

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Reading Dutch for Historical Research

an intensive residential course on Kangaroo Island, 14 June to 3 July 2010

Applications are invited for a limited number of places in an intensive residential course 'Reading Dutch for Historical Research', to be held on Kangaroo Island, South Australia, from Monday 14 June to Saturday 3 July 2010.

The course is intended for those needing a working knowledge of written Dutch for professional purposes, including the study of Asian history. The course is open to academics, professionals and current and intending postgraduate students. The timing of the course will allow participants to stay on in South Australia to attend the 2010 Biennial Conference of the Asian Studies Association of Australia <http://www.adelaide.edu.au/asaa2010/>.

Participants in the course will receive instruction in reading Dutch historical texts, especially from the period 1850-1950. There will be some attention to correct pronunciation, but no formal teaching of conversational Dutch. Completing participants should be able to read complex academic and bureaucratic Dutch texts with the aid of a dictionary.

No prior knowledge of Dutch will be assumed, but it is expected that most participants will have had prior experience in learning another language and will be familiar with the need for private study to supplement classroom work.

The instructor for the course will be Dr Bruce Donaldson, formerly of the University of Melbourne, author of the standard text *Colloquial Dutch*.

The course will be supported by a prospective grant from the Nederlandse Taalunie, the international organization supporting the worldwide teaching of Dutch <http://taalunieversum.org/taalunie/>, and by a grant from the Australia-Netherlands Research Collaboration <http://www.aust-neth.net/>. These grants would allow the cost of participation to be set at \$500 (\$200 for students).

The course fee will cover:

- ✓ instruction
- ✓ accommodation for 19 nights on Kangaroo Island
- ✓ most breakfasts and lunches
- ✓ some materials
- ✓ transfer to & from Adelaide at the beginning & end of the course

The course fee will NOT cover:

- * travel to Adelaide
- * evening meals
- * personal expenditure, including travel insurance and excursions
- * textbook and dictionary (details of materials to be purchased will be provided later)

The running of the course and the proposed fees depend on sufficient interest and on a prospective grant from the Nederlandse Taalunie.

TO APPLY FOR A PLACE IN THE COURSE, PLEASE EMAIL YOUR NAME, CONTACT DETAILS, ENROLMENT OR EMPLOYMENT STATUS, AND A BRIEF STATEMENT OF YOUR REASONS FOR WISHING TO UNDERTAKE THE COURSE TO:

Ms Helen McMartin, helen.mcmartin@anu.edu.au

Administrator of the Australia-Netherlands Research Collaboration by: 31 JANUARY 2010

PLACES IN THE COURSE WILL BE ALLOCATED ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS
We hope to be able to make a firm offer of places in early February 2010