



Announcement

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Master Class and Lecture Biography and History: Critical reflections and shared passions

27 September 2010, 13.00-18.00

Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, Grote Vergaderzaal, Oude Boteringestraat 44, Groningen

Barbara Caine will give the lecture Changing approaches in historical biography and a public master class to four biographers who are in the midst of writing a biography. This is an excellent opportunity for historians and biographers to discuss the (new) approaches and methods in the field of biography, like the rising interest for group biographies, the topos and formats used, the paradox of autobiographical writing and publishing, the use of psychology and the narratives of private archives. The lecture will be commented upon by Prof. dr. Hans Renders and dr. Barbara Henkes followed by a plenary discussion. The day will be chaired by Prof. dr. Mineke Bosch.

Professor Barbara Caine is well known for her contributions to debates about historiography and historical method and her distinctive work in questions about gender and history, comparative biographies and family history. In 2001 she received the ARC Professorial Fellowship for a large project entitled 'History and the individual life.' She currently works at Australia Monash University, Melbourne, Australia.

Program:

- 13.00-13.45 Welcome at University Museum, Oude Kijk in't Jatstraat 7a. Guided tour through the exhibition on Frederike van Uildriks in the University Museum.
- 13.45-14.00 Walk to the Grote Vergaderzaal.

Chair: Prof. dr. Mineke Bosch

- 14.15-14.45 Boudewijn Smits: Aspects of form and content related to the biography-in-progress of war historian dr. L. de Jong.
- 14.45-15.15 Esmeralda Tijhoff: Family biographies. The politics of kinship ties of the Boissevain family.
- 15.15-15.30 Tea and Coffee Break
- 15.30-16.00 Margit van der Steen: Modesty as strategy. The lives of Hilda Verwey-Jonker (1908-2004).
- 16.00-16.30 Susanne Neugebauer: Biography of an Archive. Things and Private Papers of Lizzy van Dorp through Time and Space.
- 16.30-16.45 Tea break
- 16.45-18.00 Prof. dr Barbara Caine: Changing approaches in historical biography, with a comment by dr. Barbara Henkes and Prof. dr. Hans Renders and a plenary discussion.

More information

- <http://www.rug.nl/gradschoolhumanities/events/biographyandhistory/index>
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