

Government by Expertise

Technocrats and Technocracy in Western Europe, 1914-1973

13-15 September 2017

Conveners: Camilo Erlichman and Peter Romijn

Wednesday, 13 September 2017

Venue: VOC Zaal, Bushuis, Kloveniersburgwal 48, 1012 CX Amsterdam

17.00 Keynote Lecture

Chair: Peter Romijn (Amsterdam)

Philip Nord (Princeton): France's Age of Technocracy, 1930-1970

18.30 Conference Reception

Thursday, 14 September 2017

Venue: Doelenzaal, University Library, Singel 425, 1012 WP Amsterdam

9.00 Registration and Coffee

9.30 Welcome by Jonathan Zeitlin (ACCESS EUROPE, Scientific Director)

9.40 Introduction: Western Europe's Age of Technocracy

Camilo Erlichman (Amsterdam) and Peter Romijn (Amsterdam)

10.00 Panel 1: Demos and Technos

Chair: tbc

Daniel Knegt (Amsterdam): The Lure of "Realism": French Intellectuals between Technocracy and Fascism, 1930-1950

Stefan Couperus (Groningen): A 'Functional Demos' or an 'Expert Technos'? Debating State-Society Relations and State Governance in Interwar Europe

Antonio Costa Pinto (Lisbon): Technocracy, Corporatism, and the Development of "Economic Parliaments" in Interwar Europe

11.30 Coffee

12.00 Panel 2: Technocracy and Political Orders

Chair: Camilo Erlichman (Amsterdam)

Martin Conway (Oxford): Allies or Enemies? Technocracy and Conceptions of a Democratic Order in Europe after 1945

Ido de Haan (Utrecht): Democracy, Keynesianism and Early Neo-Liberalism in Postwar Europe

13.00 Lunch

14.00 Panel 3: Global Expertise

Chair: tbc

Sandra Khor Manickam (Rotterdam): Technocracy in a Time of War: Governing Malaya and Singapore during the Japanese Period

Robin de Bruin (Amsterdam): Dutch High Official Hans Max Hirschfeld (1899-1961) and the Convenient Marriage between Colonialism and Saint-Simonian Technocracy

Marijke van Faassen (Amsterdam): Modelling Society by Migration Management: Exploring the Role of (Dutch) Experts in 20th Century International Migration Policy

15.30 Coffee

16.00 Panel 4: The Ascent of Experts?

Chair: Artemy Kalinovsky (Amsterdam)

Joachim Lund (Copenhagen): Business in Government: Elites, Technocracy and Political Change in Denmark, 1900-1945

Raphael Van Lerberge (Brussels): The Techno-Political Transformation of Social Security in Belgium, 1937-1970

Hervé Joly (Lyon): The Finances and Mines Inspectors: Two Concurrent Groups of Technocrats in the French Power Elite, 1930-1970s

17.30 End of Day 1

19.00 Conference Dinner at *Vasso*, Rozenboomsteeg 10-14, 1012 PR Amsterdam

Friday, 15 September 2017

Venue: Doelenzaal, University Library, Singel 425, 1012 WP Amsterdam

9.00 Coffee

9.30 Panel 5: The Techno-Politics of Space

Chair: Luiza Bialasiewicz (Amsterdam)

Jens van de Maele (Brussels/Ghent): The Architecture of a State Bureaucracy: Governmental Office Buildings in Belgium, 1915-1965

Martin Kohlrausch (Leuven): Modernist Architects as a New Technocratic Elite: Central Europe between the Wars

10.30 Coffee

11.00 Panel 6: Technocracy and European Integration

Chair: Peter Romijn (Amsterdam)

Liesbeth van de Grift (Utrecht): Governing a Green Europe: The Role of Agricultural Interest Groups in Agricultural Policy-Making in Postwar Europe

Koen van Zon (Nijmegen): Brokering Expertise: The European Communities between Dirigisme and Decentralization, 1952-1967

Patricia Clavin (Oxford): Technocracy and the Boundaries of Europe in the World, 1920-1973

12.30 Lunch

13.30 **Final Roundtable**

14.30 End of Conference

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