



## SC/CS Amsterdam 2011 The Netherlands

### THE NAPOLEONIC CONTINENTAL SYSTEM: LOCAL, EUROPEAN, AND GLOBAL EXPERIENCES AND CONSEQUENCES

**THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2011**

International Institute of Social History Amsterdam

**10.30**

#### **Welcome and opening**

Prof. Katherine Aaslestad and Dr. Johan Joor, IISH (Prof. Lex Heerma van Voss)

**10.50 – 11.30**

#### **KEYNOTE ADDRESS:**

Prof. Geoffrey Ellis  
Oxford University, UK

‘Napoleon’s Continental System Revisited’

**11.30-11.45 Coffee/Tea Break**

**11.45-1.30 pm**

#### **1. THE ‘FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE OF THE EMPIRE’: CONSTRUCTING THE CONTINENTAL SYSTEM**

Chair Prof. Lex Heerma van Voss

Prof. Edward Kolla  
(Georgetown University,  
School of Foreign Service, Qatar)

‘The Continental System in International Law’

Prof. Pierrick Pourchasse  
(Université de Bretagne  
Occidentale, Brest, Fr)

‘Speculations and embargoes on grain trade at the time of the Revolution wars (1792-1795)’

Prof. Michael Broers

(Oxford University, UK)

‘The Continental System: Motor of the  
“Outer Empire”?’

Commentator: Dr. Annie Jourdan, University of Amsterdam  
Discussion

### **1.30-2.15 pm Lunch**

**2.15-4.00 pm**

## **2. THE CONTINENTAL SIDE OF THE SYSTEM (1): SCANDINAVIAN AND DUTCH ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL RESPONSES**

Chair Prof. Katherine Aaslestad

Dr. Bård Frydenlund  
(University of Oslo, N)

‘Defying the Continental System in the  
Periphery – Political strategies and  
protests by Norwegian merchants’

Dr. Jann M. Witt  
(University of Kiel, D)

‘Smuggling and blockade-running  
during the Anglo-Danish war of 1807-  
1814’

Dr. Christiaan van Bochove  
(University of Utrecht)

‘Stuck in the Sound. Danish borrowing  
in Amsterdam between 1757 and 1824’

Commentator: Prof. Burghart Schmidt, University of Montpellier  
Discussion

### **4.00-4.15 pm Coffee/Tea Break**

**4.15-6.00 pm**

## **3. THE CONTINENTAL SIDE OF THE SYSTEM (2): GERMAN AND POLISH PROTEST, COLLABORATION AND INSTITUTIONAL REFORM**

Chair Prof. Ute Planert, University of Wuppertal

PD. Armin Owzar  
(University of Münster, D)

‘The Ambivalent Impact of the  
Napoleonic Continental System on  
German Society’

PD. Steffen Sammler  
(University of Leipzig, D)

“Vaterländische Industrie” oder  
“englische Factory”? Home industry of

British factory? The debate about the construction of industrial space and institutions under French hegemony. Saxony and the duchy of Warsaw (1806-1813)'

Prof. Robert Mark Spaulding  
(University of North Carolina, US) 'French Policies and the Rhine River Traffic in the Era of the Continental System'

Commentator: Dr. Michael Rowe, King's College London, UK  
Discussion

**6.00-7.30 pm Program information will follow**

**7.30 pm Dinner**

**FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2011**

International Institute of Social History Amsterdam

**9.00-10.45**

**4. COMPARATIVE URBAN RESPONSES AND NEW ECONOMIC STRATEGIES: MERCHANT NETWORKS**

Chair Prof. Mary Lindemann, University of Miami

Dr. Margrit Schulte Beerbühl  
(University of Düsseldorf, D)

‘Trading networks across the Blockade: Nathan Mayer Rothschild and his commodity trade during the early years of the Blockades (1803-1808)’

Dr. Hilde Greefs  
(University of Antwerp, B)

‘Diverging choices in a period of economic war. Business orientation, networks and the transformation of the business elite in the young harbour town of Antwerp during the Napoleonic era’

Dr. Anita Cerpinska  
(University of Latvia, Riga)

‘Riga export trade at the time of the Continental System (1807-1812)’

Commentator: Prof. Alan Forrest, Institut d'Etudes Avancées, Nantes, FR,  
University of York, UK)

Discussion

**10.45-11.00 Coffee/Tea Break**

**11.00-12.45 pm**

**5. COMPARATIVE REGIONAL RESPONSES TO THE CONTINENTAL SYSTEM**

Chair (open)

Prof. Alan Forrest  
(Institut d'Etudes  
Avancées, Nantes, FR)

‘The Experience of the Continental System in the Cities of the French Atlantic’

Prof. Burghart Schmidt  
(University of Montpellier, FR)

‘The northern part of Germany and the Pressures of the Continental Blockade’

Prof. Alexander Grab

(Univeristy of Maine, US)

'Napoleonic Italy and the Continental  
Blockade'

Commentator: Prof. Robert Mark Spaulding, University of North Carolina,  
US

Discussion

**12.45-2.00 pm Lunch**

**2.00-3.45**

**6. NEW ECONOMIC STRATEGIES : BREACHING THE ATLANTIC**

Chair Prof. Rafe Blaufarb, The Florida State University

Prof. Silvia Marzagalli

(Université de Nice, FR)

'The Continental System: a view from  
the sea'

Prof. Karen Racine

(University of Guelph, Ont, Can)

'The Inter-Continentality of the Continental  
System: England, Spain and Latin America  
1806-1814'

Mr. Tim Best

(Florida State University, US)

'Smuggling: The American Mercantile  
Response in the Embargo Era'

Commentator: Prof. Piet Emmer, Leiden University Institute for History

Discussion

**3.45-4.00 pm Coffee/Tea**

**4.00-7.30 pm Program information will follow**

**7.30 pm Dinner**

**SATURDAY, MAY 21 2011**

Teylers Museum Haarlem (Grote Geheerzaal)

**9.00-9.45 Transport Amsterdam – Teylers Museum Haarlem  
(Information will follow)**

**9.45-10.00 Coffee/Tea**

**10.00-10.15 Welcome Marjan Scharloo, director Teylers Museum**

**10.15-12.00**

**7. SYSTEMIC CONSEQUENCES AND HISTORIOGRAPHY OF THE  
CONTINENTAL SYSTEM**

Chair (open)

Dr. Michael Rowe  
(King's College London, UK)

'Economic Warfare, Organised Crime  
and the Collapse of Napoleon's Empire'

Dr. Alexandre Tchoudinov  
(Russian Academy of Sciences,  
Moscow, Russ)

'Russia and the Continental System:  
Debates in Russian Historiography'

Prof. Margaret Crosby  
(Howard University,  
Washington DC, US)

'"Race", War and The Continental  
System: Exploring the Consequences of  
Napoleon's Social Policy'

Commentator: Prof. Michael Broers, Oxford University, UK  
Discussion

**12.00-1.15 pm Lunch**

**Optional visit of Teylers Museum and guided tour to Teyler's Library**

**1.15-3.00 pm**

**8. THE FAR SIDE: THE CONTINENTAL SYSTEM IN GLOBAL  
PERSPECTIVE**

**('The Hybrid World of Commerce and Knowledge')**

Chair Dr. Elise van Nederveen Meerkerk, IISH

Dr. Emma Spary

(University of Cambridge, UK) 'The empire of taste: the Colonial Blockade and the reconstruction of luxury commodities, 1798-1814'

Prof. Ralph Kingston  
(Auburn University, Alabama, US) 'Old Friends, New Empires: Historical geographers, Greece, and the Continental System'

Prof. Lissa Roberts  
(University of Twente, Enschede, NL) 'Dejima as a center of knowledge accumulation and translation during the Napoleonic era'

Commentator: Prof. Dr. Lex Heerma van Voss, IISH  
Discussion

### **3.00-3.15 Coffee/Tea Break**

**3.15-4.00 pm**

### **9. END COMMENTS AND CLOSING**

(4.00 pm Optional visit to the Frans Hals Museum Haarlem; information will follow)