



Racism and intolerance in Europe and Asia – Challenges and Policies

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Venue: University of Groningen
Room: Van Swinderenhuys (Oude Boteringestraat 19, 9712 GC Groningen)
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This joint seminar entitled “**Racism and Intolerance in Europe and Asia – Challenges and Policies**” is co-organised by staff of the University of Groningen (the Netherlands) and Osaka University (Japan) under the cooperation agreement between the NWO (Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research) and JSPS (Japan Society for the Promotion of Science). The seminar’s aim is to discuss European and Asian, in particular Dutch and Japanese, policies and directions that aim at eliminating discrimination, intolerance and racism. Attention will be paid to the historic background and (colonial) legacies, the position of minorities and foreign residents, and racism and discrimination in relation to culture and identities. The speakers come from various disciplinary backgrounds which allows for a multi-faceted approach.

Day 1: The colonial legacies and racism

- 10:00-10:30: Registration and coffee
- 10:30-10:35: Opening of the symposium by the Dean of the Faculty of Arts of the University of Groningen, Prof. Gerry Wakker
- 10:40-12:30: **Panel 1: From Racism to Social Integration – Different Perspectives on Postcolonial Migrants in the Netherlands and Japan (moderated by Dr. Ine Megens)**
 - Prof. Janny de Jong (University of Groningen):* Racist issues: Dutch post-colonial policies and debates concerning the inclusion of immigrants from Indonesia and Surinam. 1945-2015
 - Prof. Hae Bong Shin (Aoyama Gakuin University):* Racial hatred ignited by historical revisionism: hate speech against Koreans flourishing under the Abe administration and the challenge for Japan
 - Prof. Ulbe Bosma (IISH, VU University Amsterdam):* The organisational landscape of postcolonial migrants in the Netherlands: from vehicles of social integration to memory communities
- 12:30-13:40: Lunch (for speakers)
- 13:40-15:00: **Panel 2: Racism towards and Discrimination of Religious Minorities and Foreign Residents (moderated by Bastiaan Aardema, MA, MSc)**
 - Prof. Halleh Ghorashi (VU University Amsterdam):* Racism and “the Ungrateful Other” in the Netherlands
 - Dr. Michiya Kawamura (Osaka University):* Discrimination against foreign residents in Japan



- 15:00-15:20: Coffee
- 15:20-16:40: **Panel 3: Racism in Relation to Culture and Identities (moderated by Margriet Fokken, MA)**
Dr. Margriet van der Waal (University of Groningen): The Blame Game: Zwarte Piet and the discourse of postcolonial racism in the Netherlands
Prof. Akihisa Matsuno (Osaka University): Xenophobic, Racist and Sexist Expressions in Japan - Ignorance, Naivety and the Question of Intention
- 16:45-18:00: **Discussion:** The global expansion of racism and intolerance (all participants, moderated by *Prof. Janny de Jong*)
- 19:00: Dinner (for speakers)

Day 2: International standards and cooperation on the elimination of racism and intolerance

- 9:30-10:00: Coffee
- 10:00-11:50: **Panel 4: Equality and Human Rights on a European and National Level (moderated by Dr. Nienke de Deugd)**
Dr. Ronald Holzhaecker (University of Groningen): The Equality Architecture of the European Union
Stans Goudsmit, LLM (Netherlands Institute for Human Rights): How a National Human Rights Institute can contribute improving the national human rights situation
Dr. Anita Böcker (Radboud University, Nijmegen): The experiences with different types of anti-discrimination or equality law in the Netherlands
- 11:50-13:00: Lunch (for speakers)
- 13:00-14:50: **Panel 5: Directions and Policies towards Indigenous Peoples, Immigrants and Refugees in Japan (moderated by Dr. Herman Voogsgeerd, LLM)**
Prof. Masanao Murakami (Osaka University): Japan and International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination
Yukari Ando (Osaka University): Current Japanese Law and Policies of the Acceptance of Foreigners including Refugees
Ms. Saori Miyazaki (Osaka University and Otemon Gakuin University): Situation of indigenous people in Japan: the case of Ainu people
- 14:50-15:00: Coffee
- 15:00-16:00: **Discussion:** Possible future of international cooperation on the elimination of racial discrimination and intolerance (prepared and moderated by PhD students *Justine Jones, LLM* and *Margriet Fokken, MA*, both *University of Groningen*) (all participants)