

Private lives under public scrutiny: Dutch-Japanese relations on Java 1942-1945

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In this presentation I will present the case of the link between the Dutch-Belgian Marie-Thérèse Brandenburg van Oltsende and the Japanese Minoru Sakata. Minoru worked for the Japanese Propaganda Office on Java, he came to Java in 1942 and left again in the summer of 1944. Marie-Thérèse was one of the western women who were able to continue to live in her own house during the occupation. In analyzing their wartime and postwar connections and reconstructing their larger social network I aim to unpack some of the generally assumed stories behind Japanese-Dutch relations under the Japanese occupation of colonial Indonesia between 1942 and 1945. We should challenge what we think we know about this period by finding new sources and combining different perspectives. Over time I collected information from different sources on this case and the many open questions that still remain make it especially clear that daily life on the ground was far more complicated than we tend to assume.

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- ◎使用言語: 英語

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