

CRIP TIC IDENTITIES

Historicizing the identity formation of persons with disabilities across the globe

20-22 March 2019 *Leiden University*

Against the background of current discussions about the value of identity politics for political organizing as well as more personal processes of emancipation, this workshop wants to delve into the history of disability as an identity.

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RETHINKING DISABILITY
The Global Impact of the International Year of Disabled Persons (1981) in Historical Perspective

PROGRAMME

Wednesday | 20 March | Location: Museum Volkenkunde

14:30-16:00 __ Launch event DISPLACE

DisPLACE is an online platform with stories about living with disabilities. These stories are told from the perspective of people with disabilities and brought in an accessible way.

The main language of this event is Dutch, with captioning in English, and ASL and NGT interpreting.

16:30-17:30 __ Keynote lecture by Prof. dr. Pieter Verstraete (KU Leuven)

"Silence, history & identity: Reflections on the value of silence for persons (with disabilities)"

Pieter Verstraete is a professor in educational history and director of the Centre for the History of Education (Centrum voor Historische Pedagogiek) at Leuven University in Belgium.

Discussant: Sam De Schutter (Leiden University)

The lecture will be in English, with ASL and NGT interpreting and captioning in Dutch.

18:00-20:00 __ Film screening *Doof Kind/Deaf Child*

Deaf Child is a documentary film by Alex de Ronde in which he portrays the life of his son, a charismatic young man who happens to be deaf.

The language of the film is Dutch, with English subtitles.

09:30-10:00 __ Arrival & registration __ room 01

10:00-10:30 __ Introduction by the organizers

10:30-12:00 __ Panel stream 1

1A. Constructing & deconstructing disabled identities __ room 01

__ Chair: Andries Hiskes (Leiden University)

__ Sebastian Schlund (Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel),
Disability and identity construction through an intersectional lens

__ Akriti Mehta (King's College London), *Crippling Madness:
Historicising the identities of persons with psychosocial disabilities
in the Global South*

__ Octavian E. Robinson (St. Catherine University), *Construction of
deaf culture in the US, 19th-20th century*

1B. Disability & race __ Faculteitskamer Rechten

__ Chair: Sara Polak (Leiden University)

__ Esme Cleall (University of Sheffield), *Tilly Aston (1873-1947):
disability and identity in colonial Australia*

__ Laurel Daen (College of William & Mary), *Race, disability, and taxes
in American history*

__ Marion Schmidt (University Medical Center Göttingen), *The
"cripple as negro": Leonard Kriegel's "Uncle Tom and Tiny Tim" as a
reflection on disability, minority and identity in 1960s America*

12:00-13:30 __ Lunch break

13:30-15:00 __ Panel stream 2

2A. (Post-) Socialist visions __ room 01

__ Chair: Monika Baar (Leiden University)

__ Ina Dimitrova (Plovdiv University Paisii Hilendarski), *Desiring
economization: disability identities in Bulgaria and the work utopia*

__ Cristina Popescu (Universität Bielefeld), *(In)visible citizenships. A
socio-historical approach to disability in Romania*

- ___ Filip Herza (Charles University), *Socialist humanism between a promise of social improvement and commitment to normative social order: Integration of Roma and people with disabilities in 1970s-1980s Czechoslovakia*

2B. Intersecting identities ___ Faculteitskamer Rechten

- ___ Chair: Anna Derksen (Leiden University)
- ___ Katarzyna Ojrzyńska (University of Łódź), *Commemorating the disabled victims of the Nazi regime in contemporary Polish culture: Remembrance, empowerment, and responsibility*
- ___ Hanna Lindberg (Tampere University), *Constructing "the Finland-Swedish Deaf": Deaf identification in the intersection of ethnicity and disability among the Finland-Swedish Deaf, c. 1950-2000*
- ___ Raphael Rössel (Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel), *Gendered childhoods and disabilities in West German parental discourse from the 1960s to 1980s*

15:00-15:30 ___ Coffee & tea break

15:30-17:00 ___ Panel stream 3

3A. Institutional witnessing ___ room 01

- ___ Chair: Paul van Trigt (Leiden University)
- ___ Nathanje Dijkstra (Utrecht University), *Making up disability? Disability benefit legislation and disability identity formation in cases of traumatic neurosis in the Netherlands (1901-1921)*
- ___ Erwin Dijkstra (Leiden University), *Governing identities: Interactions between institutional assumptions and the identity of the impaired*
- ___ Jen Rinaldi (University of Ontario Institute of Technology), Kate Rossiter (Wilfrid Laurier University) & Siobhán Saravanamuttu (York University), *The responsibility of the witness in institutional survivors' testimonial & identity work*

3B. Disability & the nation ___ Faculteitskamer Rechten

- ___ Chair: Eric Storm (Leiden University)
- ___ Anna Derksen (Leiden University), *Disability in postcolonial Greenland*

— Stephanie Wright (University of Sheffield), *Rethinking war disability: the case of Francoist Spain, 1936-1975*

— Kateřina Kolářová (Charles University), *Rehabilitative citizenship and the inarticulate post-socialist crip*

17:30-18:30 — Keynote lecture by **Prof. dr. Elena Iarskaia-Smirnova** (NRU Higher School of Economics, Moscow)

“Dis/Abling the Russian Public Sphere”

Elena Iarskaia-Smirnova is professor in the department of General Sociology at the faculty of Social Sciences of the NRU Higher School of Economics in Moscow.

Discussant: Anaïs van Ertvelde (Leiden University)

Venue: Academiegebouw Leiden, room 01

18:30-20:30 — Drinks & bites (aka ‘borrel’)

We will end the day in typical Dutch manner with a ‘borrel’, which means as much as having some drinks and bites. This will take place at the Hortus, which is located near the conference venue.

10:00-11:00 __ Keynote lecture by Anahi Guedes de Mello (Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina)

"My Cochlear Implant, My Crip Sex Toy"

Discussant: Gildas Bregain (EHESP)

Venue: Academiegebouw Leiden, room 01

11:00-11:30 __ Coffee & tea break

11:30-13:00 __ Panel 1. Disability protests __ room 01

__ Chair: Edit Zsadanyi (Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest)

__ Vassiliki Chalaza (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH) and University of the Aegean), C. Tsakas (AUTH), K. Kavoulakos (AUTH), *From charity to social welfare: Blind people struggle for their rights in post-dictatorial Greece (1974-89)*

__ Magdalena Zdrodowska (Jagiellonian University), *Deaf/Disability protests in present-day Poland and the 1980s-era US: The convergence of strategies and differences in demands*

__ Gildas Bregain (Ecole des hautes études en santé publique), *Representations of disability in disability protests in Latin America. Comparative study of the 1968's and the period 2001-2018*

13:00-14:00 __ Lunch break

14:00-15:30 __ Panel 2. Commemorations & representations __ room 01

__ Chair: Pieter Verstraete (KU Leuven)

__ Diane Driedger (University of Manitoba), *Paintings, poems and pain: Forging a disabled identity*

__ Natalia Magdalena Pamula (University at Buffalo), *Bodies in motion: Disability, work, and masculinity in Polish 1970s and 1980s young adult literature*

__ Karla Garcia Luiz (Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina), *The sexuality of people with disabilities on the cover of Sentidos Magazine: Inclusion or perpetuation of stigma?*

15:30-16:00 __ Coffee & tea break

16:00-17:00 __ Wrap up

PRACTICALITIES

Getting to Leiden

Public Transportation

Information about the train and bus schedules is available on the following websites:

- **Dutch National Railways (NS):** You can plan your journey on the [NS website](#) or via their mobile app ([NS Reisplanner Xtra](#)) which is available in English.
- **9292ov, all public transportation combined:** You can plan your full journey (train, bus, metro, etc.) via the [website 9292.nl](#) or use [their mobile app](#) which is also available in English.

From the airports

Schiphol: There is a direct train from Schiphol to Leiden Centraal, this takes 15-20 minutes.

Rotterdam - The Hague Airport: There are two options to travel from the airport to Leiden. The first is probably the easiest, but, depending on the departure time, the second option might be quicker. You can compare the routes via the 9292 website/app.

- Take bus 33 to Rotterdam Central Station (Rotterdam Centraal), and travel further by train to Leiden Central Station (Leiden Centraal).
- Take bus 33 to metro station Meijersplein and from there take the metro to the train station Den Haag Laan van NOI. From this station you can travel further to Leiden Central Station (Leiden Centraal) by train.



Academiegebouw Leiden

The Academiegebouw is the main venue for this conference. It is a fifteen-minute walk from the train station of Leiden Centraal. Alternatively, you can take a bus from the station to Doelenbrug, which is just a few meters away from the building (note that this bus service only runs between 10:00 and 17:00). You can find more information about the venue [here](#).

Address: Rapenburg 73, 2311 GJ Leiden ([google maps](#))



Museum Volkenkunde

The programme on Wednesday will take place in the main room of the Museum Volkenkunde. The museum is located near the train station of Leiden Centraal. You can find more information about the museum [here](#), and information about accessibility [here](#).

Address: Steenstraat 1, 2312 BS Leiden ([google maps](#))