

POLS4400 (6.0) The Netherlands and Europeanization
Political Science, Glendon College, York University
Guest speakers, summer 2021

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Questions or to request guest attendance? email professor Maas or the [Glendon Political Science department](#) secretary, Patricia Pok-Shin: pokshin@glendon.yorku.ca

War and Its Aftermath - 10am on Wednesday 19 May



Rense Havinga is the collection curator and exhibition producer of the [Freedom Museum](#) in Groesbeek, the Netherlands. (Close to the [Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery](#).) Situated just 3 km from the German border, the museum focuses on the impact of the Second World War on the Dutch-German border region. With its emphasis on *multiperspective* storytelling, the museum presents and compares the experiences of Axis and Allies, soldiers and civilians, men and women, majorities, and minorities, to create an exhibition in which there is more than one story for every event. Since starting his work at the Freedom Museum in 2011, Rense Havinga has produced 12 temporary exhibitions as well as the latest permanent exhibition which opened in 2019. Among the many stories he has worked on are the everyday experiences of ordinary soldiers and civilians in Nijmegen as a frontline city and the relationships between Dutch women and Allied soldiers, including the stories of the many war brides who travelled to Canada after the war.

Euroskepticism and Populism - 10am on Monday 31 May



Andrej Zaslove received his Ph.D. in political science from York University and subsequently moved to Nijmegen, the Netherlands, where he is Associate Professor of empirical political science at Radboud University. His research focuses on populism and political parties (esp. Western Europe), with an emphasis on measuring populism, on populism and democracy, on populism and foreign policy, on populism and gender, and on the influence of populism on party systems. His research can be found in journals such as *Comparative Political Studies*, *West European Politics*, and *Political Studies*.

Populism and Political Parties - 11am on Wednesday 2 June



Kim Twist is Assistant Professor of Political Science at San Diego State University. She earned her Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley. Professor Twist's research focuses on far-right extremism in Western Europe and the United States, and her book, [Partnering with Extremists](#) (University of Michigan Press, 2019), explains why mainstream-right parties in Western Europe often invite far-right parties to join them in government. Her research has been supported by a number of grants, including from the National Science Foundation and the Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation. Professor Twist teaches a variety of courses in comparative politics and research methods.

[Race and Nationalism in the European and Caribbean Netherlands](#) - 10am on Monday 14 June



[Michael O. Sharpe](#) is Associate Professor at York College, City University of New York. His areas of specialization are comparative politics and international relations and his research interests include looking comparatively at globalization, the politics of international migration, immigrant political incorporation, and political transnationalism. His current research analyzes the factors that propel migrations of postcolonial citizen and coethnic immigrants and what limits or facilitates their political incorporation and political transnationalism in liberal democratic host societies. Dr. Sharpe's book [Postcolonial Citizens and Ethnic Migration: the Netherlands and Japan in the Age of Globalization](#) cross-regionally examines the role of legal citizenship and ethnicity in migration. Dr. Sharpe teaches classes that include comparative politics, international relations, US politics and government, American foreign policy, comparative politics of migration, Caribbean Politics, Asian Politics, and African Politics. Dr. Sharpe is first US born child of immigrant parents from Aruba and the Dominican Republic and holds both US and Dutch citizenship. He has lived and studied in the Netherlands and worked in Japan.

[Towards a European army? And other reflections on NL in Europe](#) – 10 am on Wednesday 16 June



[Salima Belhaj MP](#) is a Member of the House of Representatives since 26 January 2016. Before that, she served eight years as party leader for D66 in the Rotterdam city council, where she still lives. She serves on the [Defence committee](#) and also chairs parliament's [art commission](#). "Freedom is what drives me. In the arts, this is important to ensure that artists have and keep the mental freedom to create. After 15 years of working in the cultural sector, I now dedicate myself to the creativity and intrinsic value of art. At the same time, the Netherlands cannot do without security. Defense protects our physical freedom and that of others around the world. Defense, in addition to diplomacy and development cooperation, is of crucial importance in order to act internationally. Ensuring peace and freedom is what women and men who work for Defense strive for every day. They deserve our support and the right to work in an organization of our time. I want everyone, regardless of origin or background, to feel the freedom to be themselves in the Netherlands." Browse this [older profile](#) and story about [making the Dutch military more environmentally friendly](#). Optional: view Belhaj's [argument for why a European army is inevitable and necessary](#) (starts around 14:00 in the video) or browse more on "Initiatiefnota van het lid Belhaj over een Europese krijgsmacht van en voor Europeanen" (in Dutch).

[Migration, Citizenship, and Same-Sex Marriage](#) - 10am on Monday 28 June



[Jeremy Bierbach](#), originally from Pittsburgh, immigrated to the Netherlands in 2001 and in 2015 defended his PhD thesis in European constitutional law at the University of Amsterdam. His specialty and focus of interest is in invoking norms of international law, EU law in particular, as a source of protection for members of minority groups who are unrepresented or underrepresented in the democratic process: in particular EU citizens, their non-EU citizen family members, and other non-EU citizen immigrants to the Netherlands. He represented two non-EU citizens, P. and S., in challenging the Dutch state on its laws providing for a fine to be imposed on immigrants who do not pass the civic integration exam (*inburgeringsexamen*) by a set deadline. The underlying questions of EU law were ultimately referred to and [decided on by the Court of Justice of the European Union in 2015](#), establishing important limits on the extent to which immigrants can be penalized without a complete examination of their personal circumstances and needs.

[Challenges and Opportunities in Local Governance](#) - 11am on Wednesday 30 June



[Julia Kleinrensink](#) is a City Councillor and Vice-Chair of the [GroenLinks](#) group on the [Utrecht city council](#), responsible for education, sport, and work and income. (Groenlinks is the largest party in Utrecht's city council, with 12 of the 45 seats.) She also heads the project literacy and debt at the Lek & IJssel library. She was formerly member of the advisory council of [GroenLinks's youth wing](#) and involved in the [Netherlands student union](#). "Everyone should have the same opportunities, regardless of their background. That is why it is important to have good poverty schemes and to ensure strong assistance with debts when things go wrong."

[Reflections on EU Politics from Inside the European Parliament](#) - 11am on Monday 5 July



[Samira Rafaela MEP](#) is a Dutch Member of the European Parliament for the social-liberal political party D66 and as such she is part of the [Renew Europe Group](#). Rafaela ran on the promise to fight for a strong, social, and secure Europe. She strongly believes that the EU is at its best when we work together to diminish inequality and celebrate our diversity. Samira brings a unique mix of background and life experiences to that end. To be “United in Diversity”, as the EU’s official motto goes. Born the daughter of a Jewish Curaçaoan-Dutch mother, and a Ghanaian-Nigerian muslim father, Samira carries in her a wide range of backgrounds that has inspired her to have an open-minded view of the world. In her Parliamentary work she applies this open-mindedness every day. Whether it is to strive for a fairer, more sustainable trade policy or a more inclusive European labour market. Browse the [videos on Rafaela’s website](#); her [17 Jun 2020 plenary speech on anti-racism protests](#) following the death of George Floyd; the description of her special focus on [women’s rights, international trade, employment and social affairs, and overseas countries and territories](#).

[Reflections on International Law and the Netherlands](#) - 10am on Wednesday 7 July



[Laurel Baig](#) is a Canadian litigator with nearly two decades of international criminal law experience. She is currently a Senior Appeals Counsel in the Office of the Prosecutor of the United Nations International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals. She worked for the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia as a prosecutor for 10 years and was an active contributor to the ICTY legacy project evaluating the OTP’s role in the prosecution of sexual violence crimes. Laurel has also worked in Chambers at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and at the Special Court for Sierra Leone. Before joining the United Nations, Laurel practiced law in Canada and served as a law clerk at the Supreme Court of Canada. She is a member of the Justice Rapid Response Sexual and Gender Based Violence Investigations Roster and a member of the Editorial Committee of the Journal of International Criminal Justice. Laurel is the co-focal point for knowledge exchange of the Prosecuting Conflict-Related Sexual violence (PSV) Network of the International Association of Prosecutors.

[The Changing Role of Europe](#) - 10am on Monday 19 July



[Mendeltje van Keulen](#) has a PhD and MA European Public Administration. Her dissertation focused on the effects of EU policy shaping by the Dutch government in the field of natural gas and biotechnology. She worked as a (senior) research fellow for the Netherlands Institute for International Relations [Clingendael](#), the Scientific Council for Government Policy [WRR](#) and various ministries. As team leader of the parliamentary EU staff in the Dutch parliament, she gained abundant practical experience in processes of Europeanisation and change management. Mendeltje van Keulen regularly publishes and teaches on European policy making for students and professionals. Since 1 January 2018 she is professor of the research group [Changing Role of Europe](#) at The Hague University of Applied Sciences, where she also [chairs the university council](#).

[Youth Organizations and Dutch and European Politics](#) - 10am on Monday 26 July



[Willemijn Krans](#) is a member of the board of Jongerenorganisatie Vrijheid en Democratie ([JOVD](#)), the liberal political youth organization aligned to the [VVD](#). She is responsible for internal political debate, media, and international affairs. She has almost finished her BSc Political Science at Leiden University. Next to her studies and the board, Willemijn works at [ProDemos](#), a foundation that helps explain the systems that govern democracy and the rule of law, and to show what citizens themselves can do to exert political influence.

[Reflections on Brexit and European Politics](#) – 10am on Wednesday 28 July



[Michael Hindley](#) served as Member of the European Parliament from 1984 to 1999, serving as Vice-President of the External Economic Affairs Committee with Parliamentary responsibilities for scrutiny of the entire range of EU external bilateral and multilateral relations from 1989 to 1999; he wrote reports on relations with China, Hong Kong, Macao, Vietnam, North Korea, ASEAN, the Gulf States, and Belarus. Before and after serving as MEP, he served as a Labour member in local and district Council roles in Lancashire. Since 1999 he is freelance adviser on EU relations, including evaluation missions for the EU Commission to China, Vietnam, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Gambia, Mauritius, and the eastern Caribbean to study the effectiveness of EU capacity building in foreign and trade ministries. Since 2008, he has acted as trade policy adviser to the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) writing reports inter alia on trade and sustainable development, agricultural trade, trade in strategic raw materials, and EU energy policy. He also regularly lectures at a range of universities.