon (26 February – 1 March)
• Lecture [with R. Woods and F. van Poppel]: ‘The Clustering of Fetal Deaths: Evidence From Zeeland, the Netherlands, in the Nineteenth Century, ESSHc, Lisbon (26 February – 1 March)
• Lecture [with H. Bras and F. van Poppel], ‘Kin Marriage in the Netherlands: Trends and Determinants in the Nineteenth Century, ESSHc, Lisbon (26 February – 1 March)
• Lecture: ‘GENLIAS, familie reconstructie en wetenschappelijk onderzoek’, GENLIAS bijeenkomst ‘Mijn Voorouders’, Utrecht (1 April)
• Lecture [with U. Bosma], ‘Opting for the Indies: de stedelijke middenklasse en het profijt van een koloniale beroepscarrières’, congres Levenslopen in de 19e en 20e eeuw. Afsluitend congres van het NWO-groot programma ‘Life Courses in Context’, IISH (11 April)
• Lecture: ‘Working with Intermediate Structures as a Condition for Easy Building of Datasets from Historical Longitudinal Databases’, workshop Internationalizing Historical Longitudinal Databases, Ann Arbor (30 April – 2 May)
• Try out Lecture: ‘Building Datasets for Analysis in two Stages, Processing Rules and Structure’, workshop Internationalizing Historical Longitudinal Databases, Ann Arbor (30 April– 2 May)
• Paper [with F. van Poppel]: ‘The clustering of fetal deaths: Evidence from Zeeland, The Netherlands, in the Nineteenth Century’ Workshop on Fetal and Neonatal Mortality: Historical Perspectives on the Borderline between Life and Death, Centre for Humanities and Social Sciences at the Spanish Council for Scientific Research, Madrid (10-11 June)
• Paper: ‘Working with Intermediate Structures as a Condition for Easy Building of Datasets from Historical Longitudinal Databases’, 7th International Conference on Social Methodology RC33- Logic and Methodology in Social Science, Università di Napoli, [1-5 September]
• Paper: ‘International Perspectives and New Developments with Longitudinal Historical Databases’, State of the World: Information Infrastructure Construction and Dissemination for Humanities and Social Science Research, University of Alberta, Edmonton (3-5 October)


• Paper [with J. Kok]: ‘Life Courses of Stayers and Movers compared, Netherlands, 1850-2000’, 33rd Social Science History Conference, Miami [23 – 26 October]

• Paper [with H. Bras and J. Kok], ‘Sibling Structure and Status Attainment Across Contexts: Evidence from the Dutch Past’ (with Hilde Bras and Jan Kok), 33rd Social Science History Conference, Miami [23 – 26 October]

• Invited Lecture: ‘Working with Large Historical Databases’, Autumn Meeting Virtual Knowledge Studio (VKS), Erasmus University Rotterdam, [12 November]

• Lecture: ‘Onderzoek naar levenslopen in het verleden’, Wetenschapsdagen 2009 Dongemond College, Raamsdonksveer, [26 November]

• Invited Lecture [with J. Kok]: ‘A Life Course Perspective on Household Structure in the Netherlands 1850-1940’, Center for Economic Demography, School of Economics and Management, Lund University Sweden [27 November]

• Invited Lecture: ‘Structuring and Standardizing Longitudinal Historical Data’, Center for Economic Demography, School of Economics and Management, Lund University Sweden [28 November]

• Invited Lecture: ‘Structurering en Standaardisering van Longitudinale Historische Data door middel van de Intermediate Data Structure (IDS)’, Voorbijeenkomst Dag van de Historische Demografie, Universiteit Gent, Gent [3 December]

• Paper [with H. Bras and J. Kok], ‘Sibling Structure and Status Attainment Across Contexts: Evidence from the Dutch Past’, International Seminar on Social Mobility and Demographic Behaviour: A Long Term Perspective, IUSSP Scientific Panel on Historical Demography, California Center for Population Research (CCPR) at the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) [11-13 December]

• Interview on HSN, ‘Oude levens digitaal’, NRC Handelsblad [12 July]

Daan Marks


• Paper: ‘Unity or Diversity? On the Integration and Efficiency of Rice Markets in Indonesia, c. 1920-2006’, Economic and Social History Seminar, Utrecht University [27 November]

Roel Meijer

• Lecture: ‘Revolutionary Praxis in the thinking of a Saudi Jihadi’, Norwegian Defence Research Establishment (FFI) Oslo, [26 February]

• Lecture: ‘Radicalisation and de-radicalisation. Experiences from Egypt and the al-Gamaa al-Islamiya’, NUP, Norsk Utenrikspolitisct Institut”, [The Norwegian Institute of International Affairs]. Oslo [27 February]


• Lecture: ‘Al-Qaeda Strategy, Ideology, and
Structure, Global versus National Islam’
Course: Political Islam: Global and Local Manifestations and Challenges. London Middle East Institute at SOAS, London (10 April)
* Paper: ‘Salafism as a Radical Ideology, The Case of the Piranha Trial’, Politization and Radicalisation, VU Amsterdam, organized by the Faculty of Social Sciences, Dept of social psychology, Amsterdam (26-27 July)
* Paper: ‘Osama bin Laden, Charismatic Leadership and the Global Media’, Charisma and Emergent Social Movements, in Groningen, organized by the Institute of Biography, University of Groningen and Internal Institute of Social History, Groningen (6-7 November)
* Paper: ‘Ending Polityical Violence: The Case of the Jama’a al-Islamiyya’ Ending Political Violence. State, Society, Organisational Dynamics. Organized by the Department of International Politics, Aberystwyth University, (5-6 December)

Elise van Nederveen Meerkerk
* Sociaal kapitaal, sociale netwerken en sexe’, NW Posthumus Conferentie, Goningen (22 May).
* Lecture [with G. Vermeesch]: ‘Reforming relief. Changes in urban provisions for the poor in the Northern and Southern Netherlands (c. 1500-1800)’, IXth International Conference on Urban History, Lyon (30 August).

Jenneke Quast
* Presentation at The World in the Basement, Sources on Gender and Women’s History in Labour Movement Archives. Roundtable Session of a Conference on Feminist Working-class History in Europe and Beyond, Stockholm (28-31 August)

Marina de Regt
* Lecture: ‘Vrouwen in Jemen’, Yemen symposium of Talen en Culturen van het Midden Oosten (TCMO), Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen, Nijmegen (8 January)
• Lecture: ‘Asian Domestic Workers in the Middle East: The Case of Yemen’, Centre for Women’s Studies, Jadavpur University, Kolkata (1 February)


• Lecture: ‘Human Trafficking from a Migration Perspective: The Case of Yemen’, MA-course Sexuality, Trafficking and Human Rights, University of Amsterdam (10 April)

• Lecture: ‘Young and Invisible: African Domestic Workers in Yemen’, Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin (29 April)

• Lecture: ‘Gender, Arbeid en Migratie: Betaald Huishoudelijk Werksters in Jemen’, Course Gender en Diversiteit in Wetenschap en Cultuur, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen (6 May)

• Film screening: ‘Young and Invisible: African Domestic Workers in Yemen’, Workshop Visioning the Urban, Cairo (27 May)

• Lecture: ‘Man-vrouw verhoudingen in het Midden-Oosten’, Interdisciplinary course Macht en Onmacht in het Midden-Oosten, University of Amsterdam (24 September)

• Lecture: ‘Migrant Domestic Workers in Yemen’, Course Human Trafficking and the Commodification of the Body, International School for Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Amsterdam (7 October)

• Lecture: ‘Politiek en Maatschappij in Jemen’, at the Course Dictatuur en Democratie, University of Amsterdam (21 November)

• Lecture: ‘Domestic workers in Jemen’, at the Course Inleiding in de Sociologie der Niet-Westere Samenlevingen “Globalisering en Lokale Veranderingen”, University of Amsterdam (24 November)

• Film screening: ‘Young and Invisible: African Domestic Workers in Yemen’, African Migrations Workshop, Rabat (27 November)

Huub Sanders

• Lecture on Collectioning Photos at the IISH, IISH (25 April)

• Lecture on Advertising and the NEHA / IISH Collections, IISH (28 November)

• Interview on the Exposition ‘Censuur’, Radio Nederland Wereldomroep (23 September)

• Interview on the Exposition ‘Censuur’, RTV Noord Holland (23 September)

Willem van Schendel

• Invited lecture: ‘Riddles of Sovereignty’ Emory University, (2 April)

• Invited Lecture: ‘Border war in South Asia’ New York University (23 April)

• Invited Lecture: ‘Bangladesh and India: Riddles of sovereignty, legacies of misperception’ University of Texas (1 May)

Ariadne Schmidt

• Paper presentation: ‘Female labour market participation in the Dutch Republic (c.1550-1815): the use of tax registers and population censuses’, COST-workshop ‘Methodologies for reconstructing the female activity rate in historical Europe’, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Barcelona, (11 January)


• Keynote lecture: ‘Women and politics in the Dutch Republic’, Political women 1500-1900, Umeå University, Umeå, (12-14 November)
Emile Schwidder
* Lecture: 'Questioning Forced Labour in the Coffee Cultivation of West Java: Report of Otto van Rees on the Preanger Stelsel (1867), ESSHC, Lisbon (26 February – 2 March)

Angelie Sens
* Lecture: 'Censuur! / Censorship! Lecture for the 'Humanistisch Verbond', Amsterdam (1 September)
* Interview on Censuur! / Censorship on FM-Radio Amsterdam, Amsterdam (16 September)

Kathinka Sinha-Kerkhoff

Sjaak van der Velden
* Lecture: 'Geschiedenis van de Nederlandse vakbeweging', Mozeshuis Winteracademie Amsterdam (31 January)
* Lecture: 'Radicaliseert het CNV?, M-lunch CNV, Utrecht (18 March)
* Lecture: 'Geschiedenis van het socialisme', Scholing SP-afdeling Zaanstreek, Krommenie (19 March)
* Lecture: 'Regeren is vooruitzien, waarheen met de vakbeweging', De Rooie Rat, Utrecht (1 May)
* Lecture: 'De vakbeweging en de politiek', Politiek Cafe P96, Amsterdam (30 May)
* Lecture: 'Socialisten en de vakbeweging', Solidair dag, Utrecht (6 June)
* Lecture: 'De Rotterdamse vakbeweging', Jubileum 25 jaar VHV, Hoofdkantoor FNV, Amsterdam (25 October)
* Lecture: 'De Rotterdamse vakbeweging', Historisch Café, Gemeentearchief Rotterdam (29 October)
* Bookpresentation: 125 na Marx, Zaal De Unie, Rotterdam (4 November)
* Lecture: '125 jaar socialisme in Nederland', 100 jaar sociaaldemocratie in Venlo, Venlo (21 November)
* Lecture: '125 jaar socialisme in Nederland', SP Kaderscholing afdeling Rotterdam, Rotterdam (23 November)
* Lecture: 'Werk en strijd op de koopvaardij', Infocenter SS Rotterdam, Rotterdam (27 November)
* Interview on stakingen bij de politie, BNR Nieuwsradio (10 March)
* Interview on stakingen bij de politie, BNR Nieuwsradio (11 March)
* Interview on stakingen bij de politie, NCRV Knooppunt Kranenbarg (11 March)
* Interview on stakingen bij de politie, Het Financieele Dagblad (13 March)
* Interview on 1 mei had dag van eenheid moeten worden, Algemeen Dagblad (30 April)
* Interview on staking van buschauffeurs streekvervoer, BNR Nieuwsradio (14 May)
* Interview on staking van buschauffeurs streekvervoer, NCRV-Radio 1 (14 May)
* Interview on staking van buschauffeurs streekvervoer, ANP, (24 May), De Telegraaf (26 May), Leidsch Dagblad (26 May)
* Interview on staken werkt! [Niek Opten en Jeroen Trommelen], Brabants Dagblad (10 June)
* Interview on had en heeft staken zin?, BNR Nieuwsradio (13 June)
* Interview on hoe begin je een staking?, Cappuccino NCRV radio (14 June)
* Interview on Is er sprake van een stakingstrend? Campusradio.fontys.nl (25 June)
**Interview on de actualiteit van Karl Marx, OVT VPRO-radio** (2 November)

**Interview on Socialisten, mensen met idealen** (samen met Ronald van Raak), **BNR Nieuwsradio** (5 December)

**Eef Vermeij**

- Lecture: ‘The IISH Branching Out in South and South East Asia: Five Years Experience’, Vriendendag IISH (24 January)

**Erik Jan Zürcher**

- Presentation: ‘Underlying problems in the relationship between Turkey and the EU’, Conference on Obstacles to Turkey’s Accession to the EU organized jointly by the Turkey Institute (The Hague) and the Centre For European Security Studies (Groningen), Oud Poelgeest, Leiden (27 June)
- Paper: ‘The Ottoman Empire – Laboratory of Demographic Engineering’, SISSCO Conference, Naples (18 September)
- Opening Address: Autumn conference on Topical Humanities organized by the Raad voor de Geesteswetenschappen of the Royal Netherlands Academy, Amsterdam (6 November)

**PARTICIPATION IN EXTERNAL CONFERENCES AND FOREIGN TRAVEL**

**Touraj Atabaki** organized the Conference for SEPHIS: Women and Public Space. He also organized a panel: Histories Contested: Gendered Construction of the Colonial and post-Colonial History. Khazar University, Baku (18-20 June)

**Bhaswati Bhattacharya** visited the Fifth IMEHA International Congress of Maritime History, Greenwich, London (23-27 June) and the conference Empires and Emporia: The Orient in World-Historical Space and Time, Leiden (29-30 August)

**Oscar Bascuñán Añover** visited a conference on ‘Protesta social y resistencias campesinas en el mundo rural’, Toledo, Facultad de Humanidades of the Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha. (4 March), and visited a conference on ‘Movilización y protesta social en Valdepeñas durante la Restauración, 1875-1923, Valdepeñas, Museo Municipal, (19 November)

**Jacques van Gerwen** participated in the Second Workshop of the Global Collaboratory of Labour Relations (WISO, Vienna 14-15 March); in the DANONE Workshop, Arhus (Denmark) (11-12 April) and in the Third Workshop of the Global Collaboratory of Labour Relations, IISH (28-29 November)

**Lex Heerma van Voss** commented on papers at the Workshop ‘Language Change and Migration in Early-Modern Europe’, Radboud University Nijmegen (11 January); He chaired the labour network at the European Social Science History Conference and two of its session, and commented at a session (Lisbon, 26 February – 1 March); He chaired a workshop on historians and archives at the royal Library, Den Haag
Marien van der Heijden took part in the IALHI Coordination Committee, Paris (15-16 February) and Johannesburg (9 September); in the IALHI Conference, Johannesburg (10-13 September); and paid a working visit to Paris (5-6 December)

Karin Hofmeester was Discussant, session 'Conceptualising the working class', ESSHC, Lisbon (27 February); organized the session 'A Global Development of Free Wage Labour in the 19th and 20th century', ESSHC, Lisbon (28 February); was Co-organiser and discussant, session 'Competing Identities: Gender and Religion', ESSHC, Lisbon (28 February); Organized the Workshop Global Collaboratory on the History of Labour Relations in the period 1500-2000, WISO Vienna (13-15 March); Organized the First Contact Day Jewish Studies on the Low Countries, University of Antwerp (20 May); Organiser Workshop Global Collaboratory on the History of Labour Relations in the period 1500-2000, IISH (27-29 November)

Johan Joor visited the annual meeting of the Peeter Heynsgenootschap, Huygens Instituut, Den Haag (17 April)

Gijs Kessler organized a panel 'The Formal-Informal Dichotomy: Social and Economic Agency and the Cultural Heritage of the Soviet Past', Seventh European Social Science History Conference, Lissabon (26 February - 1 March); He participated in the 'Roundtable: A Global Development of Free Wage Labour in the 19th and 20th Century', at the same Conference; he participated in a 'Global Labour Collaboratory on the History of Labour Relations, 1500-2000', Second Meeting, Vienna (14-15 March); He co-organized [with Donna Gabaccia, Jan Lucassen, Leo Lucassen, Ulbe Bosma, David Feldman, Nancy Green], the Conference 'Belonging, Membership and Mobility in Global History', University of Minnesota, Minneapolis (17-19 April); He organized 'Social and Economic Agency and the Cultural Heritage of the Soviet Past', Second Dutch-Russian Workshop, Zvenigorod (26-27 April); and participated in 'A Global Labour Collaboratory on the History of Labour Relations, 1500-2000', Third Meeting, IISH, Amsterdam (28-29 November); Gjis Kessler took part in the Colloque international 'Structures du Parti et de l’Etat à URSS dans les années 1953-1985 : nouvelles sources et nouveaux objets de recherche', Centre franco-russe de recherche en sciences humaines et sociales de Moscou (8-9 April); International Conference 'Istoriia Stalinizma. Itogi i problemy izuchenia', Moscow (5-7 December), and organised a series of lectures at the Royal Netherlands Embassy in Moscow on the research projects carried out by the IISH in Russia (February-May)

Jaap Kloosterman took part in the following conferences and meetings: IALHI Coordination Committee, Paris (16 February); ESSHC, Lisbon (26 February-1 March); IMES Board, Berlin (11 March); Collecting Sources for Social History, Amsterdam (13-15 December). He made a working visit to Moscow (18-21 November)

Jan Kok acted as general commentator at the conference 'Families, Constructions of Foreignness and Migration in 20th century Western Europe', Leuven, Belgium (15-16 May); was organizer and commentator of the session 'Family systems and their impact on global
social and demographic differences’, N.W. Posthumus conference Groningen (22-23 May); He was Co-organizer of the symposium ‘Tussen markt en moraal. Bevolkingskwesties in de Lage Landen tijdens het interbellum’, Flagey-building Brussels, Belgium (29 May); He presented the progress report of COST Action 34 Gender and well-being at the annual meeting review meeting of COST Domain Individuals, Society, Cultures, Larnaca Cyprus (9-11 June); Jan Kok participated in the Elsevier editors’ conference Non solus: working together towards best practice in scholarly publishing, Nice, France (8-9 November); he chaired a session at the workshop Historical Longitudinal Databases, Hotel Intercontinental Miami, (22 October); was Discussant of the Session ‘Fertility and Marriage in Europe and Korea I’, 33rd annual meeting of Social Science History Association, Miami (24 October); he chaired the session Fertility and Marriage in Europe and Korea II, 33rd annual meeting of Social Science History Association, Miami (24 October); and he co-organized and chaired a session of the ‘Dag van de Historische Demografie’, Ghent, Belgium, (14 December)

Ursula Langkau-Alex paid a working visit to Berlin (31 March – 5 April), took part in the Conference on Emigration, Exile, Immigration, Re-migration of the Gesellschaft für Exilforschung at Limerick/Ireland (30 May - 1 June) and the 18th International Interdisciplinary Meeting of the Study Group ‘Frauen im Exil’ at Berlin (24-26 October)

Marco van Leeuwen was invited to comment on papers at the ESRC-workshop on Wealth, Investment and Gender in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries, Kings College/Open University, Milton Keynes, (16-17 June)

Marcel van der Linden organized a conference or convener panel ‘Summerr Institute ‘Global Labour History”, New College Toronto (8-15 June); he also organized the KNAW-Colloquium ‘Long-term Consequences of the British Abolition of the Slave Trade (1807), IIISH (30 June – 2 July); the Conference ‘Labour History Across Borders’ at the University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg (5-8 September) and the Conference ‘1968 – A View of the Protest Movements 40 Years After, from a Global Perspective, Linz (11-14 September)

Kees Mandemakers organized the workshop ‘Historical Longitudinal Databases’ Intercontinental Miami (pre-conference 33rd Social Science History Conference) (22 October); he co-organized the Workshop Internationalizing Historical Longitudinal Databases, Ann Arbor (30 April – 2 May); he was co-organizer of the conference Levenslopen in de 19e en 20e eeuw. Afsluitend congres van het NWO-groot programma ‘Life Courses in Context’, IIISH (11 April); discussant round table ‘Recent Advances in Systematic Record Linkage with Large Databases’, 33rd Social Science History Conference, Miami (23 – 26 October); he paid a working visit to the Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), Ann Arbor, (29 September – 2 October)


Marina de Regt took part in the Inter-Asian Conference of the Social Science Research Council and the Dubai School for Government (Dubai, 21-24 February); participated in the workshop on Visioning the Urban, Institute for Gender and Women’s Studies, American University in Cairo (26-27 May) and in the African Migrations Workshop of the Inter-
national Migration Institute of the University of Oxford and Université Mohammed V, Rabat, Morocco (26-29 November); and paid working visits to India (1-12 February), Baku, Azerbaijan (12-22 June), and Salvador de Bahia and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (28 July-11 August)

**Kees Rodenburg** paid a working visit to France (15-19 February)

**Huub Sanders** took part in the ESSHC, Lisbon (25 February – 28 February)

**Willem van Schendel** Co-organized the conference of the Asian Borderlands Research Network: ‘Northeast India and its Transnational Neighbourhood’, Guwahati, India (16-18 January); he Co-organized the Workshop ‘Illegal But Licit: Transnational Flows and Permissive Polities in Asia,’ Trivandrum, India (24-26 January); he took part in a Panel as Chair and Discussant on the Concept of Zornia at the Conference of the American Association of Asian Studies, Atlanta, USA (3-6 April); he Co-organized the Global Seminar, New York, USA (27-30 March); he was Co-organizer of the Conference ‘New Research on Sexuality in South Asia’, Austin, USA (2-3 May); he also was Co-organizer at the University of Wollongong/University of Amsterdam Workshop ‘Illegal But Licit’, Amsterdam (27 August); and he Co-organized the Global Seminar, Amsterdam (28-31 August)

**Ariadne Schmidt** was discussant in the Round Table ‘Female Labour Market Participation and Economic Growth’, discussant in the session ‘Women as political actors in early modern Europe’ and co-organized [with K. Hofmeester] of the session Competing Identities: Gender and Religion, Seventh European Social Science History Conference, Lisbon, (26 February - 1 March;) and took part in the Swedish-Dutch Conference on Gender Equality and Labour Participation of the Swedish Embassy, the Swedish Institute and the Dutch Parliament, The Hague (21 November)

**Emile Schwidder** paid a working visit to Southeastern Asia (26 April – 21 May); took part in the Congress on Koloniaal Herdenken, Utrecht (31 October); took part in the Malaysia Socialism 2008 International Congress, Kajang (9 – 11 November); took part in the Conference Collecting Sources for Social History: Who, How, Where?, IISH (13-15 December)

**Kathinka Sinha-Kerkhoff** organized an International Workshop on ‘Coping with Academic Dependency: How?’, Patna (Bihar, India) (4-7 February)

**Eef Vermeij** took part in the Symposium Struggles for Social Justice in India Today: How Relevant is the World Social Forum, New Delhi (29 August); took part in the Malaysia Socialism 2008 International Congress, Kajang (9 – 11 November); took part in the Conference on Mekong Mainstream Dams: People’s Voices Across Borders, Bangkok (12-13 November); took part in the Conference Collecting Sources for Social History: Who, How, Where?, IISH (13-15 December); paid working visits to The Philippines (1-11 January, 3-11 May); to The Netherlands (16 January – 3 February, 5-25 June, 18 September – 5 October, 10-27 December); to Bangladesh (20-28 February); to Sri Lanka (16-28 March); to Northeastern India (21-29 April); to India/Nepal (28 August – 11 September); to Hong Kong (12-16 October); to Cambodia (27-31 October); to Malaysia (3-10 November); to Bangladesh/ Chiang Mai (25 November – 5 December)

**Els Wagenaar** paid a working visit to Moscou (18-22 November)
MEETINGS HELD AT THE INSTITUTE

Guided Tours

* Rietveld Art Academy students (7 March)
* History students Utrecht University
  J. Pekelder (11 March)
* VKS fellows (8 April)
* History students University of Amsterdam
  (9 April)
* Students International Institute for
  Research and Education [IIRE] (11 April)
* Social studies students Hogeschool
  Amsterdam (23 April)
* Students at the Archive School (16 May)
* History students Marco van Leeuwen
  (29 May)
* Flemish librarians and archivists (30 May)
* Trainee research assistant students Leiden
  Dennis Bos (13 June)
* Historical seminar students from Dusseldorfe
  (20 June)
* Students VKS summer school (14 August)
* National Library Beijing staff (5 September)
* Postdocs from the Huizinga Institute
  (10 September)
* Students from the master’s programme
  in journalism University of Amsterdam
  (15 September)
* Students VKS summer school (16 September)
* Students HVA information, media and
  archive studies (19 september)
* History students Leiden University [Maartje
  Janse] (10 October)
* History students Leiden University [Maartje
  Janse] (15 October)
* Het Kader Rotterdam (15 October)
* Business history students University of
  Amsterdam (16 October)
* Cartoonists from Denmark (30 October)
* History students Utrecht University
  (31 October)
* History students Groningen, Master’s in
  archive studies (19 November)
* Sociology students University of Amsterdam
  (24 November)

Conferences, meetings, workshops

* NVJ Presentation, Press Museum
  (16 January)
* Friends’ afternoon, Friends of the IISH
  (24 January and 2 July)
* Steering group meeting, HSN (29 January,
  17 June, 29 August and 25 November)
* Research Department Seminar (4 February,
  18 February, 13 May, 14 October, 27 October,
  16 December)
* Workshop on Drawing Cartoons, Press
  Museum (7 Februart, 14 February,
  15 February, 19 February, 11 April, 17 April,
  7 May, 10 June, 10 September, 1 October)
* Workshop on Photo journalism, Press
  Museum (7 February, 14 February,
  15 February, 19 February, 6 March, 13 March,
  15 April, 17 April, 23 April, 18 April, 19 June,
  10 September, 17 October, 17 December)
* Workshop on Journalism, Press Museum
  (14 February, 19 February, 13 March, 1 April,
  11 April, 7 May, 3 June, 10 June, 18 June,
  1 October, 17 October, 30 October,
  11 November, 17 December, 18 December)
* Editorial staff meetings on contributions
  about textile historical (14 February, 21 April,
  19 June)
* Workshop on Newspapers as a Historical
  Source, Press Museum (21 February)
* E-paper consortium, VKS (6 March, 7 March)
* International meeting about web archiving,
  VKS (17 March)
* Class on Academic Skills for 1st -year
  students Leiden (20 March)
* Five-year anniversary of the Stichting
  Interacademiale Opleiding Organisatiekunde
  SIOO (21 March)
* Book presentation, Aksant (28 March)
* Symposium Life Courses in Context, HSN
  (11 April)
Workshop De Krant [The Newspaper], Press Museum (11 April)
• Members Day Dutch Photograph Society (25 April)
• Presentation Jaarboek Kritiek, Aksant (14 May)
• RLG/OCLC Presentation by John MacColl (20 May)
• Visual Sources Research, CGM (26 May)
• IRSH editorial staff meetings (27 May, 17 September, 9 December)
• CISH Board Meeting (29 May, 8 September, 10 December)
• Symposium Stichting Jacob Campo Weyerman (30 May)
• Wertheim Seminar and Exhibition (4 June)
• Qajar Conference (4 June)
• Meeting, District of Zeeburg (12 June)
• NEHA afternoon seminar (13 June)
• Presentation Post-colonial migrants database (13 June)
• Research Colloquium, KNAW (1 July, 2 July)
• WEHC meeting (24 July)
• Summer school, VKS (1 August, 12 August, 14 August, 16 September)
• Huizinga Institute lectures (10 September)
• Opening Censorship! exhibition, Press Museum (11 September)
• Meeting of Free Voice (15 September)
• Workshop on Strikes (18, 19 September)
• Workshop on Collection Development (23 September)
• Meeting, film and exposition by Frans de Jong, Press Museum (25 September)
• Class about Censorship!, Press Museum (7 October)
• Works council meeting (16 October)
• Workshop on Bringing History Home (7 November, 8 November)
[Workshop on Collection Development and Research (11 November)
• Opening Waldemar Post Exposition, Press Museum (20 November)
• Presentation of Cajo Brendel (21 November)
• Migration history meeting (27 November)
• Workshops on Global Collaboratory (27 November, 28 November, 29 November)
Afternoon seminar on Visual Culture and Advertising, Huizinga Institute (28 November)
Meeting on Trade unions during World War II (8 December)
• MTR Evaluation of Collections (12 December)
• Symposium on Collecting Sources for Social History: who, how, where (13 December, 14 December, 15 December)
• Meeting of the COST 34 committee (23 December)

Social History Lectures on Current Research
• Danielle van den Heuvel, Women traders in the Northern Netherlands, 1580-1815 (29 January)
• Elise van Nederveen Meerkerk, Women and work in the early modern period (26 February)
• Görkem Agköz, Turkish Labouring Class in the 20th Century (29 April)
• Piet van Cruyningen and Jan Zwemer, Farmers, farm labour, and their organizations on the islands of Zeeland and near the rivers in Gelderland (27 May)
• Daan Marks, Service sector in Indonesia (24 June)
• Stephen Wheatcroft, The Great Leap Famines of 1928-33 in the USSR and 1955-60 in China: Towards a Comparative Social and Economic History (30 September)
• Ulbe Bosma, Postcolonial Migrant Organizations in the Netherlands 1945-2008 (28 October)
• Thomas Lindblad, The Economic Decolonization of Indonesia Revisited (25 November)
EXHIBITIONS AND OTHER PRODUCTIONS
WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE IISH

Permanent exhibition
- Historisch Centrum Leeuwarden, October 2007 - October 2011
- Diamant Museum, Amsterdam, April 2006 - April 2011
- Jewish Historical Museum, Amsterdam, June 2006 - June 2010
- Amsterdam Historical Museum, May 2004 – May 2009

Temporary exhibitions
- Nederlands Openluchtmuseum, 12 August 2008 - 12 August 2009
- Limburgs Museum, Venlo, Kleur bekennen (Slovenians in Limburg), 14 February - 1 March 2009
- Graphic Design Museum De Beyerd, Breda, 100 years of Dutch Graphic Design, 11 June - 30 November 2008
- Affichemuseum, Hoorn, Beestenboel - dieren op affiches, 29 June - 12 October 2008
- Burma Centrum, Amsterdam, Paintings Htei Lin, 5 October 2008
- Kunsthall, Rotterdam, China in Posters: The Dreamt Reality, Posters from the collections of the IISH and by Stefan R. Landsberger, 14 June - 21 September 2008
- Amsterdam Historical Museum, Amsterdam en de Oranjes (?), 1 March 2008 – 31 August 2008
- TenT, Rotterdam, Redefine the Enemy, 20 March 2008 - 4 May 2008
- Museum of Europe, Brussels, It’s your History! 50 years of the European adventure, 26 October 2007 - 23 March 2008
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<td>Algemeen Hollands Fotopersbureau (General Dutch Photo Press Agency)</td>
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<td>Arbeiders Jeugd Centrale (Workers’ Youth Centre)</td>
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<td>AMSAB</td>
<td>Instituut voor Sociale Geschiedenis (Institute of Social History)</td>
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<td>ARAB</td>
<td>Arbetarrörelsens Arkiv och Bibliotek</td>
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<td>BINT</td>
<td>Bedrijfsgeschiedenis in Nederland in de Twintigste Eeuw (Dutch business in the 20th century)</td>
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<td>CEDLA</td>
<td>Centre for Latin American Research and Documentation</td>
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<td>Centrum voor de Geschiedenis van Migranten (Centre for the History of Migrants)</td>
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<td>CLARA</td>
<td>Changing Labour Relations in Asia</td>
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<td>Friedrich Ebert Stiftung</td>
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<td>Historische Steekproef Nederlandse bevolking (Historical Sample of the Netherlands)</td>
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<td>IIAV</td>
<td>International Informatiecentrum en Archief voor de Vrouwenbeweging (Information Centre and Archives for the Women’s Movement)</td>
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<td>International Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World</td>
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<td>Netherlands Organization for International Cooperation in Higher Education</td>
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The Institute in Brief

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Consultation
The IISH search platform search.iisg.nl is available to search all materials. All documents, books, periodicals, and archive collections are stored in stacks that are not accessible for public browsing. Printed publications may be consulted in the Reading Room. Reading equipment is available to consult microfilms and microfiches. No requests will be processed after 4 pm. The archive collections at the International Institute of Social History are ordinarily available to the public for research purposes. Donors and owners of material on loan to the Institute may, however, impose restrictions for periods of varying durations, during which collections or parts of collections may not be...
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Requests for interlibrary loans (books and serials) from abroad, will be processed through WorldCat Resource Sharing. We prefer to send (electronic) copies (up to 50 copies).

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number in Amsterdam (copy of a letter of the party you are staying with or a copy of hotel register)

**Guided tours**

For information about guided tours of the Institute, video presentations, and visiting our closed-access stacks, please e-mail guidedtour@iisg.nl

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**HISTORY AND ACTIVES**

The International Institute of Social History (IISH) was officially established on November 25, 1935, but has precedents dating back to the 1920s. In 1914, Nicolaas W. Posthumus (1880–1960), who was among the pioneers of modern economic history in the Netherlands, set up the Netherlands Economic History Archive (NEHA), the first of a series of scholarly institutions he initiated. The NEHA was dedicated to preserving archives of companies and related organizations and on collecting other sources relevant to economic history. Since Posthumus took a very broad approach to collecting, he included materials from individuals and organizations in the Dutch labour movement.

**Early years**

At the beginning of the 1930s two independent developments led to the establishment of a separate institute. First, the rapidly expanding social historical collections present at the NEHA required separate treatment. Second, the political situation in Central and Eastern Europe was quickly deteriorating. Hitler’s seizure of power and developments in the Soviet Union threatened people of all convictions within the labour movement, as well as their collections. Posthumus was determined to save their papers, which he was certain would be destroyed if they fell into the wrong hands, or in the most favourable case would become inaccessible to independent researchers for many years.

He envisaged an independent, neutral, scholarly institution and was fortunate to meet Nehemia de Lieme, director of De Centrale, an insurance company with close ties to the Social Democratic movement. The company’s statutes required that a share of its profits be donated to cultural aims of the labour
movement. De Lieme became convinced of the importance of Posthumus’ initiative, and De Centrale gave the Institute extraordinary support in the years preceding 1940.

In the period 1935-40, saving material from all over Europe was the main focus. The most important collection acquired in this period was the archival legacy of Marx and Engels. The Institute’s extremely active first librarian, Annie Adama van Scheltema-Kleefstra, actually smuggled Bakunin’s manuscripts (part of the famous Nettlau collection) out of Austria, just before Nazi troops marched into Vienna. Libraries and archives of Mensheviks and Social Revolutionaries who had fled Russia were brought to Amsterdam as well. Although the major acquisitions are too numerous for a comprehensive list in this report, the records of the CNT and the FAI are noteworthy: just weeks before Franco took the final Republican areas in Northern Spain in May 1939, they were brought to safety across the Pyrenees. The serious risks faced by the archives that the Institute tried to collect became apparent when its Paris branch was broken into in November 1936. Documents of Trotsky were stolen, most probably by agents of Stalin’s secret service.

Posthumus’ foresight had led him to set up a subsidiary of the IISH in Britain. The most valuable archives were taken to safety there, when, following the Munich Agreement, the Institute’s Board became convinced that the threat of war would not stop at neutral Holland’s borders. And Posthumus proved right, when only days after Nazi troops occupied the country in May 1940, Nazi officials appeared on the Institute’s doorstep. On 15 July, the IISH was closed by order of the Sicherheitsdienst. Staff was sent home, and the Einsatzstab Rosenberg moved in.

### War and recovery

Although many materials had been taken to safety, the library alone still contained around 300,000 titles. Several very important Dutch records were also still located in the Institute, including many from the SDAP (the Social Democratic Labour Party). German bureau-cracy was divided on the collection’s fate. Over time, parts were shipped to Germany, to be used for a variety of purposes. In September 1944, the remainder was removed and shipped eastward on board 12 Rhine barges.

Most was found only in 1946 near Hannover in the British Zone of Germany. Other documents were returned thanks to the efforts of the US Army’s Offenbach Archival Depot. Material located in the Soviet Zone of Europe was returned with less alacrity or not at all. The SDAP records were sent back from Poland in 1956-57. In 1991, following the abortive coup in Moscow, other iish materials proved to have been preserved for years in a top-secret archival institution in the Soviet capital. All in all, however, wartime losses turned out to be minimal.

It took a decade for the Institute to resume normal operations. When the damage was surveyed after 5 May 1945, literally everything turned out to have been removed: there was no catalogue, no furniture, no filing cabinets etc. During the 1950s, IISH worked to re-establish order in the archive and library. Finances were cause for concern, since De Centrale was no longer able to subsidize the Institute’s work as it had before the war. With assistance from the University of Amsterdam, the City of Amsterdam, and monies received from the Wiedergutmachung fund and the Ford Foundation, the Institute gradually began to recover.
Recent developments

In the 1960s and 70s, the Institute benefited from the growing interest in the history of social movements and ideas. It resumed its traditional task of rescuing the archives and libraries of persecuted people and organizations. This is how Amsterdam became home to material from Latin America in the 1970s. Similarly, in the late 1980s, action was taken to provide a safe haven for the documents of Turkish parties, trade unions, and individuals. Another example concerns the Chinese democratic movement of 1989, of which documents were collected by participants in the events in Beijing, with on-site assistance from IISH staff.

Since 1979, the Institute has figured within the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences. New accommodations were found in 1989 for the ever-growing collection and increasing staff in a former cocoa warehouse in Amsterdam’s Eastern Docks redevelopment area. Here, the Institute was physically reunited with the NEHA. The Netherlands Press Museum, an independent organization, also moved in. The IISH online catalogue provides integrated access to the collections of all three institutions.

Today virtual users outnumber those in the Reading Room by about 725 to 1. The online catalogue and other finding aids are accessible from a website as well as through the OCLC’s WorldCat. Other electronic facilities include web guides, current bibliographies, discussion lists, and a news service. At the same time, though an essential part of the Institute’s activities from the start, research has become increasingly important. Perhaps its best-known products are the International Review of Social History, published by Cambridge University Press, and the European Social Science History Conference, a biannual event that brings about 1,000 researchers from dozens of countries and many disciplines to the Netherlands.

Although many of the 19th-century West-European collections were complemented through extensive microfilming in Moscow after 1991, the focus of collection development has shifted away from Europe and towards the Middle East and South and South-East Asia. As a result, the Institute regularly undertakes oral history projects to supplement the often meagre written resources found on-site. In addition, the Institute’s Historical Sample of the Netherlands is a meta-source composed of local birth, death, and marriage registers from 1812 to 1922. Postings to selected Internet news groups, some dating back as far as 1990, are archived daily. Offices and correspondents in Moscow, Berlin, Ankara, Karachi, Dhaka, Bangkok, and Semarang support these new efforts to safeguard an international cultural heritage, which, all too often, is still in danger of disappearing.
FRIENDS OF THE IISH

For 75 years the IISH has been indispensable to both the movements and the research in social history. From the outset funding has come from three main sources. At the very beginning the foundation Stichting IISG was established to manage the collections. This private law structure emphasizes the political independence and consequently the diversity of the sources collected. The source of funding was therefore private: without the insurance company De Centrale, the IISH would not have existed and could never have performed its chief rescue operations. The government - first the municipal authorities and later the national ones - also appreciated the initiative’s value. Today, the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) covers most of the Institute’s operating costs. The Stichting IISG also receives a grant from National Library of the Netherlands for collection conservation. Project funds are the third source of income and are dedicated to specific tasks, largely research projects.

Over time the balance between these sources has shifted considerably. Initially the budget consisted primarily of private funding, later on of government subsidies and these days increasingly of project grants. By 1997 the structural funding from the knaw was only two thirds of the total. While the change is attributable in part to the Institute’s success in fundraising, it results more from the universal reduction of government involvement. Structural funds have dwindled somewhat in nominal terms and substantially in real terms, thus affecting the work that distinguishes the IISH from nearly all comparable institutions. Remaining active in this field requires a permanent financial base.

By 1999 the need to revive private initiative led to the establishment of the organization The Friends of the IISH. Several donors have already subscribed to this organization. Seventy permanent friends from the Netherlands, as well as from abroad, have now registered and provide annual contributions of 100 or 500 euros. In addition, a few Dutch and foreign friends have made particularly large donations up to 450,000 euros. Some friends have also mentioned the Institute in their will. We are using this opportunity to repeat our invitation, as one can never have too many friends. Hence our continuous appeal for new donors.

The IISH is seeking personal and monetary input. In addition to financial contributions, personal interest is vital for the Institute to be seen and heard. We organize meetings for Friends once every six months to present new additions, to explain the reasons for acquiring them and perhaps the experiences in the process and to exchange ideas. Donors unable to attend will receive updates via the Friends’s newsletter On the Waterfront. Back issues of On the Waterfront, nine numbers in total, can also be viewed on the IISH-website at www.iisg.nl/friends.

Being a friend means the following:

For € 100 a year

1. The satisfaction of helping salvage endangered but valuable social-historical material.
2. Semi-annual afternoon meetings (in June and January) at which the highlights of the acquisitions and publications from the preceding period will be presented, and which will conclude with a reception.

The gatherings will be conducted in Dutch. English interpretation will be available when needed. One of the gatherings will include a
meeting of the board of donors, where individual donors will have input as well.

3 A newsletter in English will be distributed among the Friends following each gathering.

4 Annually, a keepsake mostly featuring an image from the collection of the IISH, as well as the Institute’s annual report.

5 A 40% discount on another IISH publication or duplicate.

6 Mediation by the Stichting IISG in deducting donations from taxes.

For € 500 a year

7 In addition to the above, an extensive selection of the Institute’s publications.

For more information on (joining) the Friends of the IISH, please contact Ms Yvonne Bax, yba@iisg.nl.
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