

Atlantic Day, 13 June 2008

Brazil

Programme

- 14:00-14:10 Opening
Eddy Campell, chair of NiNsee
- 14:10-14:30 Military Daily Life in Dutch Brazil (1630-1654): Daily Life of WIC-soldiers
Bruno Miranda, post-graduate student Leiden University
- 14:30-14:50 Cataloguing Dutch Primary Sources: Projeto Resgate and the Mauritiana Series
Lucia Werneck Xavier, researcher Projeto Resgate

Tea

- 15:20-16:20 Recent Trends in the Study of African Slavery in Brazil
Herbert S. Klein, Stanford University
- 16:20-17:00 Discussion
Victor Enthoven, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
- 17:00 Closing
Eddy Campbell, chair of NiNsee

Drinks

Abstracts

Military Daily Life in Dutch Brazil (1630-1654): Daily Life of WIC-soldiers

This PhD project focuses on the conditions of daily life of soldiers of the Dutch West India Company (WIC) in Brazil between 1630 and 1654. The project studies the following aspects of soldiers' lives: the structures of military life, the structures of everyday life and social histories. The study also seeks to investigate the soldiers' strategies for facing their daily difficulties, to analyze desertion and mutinies and to elaborate on the military situation and strategy of the Company in Brazil during three different periods of the occupation: conquest (1630-1637), expansion (1637-1644) and Luso-Brazilian insurrection (1644-1654).

Cataloguing Dutch Primary Sources: Projeto Resgate and the Mauritian Series

Recent volume three of the series Mauritian has been published. The primary aim of the series is to make Dutch sources related to Brazil more accessible to Brazilian scholars. Volume three has two sections. The first part contains several articles. The second part includes the catalogues of two different archives. The first catalogue is about the collection of Brazilian documents from the Koninklijk Huisarchief (Royal Family Archives). The second catalogue describes the documents on Brazil in the *Secrete* and *Loketkasten* of the States General. It will be explained how documents from these two collections will support new research on Dutch Brazil. Some of the documents will be compared with the existing literature on Dutch Brazil. Finally there will be an update on the ongoing research of the *dagelijkse notulen van de Hoge Reging van Brazilië*, to be published in Mauritian volume four.

Recent Trends in the Study of African Slavery in Brazil

Since the anniversary of the abolition of Slavery in Brazil – the last state to end the institution in the Americas – there has been a major production of research on the slave experience in Brazil. Today more studies are being done on Brazilian slavery than on any other former slave state in the Americas. Among these studies have been major re-evaluations of the social organization of slavery, and many of these studies provide new themes of investigation which can be applied to other slave societies. They also have reshaped the thinking on the nature of Brazilian slavery and very specifically on the models developed a half century ago by Gilberto Freyre and other Brazilian writers.