

'The iDTR International Dark Tourism Symposium 2013'

InHolland University of Applied Science

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Dark tourism is the act of travel to sites of death, disaster, or the seemingly macabre within the visitor economy. As such, the idea of 'dark tourism' raises fundamental questions of the interrelationships between the touristic representation of death and the cultural condition of society.

The Institute for Dark Tourism Research (iDTR) (University of Central Lancashire, UK) and InHolland University of Applied Sciences, Department of Tourism Management Studies, would like to invite industry professionals, students and academic researchers to this first-ever dark tourism symposium in the Netherlands.

The symposium will be hosted at the Diemen campus of InHolland University and is open to students, researchers, and industry representatives of visitor attractions that might be considered 'dark tourism' – such as museums, themed attractions, cemeteries, remembrance monuments and battlefields. The aim of the symposium is bring together industry and academia to critically shine a light on the 'darker side of travel'.

Program:

10.30 – 11.00: Arrival & Registration

11.00 – 11.15: Welcome Address

11.15 – 11.45: Keynote Presentation - Prof. Philip Stone, Executive Director (iDTR)

11.45 – 12.00: Signing Ceremony: Research Partnership between iDTR and InHolland University

12.00 – 12.30: Keynote Presentation - Prof. Stijn Reijnders, (Erasmus University)

12.30 – 13.30: Lunch (InHolland University restaurant)

13.30 – 14.00: Presentation on InHolland Dark Tourism research – Karel Werdler
(InHolland University)

14.00 – 14.30: Keynote Presentation - Guus Sluiter, Director (Funerary Museum Tot Zover,
Amsterdam)

14.30 – 15.00: Student presentations on current dark tourism research in Spain and Germany

15.00 – 15.15: Tea / coffee

15.15 – 15.30 : Keynote Presentation – Eugenio van Maanen (NHTV University)

15.15 – 16.00: Symposium Plenary

16.00 – Drinks at the InHolland Bar, De Kooij

This symposium is **free of charge** to attend; however delegates will have to make their own arrangements for lunch. The Inholland restaurants accept both PIN and Chip-payments (no cash) and offers a wide range of hot and cold food and beverages. Directions to the event venue in Diemen can be found at

<http://www.inholland.nl/NR/rdonlyres/2BD0C111-7D4E-4399-9290-E87F89B9670A/0/RoutebeschrijvingDiemen2012.pdf>

To secure your symposium place, please register by email to Karel Werdler at Karel.Werdler@inholland.nl

Further information can be found at www.dark-tourism.org.uk or visit The Dark Tourism Forum on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/darktourism>