Symposium *Unhinging the National Framework: Perspectives on Transnational Life-Writing*

Friday, 8 December, 2017 VU Main Building Room 4A33


09.30 – 10.00 Coffee/tea

10.00 Welcome by Dr. Babs Boter, initiator and convener of *Unhinging the National Framework: Platform for the Study of Transnational Life-Writing*

Introduction by Prof. dr. Diederik Oostdijk, Head of the Department of Language, Literature and Communication.

10.00 – 10.45 Opening Keynote Address

Prof. dr. Ciraj Rassool (University of Western Cape): Rethinking Biography from South Africa: Implications for Transnational Life-Writing

[https://www.uwc.ac.za/Biography/Pages/Ciraj-Rassool.aspx](https://www.uwc.ac.za/Biography/Pages/Ciraj-Rassool.aspx)

10.45 – 11.15 Lecture Dr. Barbara Henkes (Groningen University): Doing and Un-doing European-ness in Transnational Life-Writing

Discussion

11.15 – 11.45 Coffee break

11.45 – 12.15 Lecture Dr. Marijke Huisman (Utrecht University): Booker T. Washington and *Up from Slavery*: Afterlife in a Dutch Colonial Context Discussion

12.15 – 12.45 Pitches by members of the expert group *Unhinging the National Framework*:

Lonneke Geerlings, PhD Candidate (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam): Multidirectional Memory in Huntsville, Alabama. Rosey Pool at A. & M. College (1965-1967)

Rasa Navickaitė, PhD Candidate (Central European University, Budapest): Marija Gimbutas’ Reception in the Goddess Spirituality Movement: A Feminist and Postcolonial Reading

Dr. Eveline Buchheim, NIOD, Amsterdam: Colonialism, Class, and Collaboration: A Wartime Encounter in Java

12.45 – 13.15 Lunch: Poster presentations by members of the expert group
13.15 – 14.00  Panel discussion: State of the Art in the Field of Transnational Life-Writing
Prof. dr. Mineke Bosch (Groningen University) (chair)
Prof. dr. Elisabeth Bekers (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)
Prof. dr. Gabriele Linke (Rostock University)
Dr. Floris Meens (Radboud University Nijmegen)

14.00 – 15.00  Closing Keynote Address + discussion
Prof. dr. Anthony Bogues (Brown University): CLR James: A Radical 20th Century Life
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