A PEEK AT THE NEIGHBOURS’ GRASS

Recent social and economic history research in Belgium and the Netherlands

Workshop Friday 9 November at the IISH, Amsterdam

Under the auspices of the N.W. Posthumus Institute, IISH and NEHA

So close, so different. And in many ways so little known: reaching for world historical perspectives makes one overlook adjoining countries. Yet perhaps we can learn most from them, precisely because they are so close and at the same time so different. All the more reason to have a peek at work in progress and recently finished research in both countries. To do this N.W. Posthumus network Economy and Society of the Pre-Industrial Low Countries in a Comparative Perspective and the IISH/NEHA organize a workshop on 9 November 2018 where 8 papers on social and economic history will be presented and discussed (see program below).

Registration is free of charge and catering will be provided. For logistic reasons, however, please register in advance (Heidi.Deneweth@vub.be). Participants will have to pay for transport and accommodation, if any.

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Program:

10.00-10.30 Welcome and registration

10.30-10.55 Jeannette Kamp, Sanne Muurling, Ariadne Schmidt (Leiden University)

Options for unwed mothers. A comparative perspective on illegitimacy, urban institutions and female agency in early modern European towns

10.55-11.20 Bruno Blondé (University of Antwerp)

Did the Dutch invent the ‘consumer revolution’? Comparative reflections on the role of the Low Countries in material culture transitions, fifteenth-eighteenth centuries

11.20-11.45 Nick Van den Broeck (Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Ghent University)

Poor relief practices in the Northern and Southern provinces of the Kingdom of the Netherlands (1816-1830)

11.45-12.10 Marjolein Schepers (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)

Poor relief, settlement and migration in the Northern and Southern Netherlands

12.10-13.00 Referee (tbc) – Comments and Discussion

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-14.25 Oscar Gelderblom (Utrecht University) and Joost Jonker (IISH)

Growing apart together: patterns of private debt in the Northern and Southern Low Countries, 1500-1780

14.25-14.50 Robin Philips, Péter Földvári, Bas van Leeuwen (IISH)

Drivers of Industrialisation: intersectoral evidence from the Low Countries in the nineteenth century

14.50-15.15 Wout Saelens (University of Antwerp / Vrije Universiteit Brussel) and Wouter Ryckbosch (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)

Towards an energy revolution in Flanders and Holland? Energy consumption and the industrial revolution in Ghent and Leiden (c. 1600-1850): a comparison

15.15-15.40 Ad Knotter (Maastricht University)

So close to each other, yet so different: ownership structures and the divergent development of the coal mining districts in the Belgian-Dutch-German borderlands in the twentieth century

15.40-16.30 Referee Regina Grafe (European University Institute, Firenze) – Comments and Discussion

17.00-18.00 Drinks