

Letter from the Editors

We are proud to present this year's first issue of *Itinerario*. The occasion, however, has only given us a partial sense of relief, since we have not yet been able to solve the problems in connection with the bibliographical issues of 1996 and 1997. We shall double our effort to publish the two overdue issues this year and we are confident to be completely back on schedule by Christmas. In the meantime, we are thankful for the patience you have exercised so far.

In this issue, we are publishing an interview with Jack Goody, the distinguished Cambridge anthropologist. Following the interview you will find a contribution by José Eugenio Borao on the Chinese perception of the Spaniards in the Philippines around the time of the massacre of 1603. The last article, on Altaian responses to Russian Orthodox Missionaries, by Andrei A. Znamenski, is a first in *Itinerario* in two respects: it is the first one by a Russian author, and the first on the history of Russian expansion in Central Asia.

Wedged in between the articles by Borao and Znamenski, you will find more than the usual share of Dutch expansion history: Louis Sicking contributed a piece on French-Dutch colonial relations in the nineteenth century, while our frequent contributor from Utrecht, Maarten Kuitenbrouwer, together with Huibert Schijf, analyzes the Dutch colonial business elite at the turn of the last century. Brazilian scholar Fernando Rosa Ribeiro tries to find an answer to the question of why the allegedly tolerant Dutch have created such oppressive regimes in the overseas world, in an article on Boers, apartheid and passion.

Finally, as promised, we are publishing a legible version of the curious document found by Ben Teensma on the proposal for a Dutch conquest of Florida in the seventeenth century.

The Editors

Itinerario is proud to announce its first Round Table Conference

The American Experience in Asia

Leiden, 23 & 24 October 1998



23 October, Morning Session: *America in Colonial Southeast Asia*

Michael Adas (Rutgers University)
Wim van den Doel (Leiden University)
Glenn May (University of Oregon at Eugene)

23 October, Afternoon Session: *The Vietnam Experience*

Lloyd Gardner (Rutgers University)
Alfons Lammers (Leiden University)
Marilyn Young (NYU)
Mark Bradley (University of Chicago)
Hughes Tertrais (Université Paris I)

24 October, Morning Session: *America and East Asia*

Leonard Blussé (Leiden University)
Dave Schimmelpenninck (Yale University)
Hermann Hiery (Universität Bayreuth)
Chris Jespersen (Clark Atlanta University)

24 October, Afternoon Session: *Panel*

Afterthoughts by John Darwin (Oxford University)



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