Richard Hoving will defend his thesis on Josef Kotalla
October 24, 14.30 hrs., Richard Hoving will defend his biography of Josef Kotalla in the aula of Groningen University. During the Second World War, Kotalla was an executioner at Amersfoort prison camp. *De Beul van Amersfoort*. *De biografie van Josef Kotalla* will also be available in a trade edition at Prometheus publishers. The project was supervised by prof. Hans Renders and dr. Hinke Piersma.

Biography Institute hosts research seminar Biography & History
The course will be given by members of the Biography Institute during the first semester of the next academic year. For more information about enrollment (also for contract students) and the content of the seminar, see the [flyer](#) and the section [Courses](#) on the website of the Biography Institute.

John A. Farrell writes biography Edward Kennedy
Edward Moore Kennedy (1932-2009) was the youngest of three brothers who played instrumental roles in the landmark movements for social justice and the struggle for progressive, active government which transfused American politics in the 20th century. Farrell has written biographies of House Speaker Thomas ‘Tip’ O'Neill and U.S. President Richard Nixon. The project will be supervised by prof. Hans Renders and prof. Doeko Bosscher.

Frisian Biography Institute
There will be a Frisian Biography Institute. The aim of this initiative is to forge a cooperation, under the auspices of the Biography Institute, between different Frisian organizations, that should lead to an independent Frisian Biography Institute. With this initiative, boardmembers BertLooper (Tresoar), Hans Renders (Biography Institute RUG), Steven Sterk (Bornmeer|Noordboek) and Geart de Vries (Historisch Centrum Leeuwarden) hope to mobilize other cultural organizations in Friesland to establish a widely supported institute, providing supervision of biographies of Frisian people. Follow this [link](#) for more information.

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