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## Invitation

Roosevelt Environmental History  
Lecture by Dario Fazzi  
Monday, 30 October 2023



As of September 2023, Dario Fazzi has become the new Professor by Special Appointment in Transatlantic Environmental History at the Roosevelt Institute for American Studies. Fazzi works at the RIAS since 2012. He started as a postdoc, working on how Eleanor Roosevelt fostered global awareness of nuclear and environmental threats. After his first book, he has been writing about transnational activism, US imperialism, and the relations between the US military-industrial complex and the global environment.

While conducting most of his research in Middelburg, Fazzi also works at Leiden University, teaching courses on US and environmental history. His most recent book, *Smoke on the Water: Incineration at Sea and the Birth of a Transatlantic Environmental Movement*, came out with Columbia University Press in October 2023.

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## **NOT IN MY OCEAN: TRANS-LOCAL ACTIVISM AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEMOCRACY**

**LECTURER** Dario Fazzi

**DATE** Monday 30 October 2023 at 4:00-6:00 p.m.

**LOCATION** RIAS, Hofplein 16, 4331CK Middelburg

Throughout the summer and the fall of 1987, the environmentalist organization *Greenpeace* coordinated a number of direct actions in Zeeland. These protests were meant to stop ships carrying hazardous waste crossing the Scheldt River. The mayors of Middelburg, Veere, and Vlissingen joined the activists and released a press statement expressing grave concerns about the consequences that the national hazardous waste policy was having in Zeeland.

These voices from the Scheldt were part of a broader chorus opposing environmentally dangerous industrial practices at both the local and the transnational level. Coastal communities across the Atlantic moved to the forefront of the political agenda denouncing the multifaceted risks of marine toxic pollution. In so doing, such communities started forging bonds that set the standard for the involvement of aware citizens in ecological decisions, the multilateral governance of environmental issues, and collective action.

In this lecture, Professor Fazzi will explain how trans-local activism transformed the health of the oceans into a common, transatlantic concern and how this further contributed to consolidating environmental democracy. The lecture will be followed by drinks.

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**Attendance is limited to 50 participants.  
To attend the lecture, please register [here](#).**



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