Decolonizing Europe: History, Ideas and Praxis
In collaboration with the Center for Slavery & Justice at Brown University
6 to 17 July 2015

Course content
Take a fresh approach to current debates surrounding notions of citizenship and belonging within postcolonial, post-Cold War Europe.

This course focuses on the works of Caribbean and African diasporic thinkers: scholars, writers and artists who have engaged critically with European intellectual traditions, formulating distinctive positions that constitute an alternative genealogy for questions of citizenship and belonging in Europe. By honing in on their works, you gain a deeper understanding of the global interactions at key historical moments that shaped contemporary Europe.

Active participation is an important aspect of this course. In both plenary and workshop sessions, you engage in conversations on Europe’s colonial legacies, focusing specifically on archives and museums but also addressing critical debates in the history of thought, the story of the slave trade, enslavement and colonialism, post-colonial and labour migration, urban identities, race and “post-racialism”, diaspora, citizenship and belonging.
Decolonizing Europe is offered jointly by the Global History, Heritage and Memory programme at VU University Amsterdam and the Center for Slavery and Justice at Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island. Its co-organizer is the Research Center for Material Culture of the Dutch National Museum of World Cultures.

Who should join this course?
Primarily students of Humanities and Social Sciences, although interested participants from other backgrounds are also welcome.

Course information
Course level: Advanced Bachelor/Master/PhD
Coordinating lecturer: Prof. Susan Legêne, Prof. Anthony Bogues
Other lecturers: Dr. Dienke Hondius, Dr. Wayne Modest and guests lecturers
Tuition fee: € 1.100
Housing fee: € 400

Discounts and scholarships
An early bird discount of € 100 is available for anyone who applies before 1 March. The Amsterdam Summer School offers twenty scholarships of €500 for highly motivated students.

The Amsterdam Summer School
The Amsterdam Summer School offers small-scale courses in a wide range of fields at an excellent research university, VU University Amsterdam. Students can make their own selection of activities from an extensive social programme. Examples include a visit to the Anne Frank House, a trip to the parliament in The Hague and a dinner at the Dutch seaside.

Included in the tuition fee are an airport pick-up service, orientation programme, on-site support, 24/7 emergency assistance and a transcript of records after completion of the course. The social programme is not included in the tuition fee.

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