Empire, Indigeneity, and Colonial Heritage Collections
Confronting Difficult Pasts, Enabling Just Futures

Date: Friday 18th – Sunday 20th August
Location: Leiden University Library

Draft Programme (this may be subject to change)

Day 1: Friday August 18th

9:30       Registration & coffee

10:00      Welcome by Kurt De Belder (Director Leiden University Libraries)

10:10      Introduction to the programme (RBMS & IM)

10:15      Keynote Lecture Damian Webb

**Confronting Difficult Pasts**

11:00      **Session 1 Finding Indigenous Voices**

Sophie Alix Capdeville (University of Jyväskylä, Finland)
*Saami written culture history research: a challenge in the current Finnish research framework*

Syifa Adiba (independent researcher) and Akmal Faradise (Universitas Islam Indonesia)
*From Marginalization to Empowerment: Elevating Madurese Indigenous Poet Voice through Independent Archiving*

12:00      Lunch (on site)
* including small pop-up exhibition

13:00      **Session 2 Confronting difficult histories**

Hugh Murphy and Alaxandra Caccamo (Maynooth University)
*Religion, Colonialism and Empire: interrogating an Irish university collection*

Isabelle Best and Katell Lavéant (Allard Pierson, University of Amsterdam)
*Surinamica Reimagined: Activating a Heritage Collection for Reparation and Reconciliation, the Surinamica Collection at Allard Pierson*
14:00  **Session 3 Professional Approaches to Working with Indigenous Collections**

Francisca Fuentes Rettig (British Library) and Rebecca Slatter (University of Hull and British Library)

*Beginning to know what we don’t know: Approaching North American Indigenous Knowledges at the British Library*

Alexander Soto and Lorrie McAllister

*Nada Nukuthdam Firekeepers Initiative*

15:00  **Tea break**

15:30  Plenary discussion

16:15  Closing remarks

16:30  Library tours at University Library and visit to Bibliotheca Thysiana (optional)

17:30  **Reception at Faculty Club Leiden University**
Day 2: Saturday August 19th

9:00  Registration & coffee

9:30  Welcome and introduction (RBSC-IM)

9:40  **Plenary presentation**

    Anouk Mansfeld (Leiden University Libraries)
    
    *A Friend’s Album as loot: Colonial Heritage in the Leiden Special Collections*

10:00 **Plenary presentation**

    Marieke van Meer (Leiden University Libraries) and Esther Boeles (University of Amsterdam)
    
    *New Guidelines for colonial heritage in academic- and library collections in the Netherlands*

10:45  Coffee break

**Enabling Just Futures**

11:00  **Session 4 Using Digital Scholarship and Metadata to Enable Just Futures**

    Stacy Allison-Cassin (Delhousie University, Canada) and Camille Callison (University of the Fraser Valley, Canada)
    
    *The Respectful Terminologies Platform Project*

    Soraya Hariyani Putri (National Library of Indonesia) and Sadariyah Ariningrum Widjiastuti (National Library of Indonesia)
    
    *Best Practice To Preserve Indonesia Memory Tradition Through Collection Development Policy And Khastara Official Website*

12:00  Lunch (on site)

13:00  **Session 5 Methodologies to Enable Just Futures: Collections Development, Digital Reunification, Collaboration**

    Eunice Ann Yutuc Chua and A.B. Gideon de Castro (University of the Philippines Diliman)
    
    *To = This is ours: the University of the Philippines Diliman Filipiniana Books Section*

    Frederieke van Wijk (Allard Pierson, University of Amsterdam)
    
    *(post)-Colonialism on Stage: A Collaborative Confronting of the Uncomfortable Histories of the Performing Arts*
Radia Banu Jan Mohamad; Ahmad Murad Merican; Fujica Azura Fesal; Noor Azlinda Wan Jan; Nor Azan Ibrahim; Mohd Fuad Haron

*Decolonization of the Light Letters Digital Collection in USM Library: Enliven the 18th Century Correspondences*

14:15  Plenary discussion

15:00  **Tea break**

15:30  ‘Locknote’ session by Daryl Green (RBSC) and Stacy Allison-Cassin (IM)

16:30  Library visit at University Library and Visit to Bibliotheca Thysiana (optional)

17:30  **Closing reception at University Library garden**

19:00  **Conference diner with RBSC, IM, organizers & speakers**

*(Restaurant Prentenkabinet)*
Day 3: Sunday August 20th

Excursions day in Leiden

1. Library walk in the city centre of Leiden & visit to the Bibliotheca Thysiana, by curator Kasper van Ommen (Leiden University Library)

10.00 – 12.00 Group 1

13.00 – 15.00 Group 2

2. Guided tour at the exhibition *Maps: Navigating & Manipulating*, by curator Martijn Storms (Leiden University Library)

10.00 – 12.00 Group 2

13.00 – 15:00 Group 1

*Are maps objective or do they convey hidden messages that you would miss at first glance? A map is always a simplification of reality. Mapmakers reduce, distort and select. This allows the reader to be guided literally and figuratively. Leiden University Libraries (UBL) and the Museum Volkenkunde jointly created the exhibition ‘Maps: navigation and manipulation’. The exhibition shows maps from all over the world, in combination with works by contemporary artists.*