

Long-Term Processes in Human History: A Tribute to Johan Goudsblom

Date: 17-19 March 2022

Location: The Trippenhuis, Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW), Kloveniersburgwal 29, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Main Program

Thursday 17th March

- 12.30-13.15 Reception and registration
- 13.30-14.00 Stephen Mennell (University College Dublin): *Remembering Johan Goudsblom.*
- 14.00-14.30 Hermann Korte (University of Hamburg): *The Early Thirty Years.*
- 14.30-14.45 Questions and discussion
- 14.45-15.00 Break
- 15.00-15.30 Frans Saris (Foundation Sanengeest): *Towards a Fourth Regime.*
- 15.30-15.40 Discussion
- 15.40-16.10 Nico Wilterdink (University of Amsterdam): *Goudsblom's Law of Three Stages: The Spread of Power Assets in Human History.*
- 16.10-16.20 Discussion
- 16.20-16.35 Break
- 16.35-17.05 Abram de Swaan (University of Amsterdam): *The Global Coordination Problem. Collective Action Among Unequal States.*
- 17.05-17.15 Discussion
- 17.15-18.15 Drinks

Friday 18th March

- 9.15-9.45 David Christian (Macquarie University, Sydney): *The Trajectory of Human History* (lecture through Zoom).
- 9.45-9.55 Discussion
- 9.55-10.10 Break
- 10.10-11.10 Paper presentations in parallel sessions (1)
- 11.10-11.25 Break
- 11.25-12.25 Paper presentations in parallel sessions (2)
- 12.25-13.25 Lunch

- 13.25-13.55 Nina Baur (Technische Universität Berlin): *Long-Term Processes as Obstacles against the Fourth Ecological Transformation. Ecological Sustainability and the Spatial Arrangements of Food Markets.*
- 13.55-14.05 Discussion
- 14.05-14.20 Break
- 14.20-15.20 Paper presentations in parallel sessions (3)
- 15.20-15.35 Break
- 15.35-16.35 Paper presentations in parallel sessions (4)
- 16.35-16.50 Break
- 16.50-17.20 John R. McNeill (Georgetown University): *Bisons, Elephants and Whales: Keystone Species and the Industrial Revolution* (lecture through Zoom).
- 17.20-17.30 Discussion

Saturday 19th March

- 9.15-9.45 Giseline Kuipers (Catholic University Leuven): *The Expanding Beauty Regime and its Social Consequences.*
- 9.45-9.55 Discussion
- 9.55-10.10 Break
- 10.10-11.10 Paper presentations in parallel sessions (1)
- 11.10-11.25 Break
- 11.25-12.25 Paper presentations in parallel sessions (2)
- 12.25-13.25 Lunch
- 13.25-13.55 Richard Sennett (New York University and London School of Economics): *Performing Civility.*
- 13.55-14.05 Discussion
- 14.05-14.20 Break
- 14.20-15.20 Paper presentations in parallel sessions (3)
- 15.20-15.35 Break
- 15.35-16.05 Randall Collins (University of Pennsylvania): *Sexual Revolution and the Future of the Family* (lecture through Zoom).
- 16.05-16.15 Discussion
- 16.15-16.30 Reflections and final words.

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PAPER PRESENTATIONS

Parallel sessions with paper presentations take place in three rooms:

Room A is the large *Tinbergenzaal*, where all the plenary sessions are held as well.

Room B is the *Johan Huizingazaal* on the first floor.

Room C is the *Rembrandtzaal* on the first floor.

Abstracts of papers are available in a separate file.

Friday, 18th March

10.10-11.10

Room A: *Ecology and human history(1): long-term processes*

- Jan Luiten van Zanden (Utrecht University): Biodiversity since the Birth of Homo Sapiens.
- Marina Fischer-Kowalski (University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences): On the Mutual Dynamics of Society-Nature Interactions: Regimes of Metabolism and Colonization.

Room B: *Power balances and (in)equality*

- Talja Blokland (Humboldt Universität Berlin): Urban Health, Habitus and Trust as Relation: Questioning Urban Public Health Perspectives in Memory of Johan Goudsblom.
- Cas Wouters (Utrecht University): Civilising Pressures in Globally Expanding Networks of Functional Interdependence: Power Inequalities and Equalities.

Room C: *Colonialism and civilizing processes(1)*

- Maria Beatriz R. Ferreira (IAPESGW & NGIME-UFJF): Indigenous Peoples' Games: Quest for a We-I Balance.
- Gláucio Campos Gomes de Matos (Universidade Federal do Amazonas): The Western Civilizing Process in the Brazilian Amazon.
- Rob O'Donoghue (Rhodes University): Hand-Print CARE: Clarifying Education for Sustainable Development as Knowledge Mediated Processes of Communicative (Re)orientation in School Curriculum Settings.

11.25-12.25

Room A: *Theories of social evolution(1)*

- Jeroen Bruggeman (University of Amsterdam): A General Theory of Human Cooperation.
- Steije Hofhuis (Utrecht University): Multiple Tempos of Darwinian Evolution.

Room B: *State violence and (de)civilising processes(1)*

- Matt Clement (Royal Holloway University, London): 2000 Years of Social Control, State Violence and Double-Binds.
- Lucy Brown (Charles University): Violence and the Civilizing Process: Witch Hunting across the Early Modern Period.

Room C: *Ecology and human history(2): theoretical reflections*

- Andre Saramago (University of Coimbra): Global Ecological Crises and the Materialist-Emergentist Conception of Human-Nature Relations: Lessons from Marx, Elias and Goudsblom.
- Diogo Silva da Cunha (University of Lisbon): From Long-Term Social Processes to Very Long-Term Socio-Ecological Processes: On Johan Goudsblom's Eliasian approach to the So-called Non-Human Nature.

14:20-15:20

Room A: *Theories of social evolution(2)*

- Loet Leydesdorff (University of Amsterdam): Historical Trajectories, Phenotypical Variation, and Evolving Regimes: "What is Evolving?".
- David Sierra (Grenoble Alpes University): Thoughts on the Scope of Natural History Concepts for Examining Cultural History.
- Wiebren Boonstra (Uppsala University): Sociologist of Scale.

Room B: *Colonialism and civilising processes(2)*

- Gordon Hughes (Cardiff University): Long-term Perspectives on Colonialism, Organised Brutality and the Western Civilising Process: Some Challenges for Contemporary Sociology and Criminology.
- Steven Carlton-Ford (University of Cincinnati): The Long Reach of History: The African Slave Trade, Colonization, and Current Human Rights (presentation through Zoom).

Room C: *Ecology and human history(3): coping with environmental problems*

- Marta Gospodarczyk (University of Warsaw): The Trauma of Drought and Limits of the Civilizing Process.
- Alexander Mack: Understanding Air Pollution as an Unintended Consequence of the Mastery of Fire.
- Debbie Kasper (Hiram College): Nothing To Do But Wail? Exploring the Value of Sociological Insights for Understanding and Addressing Social Problems.

15.35-16.35

Room A: *Reception and interpretation of Norbert Elias*

- Nathalie Heinich (CNRS-EHESS): How and Why Continuing Goudsblom's Action as a Promoter of Elias's Thought.
- Robert van Krieken (University of Sydney, University College Dublin & University of Tasmania): The Long-term Development of Human Emotional Life: on Norbert Elias, Freud and Post-Freudian Psychoanalytic Theory.
- Christoph Egen (Medizinische Hochschule Hannover), Adrian Jitschin (Fernuniversität in Hagen) and Hans-Peter Waldhoff (Georg-August-Universität, Göttingen): The Quest for Humanising Social Canons.

Room B: *State violence and (de)civilising processes(2)*

- Stephen Vertigans (Robert Gordon University) and Paddy Dolan (Technological University Dublin): Forced to Live: a Longer Term Perspective on De-civilising State Controlled Forced Feeding of Political Prisoners.
- Raúl Sánchez García (Universidad Politécnica de Madrid): Decivilising Offensives: Lessons from the Japanese Civilising Process (through Zoom).
- Nestar Russell (University of Calgary): Can Norbert Elias' Civilizing Process Account for Modern Western State Violence? (through Zoom)

Room C: *Ecology and human history(4): climate change*

- Bernd Sommer (Europa-Universität Flensburg): Climate Change and Civilization: Five Theses.
- Haimo Schulz Meinen (University of Hannover): The Fourth Regime in Action: Arguing for a Climate Change Withdrawal Plan.
- Wieger Fransen (University of Amsterdam): Can Sociological Knowledge improve Climate Projections?

Saturday, 19th March

10.10-11.10

Room A: *Changing gender relations (1)*

- Stefanie Ernst (University of Münster): Equality and Diversity Policies between Mutual Identification and Backlashes? Long-term Processes of Civilizing Power Relations.
- Marta Bucholc (University of Warsaw): Semantic Indeterminacy of Women's Rights and the Emergence of the Global Legal Governance of Abortion.

Room B: *Ethnicity and religion*

- Matvey Lomonosov (University of Tyumen): Instilling Primordial Feelings? "Ethnic Memories" in the Balkans and the Minimalist Ethnosymbolism.
- Robert Mears (Bath Spa University): England-Wales Relations in Historical Perspective.
- Oussama Cherribi (Emory University): Contexts of 'Radicalization': Belgium and The Netherlands Compared.

Room C: *Elias in Ghana: on long-term developments in non-European societies*

- Behrouz Alikhani: The Connection between Sociology and Anthropology.
- Adrian Jitschin (Fernuniversität in Hagen): Elias's Priests and Knowledge.
- Arjan Post: Keeping up with Goudsblom: Connecting Simple and Complex Societies with Norbert Elias's Very Long-Term Perspective.
- Dieter Reicher (University of Graz): Village-State Societies as Survival Units. A Missing Piece in Understanding Very Long-Term Processes.

11.25-12.25

Room A: *Long-term developments in knowledge and science*

- Johan Heilbron (Uppsala University): The Social and Human Sciences in a Long-term Perspective. Preliminary Considerations.
- Daniel Klenbort (Morehouse College): How Strange We Humans Are.
- Jiří Šubrt (Charles University): The Future Isn't What It Used to Be: How the Idea of the Future Has Changed in the Long-Term Process of the Development of Human Knowledge.

Room B: *Games and leisure*

- Maarten van Bottenburg (Utrecht University): The Relative Autonomy of Game-contests: Long-term Processes of Sportisation and De-sportisation in Human History.
- İrem Özgören Kinli (Izmir Katip Celebi University): Reconciliation of Spontaneity and Selfconsciousness: Minecraft Games.
- Jaap Timmer (Free University Amsterdam): Chrome and Charisma. A Sociological Essay on the Car.

Room C: *Changing gender relations (2)*

- Pawel Baginski (University of Warsaw): Long-term Processes in a Short Period of Time? The Case of Relations between Men and Women during the Postsocialist Transformation in Poland.
- John Connolly (Dublin City University): ‘Pints and Half-pints’: Gender Power Relations and Drinking in Ireland.

14:20-15:20

Room A: *Changes in habitus and world view*

- Stephen Quilley (University of Waterloo): The Complete Act: Elias's Triad of Controls and the Problem of Sustainability Transition.
- Rineke van Daalen (University of Amsterdam): Dissonances of Civilisation, and Reactions to the Covid-19 Pandemic.
- Miklós Hadas (Corvinus University of Budapest): The Emergence of the Expansive Habitus.

Room B: *Knowledge, science, and social inequality*

- Emilia Sieczka (Polish Academy of Sciences): Established-Outsider Dynamic in the Expanding Polish Intelligentsia from the 18th to 21st century.
- Valerie Dahl (University of Münster): Drag-Effects in Academia? Knowledge Work(ers) between Precarious Employment and Scholarly Culture.

Room C: *Civilising processes in Europe and China*

- John Flint, Ryan Powell and Shaoying Zang (University of Sheffield): Civilising Offensives in Comparative Geographical and Historical Contexts: The Case of Britain and China.
- Esther Quaedackers (University of Amsterdam): Civilization and Harmonization.