

# Colonizing Children

Over the past two decades,  
the removal of children from indigenous families and cultures  
in settler colonial contexts has increasingly become the subject of international historical  
research and debate.

This symposium provides a **first** exploration of the re-allocation and re-education of children in **Dutch** colonial missionary projects and how these practices appear in Dutch children's literature. Margaret Jacobs' keynote will give the international starting point with critical insights in the role of **white women** in child removal in Australia. How **gender** functioned in the Dutch colonial context is one of the issues to be discussed during the day.

This symposium is related to the inaugural speech on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July of Geertje Mak, professor of the Political History of Gender at the University of Amsterdam on behalf of the Wilhelmina Drucker Foundation

## Gender in (Dutch) Colonial Governance Practices

Uva symposium July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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## Morning Program

PC Hoofthuis, Spuistraat 134, Room 1.04

Chair: Berteke Waaldijk, Utrecht University

9.00 – 9.30	Welcome & coffee
9.30 – 9.45	Opening speeches <i>Geertje Mak (UvA) and Andrée van Es, Chair Unesco NL</i>
9.45 – 10.45	'A Battle for the Children: Indigenous Child Removal in the United States, Australia, and Canada, 1880-1980' <i>Margaret Jacobs (University of Nebraska)</i>
10.45 – 11.15	Morning break
11.15 – 12.15	Introduction of research program 'Children as Targets and Tools' <i>Geertje Mak (UvA) and Marit Monteiro (Radboud University)</i>

## Lunch Break

## Afternoon Program

Oost-Indisch Huis, Kloveniersburgwal 48, Room F0.21

13.30 – 14.30	Schoolgirls or brides? Conflicting notions of childhood on Dutch New Guinea <i>Marleen Reichgelt (Radboud University)</i> "Separate the children" Creating nuclear families and modelvillages in South Dutch New Guinea 1902-1942. <i>Maaïke Derksen (Radboud University)</i>
14.30 – 15.00	Column: Growing up <i>Indisch</i> in New Guinea (in Dutch) <i>Pamela Pattynama (UvA)</i>
15.00 – 15.30	Afternoon break
15.30 – 16.00	Child Snatchers Versus Child Saviours: Selling Child Removal in the Indies through Dutch children's literature (1890-1920) <i>Lies Wesseling (Maastricht University)</i>
16.00 – 16.30	Reflections on the actuality of colonial techniques <i>Olga Nieuwenhuijs (UvA)</i>

Admission is free. Please register at [colonizingchildren.symposium@gmail.com](mailto:colonizingchildren.symposium@gmail.com)

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