Over the past two decades, the removal of children from indigenous families and cultures in settler colonial contexts has increasingly become the subject of international historical research and debate.

This symposium provides a first exploration of the re-allocation and re-education of children in Dutch colonial missionary projects and how these practices appear in Dutch children's literature. Margaret Jacobs' keynote will give the international starting point with critical insights in the role of white women in child removal in Australia. How gender functioned in the Dutch colonial context is one of the issues to be discussed during the day.

This symposium is related to the inaugural speech on the 6th of July of Geertje Mak, professor of the Political History of Gender at the University of Amsterdam on behalf of the Wilhelmina Drucker Foundation.
# Program Colonizing Children

## Morning Program

**Kloveniersburgwal 48, VOC Kamer**

Chair: Berteke Waaldijk, Utrecht University

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| 9.30– 9.45 | Opening speeches  
  Geertje Mak (UvA) and Andrée van Es, Chair Unesco NL |
  the United States, Australia, and Canada, 1880-1980’  
  Margaret Jacobs (University of Nebraska) |
| 10.45– 11.15 | Morning break                                                         |
| 11.15– 12.15 | Introduction of research program ‘Children as Targets  
  and Tools’  
  Geertje Mak (UvA) and Marit Monteiro (Radboud University) |

## Afternoon Program

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| 13.30– 14.30 | Schoolgirls or brides? Conflicting notions of  
  childhood on Dutch New Guinea  
  Marleen Reichgelt (Radboud University) |
| 14.30– 15.00 | Column: Growing up Indisch in New Guinea (in Dutch)  
  Pamela Pattynama (UvA) |
| 15.00– 15.30 | Afternoon break                                                      |
| 15.30– 16.00 | Child Snatchers Versus Child Saviours: Selling Child  
  Removal in the Indies through Dutch children’s  
  literature (1890-1920)  
  Lies Wesseling (Maastricht University) |
| 16.00– 16.30 | Reflections on the actuality of colonial techniques  
  Olga Nieuwenhuijs (UvA) |

## Lunch Break

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**Admission is free. Please register at colonizingchildren.symposium@gmail.com**

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