Introduction to 17th-century Dutch

This three-part workshop is part of the UC Berkeley course Dutch 100 Dutch for Reading Knowledge, and open to graduate student auditors with some knowledge of Dutch or German. Registration is required. Please send an email to ievanderhoeven@berkeley.edu.

Workshop Description: The documents that the 17th-century Dutch left behind on almost every continent present a vast resource for understanding the global past. This small group workshop on reading 17th-century Dutch begins with a brief introduction to the grammar, orthography, and paleography of 17th-century Dutch. We will then read excerpts from 17th-century transcribed texts, Gothic print, and handwritten manuscripts. Finally, we will explore some of the new developments in Handwritten Text Recognition (HTR). Students will come away with a basic understanding of the types of resources they might encounter in pursuing 17th-century Dutch research, and learn some helpful strategies on how to approach these old texts.

Monday 11/14, Wednesday 11/16, and Friday 11/18 at 3-4pm in person and on Zoom in B-33B Dwinelle Hall.

Workshop facilitator Julie van den Hout is an independent scholar and the author of Adriaen van der Donck, A Dutch Rebel in Seventeenth-Century America (2018) and the online blog 17thcenturydutch.com.

This workshop will be offered on Zoom.

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