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Revisiting academic freedom

Wednesday, October 7, 2026 - 11.00 a.m.

Meeting room 2nd floor

Discussant: Cristina Mazzero, University of Trento

Abstract:

In this seminar, we will discuss the meaning of 'academic freedom' in relation to other 'freedoms', such as the freedom of expression. Drawing on his experience as director of an Institute for Advanced Study (NIAS-KNAW), prof. Duyvendak examines threats to academic freedom, from within academia and from the outside, particularly from political parties of the radical right. How to position ourselves in these debates? What can we do to strengthen academic freedom and, more broadly, the pillars of liberal democracy?

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