

Plant Humanities KNAW-HuC

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Spinhuis (Oudezijds Achterburgwal 185, 1012 CJ Amsterdam), Kamer 2.18, and Online

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Plant Humanities has emerged as a convergence point for multiple disciplines interested in the connections between plants and people. Such convergence has the potential to address important questions of today, such as climate change, biodiversity decline, and decolonization of knowledge. This colloquium brings together researchers in Plant Humanities in the Netherlands to showcase the many ways in which people have related to plants in the past and present.

Program

- 10:15–10:30 Check-in and Coffee
- 10:30–11:00 Welcome and Short Introduction
- 11:00–11:30 **Becoming Global?**
Practices of Collecting, Naming and Exchanging Seeds in Early Modern Botany
Melinda Susanto (Huygens Instituut / KNAW)
- 11:30–12:00 **Plants that Adorn and Construct Social Bodies:**
Body Ornaments in the Amazon Region
Caroline Fernandes Caromano (Naturalis Biodiversity Center)
- 12:00–13:30 Lunch
- 13:30–14:00 **Wild Tulips in Historical Dutch Gardens:**
Where Do They Come From?
Anastasia Stefaniaki (Utrecht University Botanic Gardens)
- 14:00–14:30 **Picturing and Representing Plants in the Past:**
Materials, Techniques, and Artisanal Knowledge
Jessie Wei-Hsuan Chen (Huygens Instituut / KNAW)
- 14:30–15:00 **Plants, People, and Cities:**
From Sao Paulo, Brazil to Amsterdam, Netherlands
Luiza Teixeira-Costa (Meertens Instituut / KNAW)
- 15:00–16:00 Discussion and moving forward
- 16:00–17:00 Drinks

Register through <https://forms.office.com/e/YUJEB4GzuE>.

- * There is no cost for attending and food and drinks will be provided.
- * Seats are limited and offered on a first-come, first-served basis.
- * Register before **9 May** to receive the link for the live streaming.
- * This event will not be recorded.

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