

# ***The Research Network for the Study of Chinese Communities in the Netherlands***

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The Research Network for the Study of Chinese Communities in the Netherlands (RSCCN) was established in 2001 as a joint initiative of the IIAS, and Asian Studies in Amsterdam (ASiA), at the University of Amsterdam. This informal research network aims to bring researchers together, facilitating their cooperation. The field of study covers any aspect of social life among the Chinese communities in the Netherlands, as well as the study of Dutch-speaking Chinese in countries such as Belgium, Suriname, Indonesia, and South Africa.

During the RSCCN's third annual meeting there were lectures on human trafficking by Melvin Soudijn, and by Judith Suurmond on the connection between participation in Chinese voluntary associations in the Netherlands and the formation of a civic community and socio-political integration of Chinese descendants. Peter Post screened amateur films from the 1930s produced by members of *peranakan*, elite Chinese families in the Dutch East-Indies, thereby putting forward a fascinating new way of looking at the position of Chinese descendants in a Dutch colonial setting. ◀ **Dr Leo Douw**, [ldouw@fmg.uva.nl](mailto:ldouw@fmg.uva.nl)