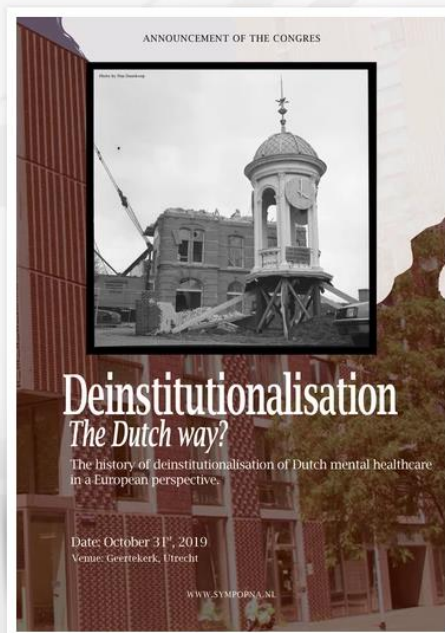


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This process was led by countries such as the United States, Italy and England. In the Netherlands, it gradually got under way in the 1980s, and was supported by government policy. There were concrete initiatives for reducing the extent of institutional psychiatry, such as the construction of regional sheltered housing facilities and the introduction of Flexible Assertive Community Treatment (FACT).

Early this century it was nonetheless noted that, proportionally, the Netherlands still had one of Europe's highest numbers of inpatient beds. In 2012, this led to an agreement between the mental healthcare sector and the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sports to substantially reduce their number.

The question is not only why de-institutionalisation was slower in the Netherlands than elsewhere, but also why it was different. Which factors impeded it, and which advanced it? How does its history compare with the counterpart histories in countries such as Italy, the UK and France? What do these comparisons tell us about the specific nature of Dutch mental healthcare and the context within which it operates?

In the symposium De-institutionalisation: the Dutch way? a number of European researchers will describe and analyse the development of de-institutionalisation in their countries. Against this background, the Dutch experience of de-institutionalisation will then be outlined and compared.

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By researching recent history, we can guide the development of community-based mental healthcare. Partly for this reason, the symposium is intended to provide the substantive and practical impetus for extensive, internationally focused research on the development of de-institutionalisation and community care in the Netherlands.

The symposium is intended for all care professionals, policymakers and historians interested in the history and future of Dutch and European mental health care and de-institutionalisation.

## De programme committee

Prof. Joost Vijsselaar (Utrecht University)

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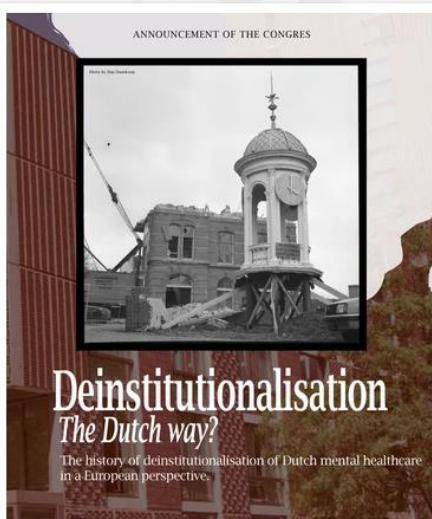
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08.45 – 09.30 Registration

09.30 – 09.50 Opening and welcome by the chairman  
[Paul Schnabel](#) - Distinguished professor (em.), Utrecht University

09.50 – 10.30 Understanding the divergent pathways towards deinstitutionalisation across the UK  
[Dr Vicky Long](#) - Senior Lecturer in Twentieth-Century British History, School of History, Classics and Archaeology, Newcastle University, Great Britain

10.30 – 11.10 Deinstitutionalisation or Modernization? The Italian Mental Health-care after the Reform  
[Dr Daniele Pulino](#) - Adjunct professor of Sociology at University of Sassari, History, human sciences and education Department, Italy

11.10 – 11.40 Coffee break

11.40 – 12.20 Delayed Reform. Institutionalization of Transitional Facilities and the Claim of Deinstitutionalisation - Social Psychiatry in Postwar West Germany  
[Prof. Maïke Rotzoll](#) - Institute for the History and Ethics of Medicine, Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg, Germany

12.20 - 13.00 Beyond deinstitutionalisation: the legacy of the anti-institutional movement and the limits of mental health policy in France, 1980-2020.  
[Dr Nicolas Henckes](#) - Researcher CNRS (CNRS research associate), Center for Research in Medicine, Science, Health, Mental Health and Society (CERMES3), Villejuif, France

13.00 - 13.00 Lunch

14.00 – 14.40 The many faces of deinstitutionalisation: the international historiography  
[Dr Timo Bolt](#) - Associate Professor of Medical History, Erasmus MC, University Medical Center Rotterdam

14.40 – 15.20 From half-way house to inclusion: stages in deinstitutionalisation in the Netherlands  
[Prof. Joost Visselaar](#) - Professor of the History of Psychiatry, Department of History and Art History, Utrecht University

15.20 – 15.50 Tea break

15.50 – 16.30 Getting lost on the many roads to Rome? Deinstitutionalisation and community integration in the Netherlands at the beginning of the 21st century  
[Prof. Hans Kroon](#) - Professor of community mental health at Tranzo, Tilburg School of Social and Behavioural Sciences, Tilburg University and Head of the Department Care and Participation at Trimbos Institute, Utrecht

16.30 – 16.40 Closing remarks by the chairman

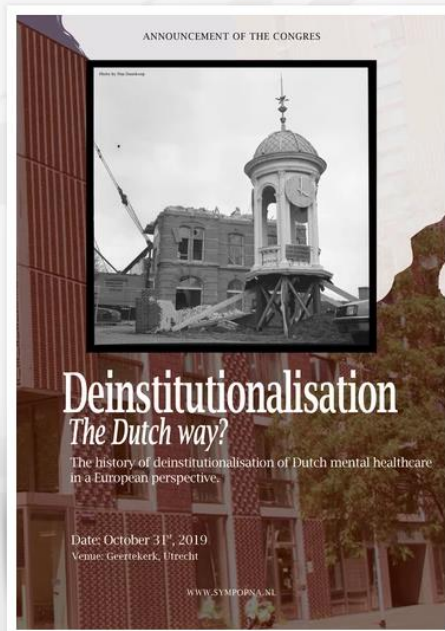
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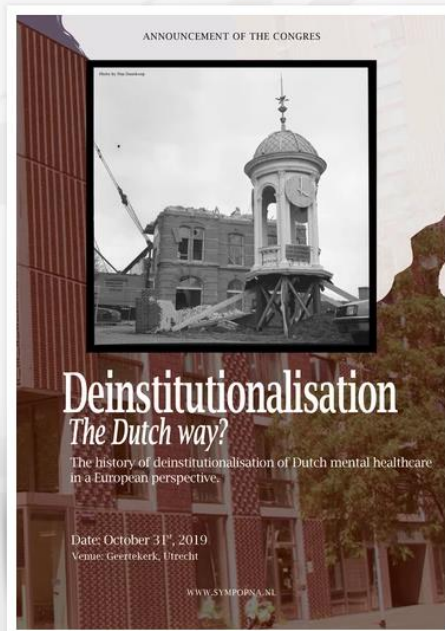
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- Accreditatiebureau Kwaliteitsregister V&VN en Register Zorgprofessionals
- NIP:Eerstelijnspsychologie (NIP)
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After your registration, you transfer the registration fee to bank account NL73ABNA0541186108 of Stichting Sympopna, clearly stating your name and invoice number. Or you tick the one-off authorization on the digital registration form. Registration required for payment.

## Conditions

You will receive a digital invoice as a confirmation of your registration via e-mail to the address you provided. Within 14 days after registration, written (mail) and without costs can be canceled. Hereafter only written (mail) and is possible until October 17, 2019.

The cancellation costs are € 20.00. Already paid registration fee is deducted from these costs refunded within two weeks. After October 17, 2019, cancellation is no longer possible and you will owe the full registration fee. All single collection costs will be borne entirely by the tenderer.

## Audience

This conference is aimed at professionals, policy makers and historians who are interested in the history of deinstitutionalisation in mental health care.

## Venue

Geertekerk, Utrecht  
Geertekerkhof 23  
3511 XC Utrecht

*The Geertekerk is approximately a 15-minute walk from Utrecht Central Station and can also be reached by city bus (line 2)*

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## Organization

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