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Roosevelt Lecture by Iwan Morgan

FDR: America's Greatest President

Thursday, 11 April 2024

Invitation

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AMERICA'S GREATEST PRESIDENT

LECTURER Iwan Morgan

DATE Thursday 11 April 2024 at 16:00

LOCATION Auditorium Zeeuws Archief, Hofplein 16, 4331 CK Middelburg

Professor Iwan Morgan's talk discusses the qualities required to be a great US president and how Franklin D. Roosevelt demonstrated these in leading America through the Great Depression and World War II. It explains how he transformed the presidency into the driving force of American politics and government through his activism as chief legislator, party leader, communicator-in-chief, and wartime commander-in-chief. Finally it examines how FDR strengthened American democracy when it was in peril and sought to build a postwar international order based on the Four Freedoms.

The lecture will be moderated by Dr. Sara Polak from Leiden University.

Afterwards, the RIAS will offer a small reception.

To attend the lecture, please register via the following link by 5 April 2024:

<https://tinyurl.com/RooseveltLecture2024>



Iwan Morgan is emeritus professor of US Studies at University College London. He holds a PhD from the London School of Economics. He is a former executive chair of the Historians of the Twentieth Century United States, an Honorary Fellow of the British Association of American Studies, and a Distinguished Fellow of Oxford University's Rothermere American Institute. A specialist on the American presidency, his books include: *Nixon* (2002); *Reagan: American Icon* (2016); and *FDR: Transforming the Presidency and Renewing America* (2022).



Sara Polak is assistant professor of American Studies and English Literary Studies at Leiden University. Her research focuses on American Studies, specifically on US presidents and their media, cultural memory, social media, and disability. Her book *FDR in American Memory: Roosevelt and the Making of Icon* was published in 2021.

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