

# LeidenGlobal

## Annual Overview: Highlights 2024





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## Introduction

**LeidenGlobal** is dedicated to strengthening the understanding of human cultures and societies across the world. To achieve this, we connect researchers, cultural and academic institutions, social organisations, government partners, businesses, and citizens, bringing together Leiden's wide range of expertise.

Supported by Leiden's world-class museum and library collections, as well as the renowned scholarship found in the academic and cultural institutes, Leiden has earned an international reputation as a leading centre for the study of global cultures. LeidenGlobal builds on this foundation to increase the societal impact of this knowledge. Through cultural events, public discussions, educational initiatives, and research collaborations, LeidenGlobal deepens understanding and insight into the world's many cultures and the ways in which they interact.

As an open platform, LeidenGlobal also showcases Leiden's unique concentration of knowledge and experience to audiences both in the Netherlands and abroad, ensuring that this rich heritage continues to inspire, inform, and connect people worldwide.

**The year of 2024** brought some change for LeidenGlobal, including the relocation of the LeidenGlobal office as well as the move of several of our partner institutions to the Herta Mohr Building in Leiden. Located at 'the Witte Singel', the Herta Mohr Building now houses the Leiden University Faculty of Humanities, the African Studies Centre, the Netherlands Institute for the Near East, the Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies, and the International Institute for Asian Studies. This relocation brings the partners and LeidenGlobal closer together, strengthens connections and makes collaboration more efficient and accessible.

It was also the year in which LeidenGlobal launched an important flash campaign in collaboration with its partners, designed to highlight the research taking place at the knowledge institutes and the impact it has on society, and to show policy makers and the public the importance of this research.

New directions were explored in communication, on the website as well as the social media presence, such as the launch of a LinkedIn page to strengthen the professional network. In addition, a dedicated webpage was created to showcase LeidenGlobal's larger projects. This new "Initiatives" platform brings together the Leiden City World Walks, podcasts, exhibitions, and reports from the Current Affairs Lectures, offering a clear overview of the most important activities and their societal relevance.

### LeidenGlobal partners in 2024:

- Leiden University (LU) the faculties of Humanities, Social Sciences, Archaeology & Law
- the Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies (KITLV)
- the African Studies Centre Leiden (ASCL)
- the International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS)
- the Netherlands Institute for the Near East (NINO)
- the National Museum of Antiquities (RMO)
- Wereldmuseum Leiden (The National Museum of World Cultures Leiden - WML)



## A. Impact through LeidenGlobal Initiatives

LeidenGlobal created a lot of societal impact through the development, coordination, participation, and implementation of a wide range of activities and events. Working in collaboration with partner organisations, LeidenGlobal successfully brought these initiatives to a broad and diverse audience.

### 1. Current Affairs Lectures

After starting the Current Affairs lectures in 2023 at the Rijksmuseum van Oudheden, LeidenGlobal continued the series in 2024 at the Public Library 'BplusC' in Leiden. The *Leiden Current Affairs Lecture* (het Leids Actualiteitencollege) is a LeidenGlobal initiative in which experts give brief background information on current issues related to specific regions and cultures. Each lecture includes plenty of time for audience questions and knowledge exchange. The lectures are moderated by Prof. Remco Breuker, unless stated otherwise.

In 2024, all current affairs lectures were organised in collaboration not only with LeidenGlobal experts but also with Public Library BplusC Leiden and Leiden Kennisstad, and for some sessions with an additional partner:

- **Back from the past: North Korea as an international arms supplier**  
[Terug van weggeest: Noord-Korea als internationale wapenleverancier]  
1 February 2024  
Prof. Remco Breuker (Leiden University) provided insights into North Korea's notable return to the international arms trade, followed by interaction with the public. Moderation by Floris Harm (Leiden Asia Centre). This lecture was co-organised with the Leiden Asia Centre.  
[View report online \(in Dutch\)](#)
- **Increase in Drug Violence in Ecuador and the Role of the Netherlands**  
[Toename van Drugsgeweld in Ecuador en de Rol van Nederland]  
16 May 2024  
Prof. Patricio Silva (Leiden University) spoke about the alarming increase in violence in Ecuador, mainly due to drug smuggling and trafficking in the country. He explored the history behind the rise of drug trafficking in Ecuador and its impact on the Netherlands, particularly through illegal trade via Dutch ports.  
[View report online \(in Dutch\)](#)
- **Elections as a Game - Trump, Harris, and the Role of Social Media in the U.S. Elections**  
[Verkiezingen als Spel - Trump, Harris en de rol van Sociale Media in de Amerikaanse Verkiezingen]  
9 October 2024  
Dr. Sara Polak (Leiden University) presented striking examples of how game dynamics influence politics, at our Current Affairs Lecture "Politics as a Game: Trump, Harris, and the Role of Social Media in the U.S. Elections".  
[View report online \(in Dutch\)](#)
- **Taiwan: The Next Geopolitical Flashpoint?**  
[Taiwan: de volgende geopolitieke brandhaard?]  
21 November 2024  
Dr. Casper Wits (Leiden University) discussed the conflict between Taiwan and China and the growing fear of a Chinese invasion with global consequences. Since Russia's invasion of Ukraine, Taiwan has drawn growing international attention. Many fear China could seek to absorb Taiwan in a similar way, but while China claims Taiwan as its territory, it is pursuing its own timeline.  
[View report online \(in Dutch\)](#)

#### RESULT:

The current affairs lectures have been well attended, with 25 to 30 participants in the first two sessions, and over 40 participants in the autumn sessions. Among those present were students, library visitors, journalists, policy makers from municipal and national affairs and other interested parties. Following the second lecture, an article was also published in the *Reformatorisch Dagblad*. Reports were made for all current affairs lectures and can be found on our website under the '[Initiatives' page](#).

#### COLLABORATION

BplusC Leiden, Leiden Kennisstad, Leiden University faculty of Humanities and Leiden Asia Centre

## 2. Leiden City World Walks

*Throughout 2024*

The Leiden City World Walks have become a permanent part of the LeidenGlobal programme. The World Walks started in 2022: research by several experts and their students highlights traces of the past and diverse cultural influences in Leiden. These texts, together with photos and maps, were compiled into free, downloadable PDFs to create a personalised tour in Leiden, focussing on different themes. They are also offered as guided, in-person tours.

In 2024 LeidenGlobal produced a poster and flyer advertising the free walk downloads, each featuring a QR code linking straight to the walks on the website. The posters were distributed throughout university buildings and several partner organisations, along with the flyers. The flyers were also given a spot at the Leiden tourist information point. For the second print, run in the autumn, also an English-language version of the flyer was produced, specifically for the tourist information point.

These Leiden City World Walks were given as a guided tour in 2024:

- **Traces of Poetry in Leiden (Sporen van Poëzie in Leiden)**
  - 20 April
  - 19 May
  - 9 June
- **Traces of the Middle East in Leiden (Sporen van het Midden-Oosten in Leiden)**  
*In collaboration with Leiden University Centre for the Study of Islam and Society*
  - 21 April
- **Traces of Slavery in Leiden (Sporen van de Slavernij in Leiden)**  
*In collaboration with Mapping Slavery in Leiden*
  - 7 January
  - 28 January
  - 18 February
  - 10 March
  - 31 March
  - 21 April
  - 12 May
  - 2 June
  - 20 October
  - 15 November
  - 15 December

#### RESULT

Attendance at the walks varies. The *Traces of Poetry* and *Slavery* walks usually receive many registrations. However, for the *Traces of the Middle East* walk only a few participants (of a fully booked walk) showed up. The Leiden tourist office occasionally requests an extra batch of flyers, showing that visitors are indeed taking them.

[View the World Walks online.](#)



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## COLLABORATION

VVV Leiden Tourist Office, Leiden University Centre for the Study of Islam and Society, Mapping Slavery in Leiden, Leiden Faculty of Humanities, The Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies, the African Studies Centre.

### 3. Symposium: A conversation with KIMSOOJA

1 March 2024

LeidenGlobal collaborated with Museum De Lakenhal and Leiden University to organise a symposium with leading experts to mark the opening of the exhibition '*Thread Roots*' of globally known artist Kimsooja.

During the expert meeting, the audience was introduced to Kimsooja's artistic journey, which weaves together themes of migration, mobility, and belonging. At the expert meeting, the public learned about the art journey of Kimsooja, exploring migration, mobility, and a sense of home. Curators Nicole Roepers (Museum De Lakenhal), Amanda Pinatih (Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam) and Keumhwa Kim (independent, Berlin), who all have worked with Kimsooja, gave introductory talks exploring the complex connections between textile arts and historical Asian collections. After the introduction, a conversation was held with Kimsooja, led by art historian and emeritus professor Kitty Zijlmans.

## RESULT

A well-attended event featuring discussions on a variety of topics. About 70 visitors: students from different fields (arts university, Korean studies, philosophy), researchers, art historians, and other interested people.

[View report online](#)

## COLLABORATION

Museum De Lakenhal, Leiden University Faculty of Humanities, Royal Academy of Art The Hague

### 4. Workshop: 'Crossing Borders: Navigating communication challenges for Freedom & Security'

for International Women's Day in Leiden

10 March 2024

For the celebration of International Women's Day, prof. Marina Terkourafi and Tatiana Boiko organised a LeidenGlobal workshop: Freedom and refugees: How do refugees get a voice? In this workshop participants shared personal stories to understand successes and challenges in cross-border communication and to understand how refugees and non-refugees can feel safe and free. The workshop was part of an event at Stadhuis Leiden, organised by Stichting Vrouwendennetwerk Leiden, featuring a total of 15 workshops.

## RESULT

The workshop was fully booked with a total of 20 participants and is well received.

[View report online](#)

## COLLABORATION

Leiden University, Stichting Vrouwendennetwerk Leiden

## 5. Campaign: The Crucial Role of Research

Dozens of LeidenGlobal experts and university scientists highlighted the importance of academic research for the Netherlands and Dutch prosperity. At Lunch talks in The Hague and Leiden and in short films, they presented their research and its societal impact to policymakers, journalists, and the public the severe consequences of cutting academic budgets in clear, understandable language.

### ▪ **Lunch Talks in The Hague and Leiden**

27 June – 11 July 2024

During lunchtime, researchers explained the importance of their field in just 15 minutes, highlighting why their work is invaluable to society. After each presentation, the audience had the opportunity to ask questions. The Lunch Talks were held at Campus The Hague, Turfmarkt location, and at the Leiden Public Library (BplusC), Nieuwstraat location. The following researchers and lecturers affiliated with Leiden University gave short presentations:

- Miko Flohr - 27 June
- Larissa van den Herik - 27 June
- Ethan Mark - 28 June
- Jacqueline Hylkema - 28 June
- Hilde van Meegdenburg - 2 July
- Carolien Stolte - 2 July
- Jelle Bruning - 2 July
- Tony van der Togt - 3 July
- Vincent Brussee - 3 July
- Vanessa Mak - 4 July
- Claire Weeda - 4 July
- Peter Bisschop - 5 July
- Remco Breuker - 8 July
- Rogier Creemers - 9 July
- Nivja de Jong - 9 July
- Marloes van Noorloos - 9 July
- Christoph Pieper - 10 July
- Maaike Warnaar - 10 July
- Andrea Evers - 10 July
- Flora Smit - 10 July
- Mark Rutgers - 10 July
- Elmer Veldkamp - 11 July
- Martin Baasten - 11 July
- Michel Michaloliakos - 11 July
- Angus Mol - 11 July

### ▪ **Video talks on the importance of the research:**

The following researchers and lecturers, affiliated with LeidenGlobal partners, recorded short videos (which were shared on various social media channels of LeidenGlobal and its partners). The video talks can be found on the [Leiden University website](#):

1. Remco Breuker
2. Mark Driessen
3. Marike van Aerde
4. Tony van der Togt
5. Ton Liefraard
6. Kim de Jong
7. Amaranth Feuth
8. Rogier Creemers
9. Miko Flohr
10. Markus Davidson
11. Martine Berenpas
12. Maaike Warnaar
13. Elpine de Boer
14. Iliana Samara
15. Fridus Steijlen
16. Nivja de Jong
17. Maurits Berger
18. Elmer Veldkamp
19. Alisa van de Haar
20. Victor Gijsbers
21. Svetlana Kharchenko
22. Leonie Vreeke
23. Tjerk Oosterkamp
24. Shelley van der Veen
25. Lenneke Alink
26. Lotte van Dillen
27. Larissa van den Herik
28. Steven Denney
29. Hilde van Meegdenburg
30. Gert Oostindie
31. Ivo Smits
32. Jaap de Jong
33. Jake Wright



## Toegevoegde waarde voor NL

- Nadelen over nieuwe vragen en modellen van aansprakelijkheid

- Adviseren van de Nederlandse overheid

- Opleiden van mensen aan wetten en interne organisatie



#### *RESULT:*

The Lunch Talks were well attended especially in Leiden, and many people learned more detailed information about the research. The campaign also gained strong attention on social media, both for the talks themselves as well as for the video recordings.

#### *COLLABORATION*

Within a short time, many faculties of Leiden University collaborated in this: Faculty of Humanities, Faculty of Social Sciences, the Faculty of Archaeology, the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Governance and Global Affairs. Researchers from the Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies and the African Studies Centre Leiden also participated.

### **6. Signature Event: Should Nature be given Rights**

*30 September 2024*

The Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies (KITLV) and the Institute of Cultural Anthropology of Leiden University's Faculty of Social Sciences (CADS) jointly organised LeidenGlobal's annual event on the Rights of Nature, featuring experts from various backgrounds: Law, Anthropology, and the Humanities.

The idea that nature should have legal rights is globally growing in popularity. However, a question remains: is giving legal rights to nature the best way to improve our relationship with the environment? This matter led to a Masterclass and panel discussion at the LeidenGlobal Annual Event.

The event consisted of:

1. **Masterclass: 'Defending Nature's Rights: Paradoxes and Challenges'** for PhD and (Research) MA students. The Masterclass was held at KITLV (Herta Mohr building) and led by Shivant Jhagroo (Leiden University) and Diana Vela Almeida (Utrecht University).
2. **Panel Discussion: 'Should Nature Be Given Rights?'** for a broad public audience, held at and in collaboration with the Wereldmuseum Leiden. The discussion was moderated by David Kloos (KITLV) and Marja Spierenberg (CADS), with panellists Shivant Jhagroo (Leiden University), Erna Lilje (Wereldmuseum Leiden), Bernardo Ribeiro de Almeida (VVI, Leiden University), Diana Suhardiman (KITLV, Leiden University), Diana Vela Almeida (Utrecht University).

#### *RESULT*

Of the initial 15 registrations for the Masterclass, 8 graduate students attended the session. At the panel discussion 45 attendees ultimately joined the event (on this very rainy afternoon) of the original 90 registered participants. It was an engaging discussion structured around three statements, offering deeper insight into the topic from multiple disciplinary perspectives.

[View report online](#)

#### *COLLABORATION*

KITLV/Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies, the Institute of Cultural Anthropology & Development Sociology at Leiden University, Wereldmuseum Leiden, Van Vollenhoven Instituut, Utrecht University.

### **7. LeidenGlobal Exhibitions**

- **Crafting Cultures** on display online

*Online since 13 March 2024*

Since spring 2024, the LeidenGlobal exhibition 'Crafting Cultures' is [available online](#). This exhibition explores how tradition meets innovation, showcasing Leiden scholars' work where craft drives progress and offers hope for future generations.

- **Heritage on the Move** on display at the opening of the Herta Mohr Building

*8 October 2024*

LeidenGlobal's first exhibition, showcasing photographs that visualize academic research on migration and heritage, was presented once more to a broad audience. This time during the opening of the Herta Mohr building.

## 8. Graduate Courses

- **Methodologies in the Social Sciences and the Humanities**

*February-May 2024*

The interdisciplinary graduate course Methodologies, coordinated by Maaike Warnaar (Leiden University), took place in spring 2024. Ten Research Master students and thirteen PhD candidates successfully completed the course.

### *RESULT*

A total of 23 students joined the course, of which 10 Research MA students and 13 PhD candidates. The course was evaluated by the participants and received positive feedback. The participants who completed the full program, received a certificate.

### *COLLABORATION:*

LU Faculty of Humanities

- **Beyond Discipline and Place in the Social Sciences and the Humanities**

*September-December 2024*

For the second time, Dr. Noa Schonmann (Leiden University) coordinated the lecture series. Despite extensive outreach efforts, recruitment proved challenging. Given the low number of participants this year, individual lectures were also offered and promoted separately, enabling students to attend selected sessions without formal registration. The lectures were given by Alex Gekker (LU Centre for the Arts in Society - LIAS), Joseph Sony Jean (KITLV), Elena Burgos Martinez (LU Institute of Area Studies), Maartje van der Woude (Institute for the Interdisciplinary Study of the Law), Remco Breuker (LIAS), Carwyn Morris (LIAS), Cristiana Strava (LIAS).

### *RESULT*

A total of 7 to 8 participants registered, consisting of both PhD and Research Master students. At the end six participants completed the course, of which four are PhD candidates and two are Research Master Students. No extra students participated in the individual lectures. The course did receive positive evaluations from the few students that attended. Students particularly appreciated hearing from speakers with diverse backgrounds and perspectives each week, which they found both interesting and useful.

### *COLLABORATION:*

LU Faculty of Humanities, KITLV



## B. Impact by Communication

LeidenGlobal uses several communication channels to share and promote Leiden's cultural knowledge. Online outreach is considered central: the website offers background information, news, activities, and expert profiles, while Instagram, X (Twitter), Facebook, and Bluesky feature daily updates.

In 2024 LeidenGlobal explored new directions in its communication strategy, both on the website and across social media. An essential step was the launch of a LinkedIn page in November, designed to strengthen the organisation's professional network and to connect more effectively with partners, experts, and a wider academic audience. This shift also responded to a noticeable drop in followers on X around the time of the American elections.

In addition, LeidenGlobal introduced a dedicated webpage to highlight its major projects. This "Initiatives" platform brings together the Leiden City World Walks, podcasts, exhibitions, and reports from the Current Affairs Lectures, offering a clear and accessible overview of key activities and their societal relevance.

Other sources of communication include the MOMO-app, developed by and for the student community, on which periodically LeidenGlobal highlights its own activities as well as those of the partners. And LeidenGlobal continues to reach out to the public by promoting events and calls through posters and flyers.

Besides, LeidenGlobal distributes a bimonthly newsletter to keep its network informed of recent developments, upcoming activities, and key initiatives. When appropriate, the newsletter mailing list is additionally used to share targeted invitations to events, ensuring that partners and subscribers remain closely connected and engaged.

### Facts & Figures



### Facebook, Bluesky and X

LeidenGlobal maintains an active presence across multiple social media platforms. The organisation posts daily activities or updates on LeidenGlobal (partner) initiatives on Facebook, Bluesky and X.

Since November 2024, platform X experienced a significant decline in its overall user base (after the US elections), which also effected LeidenGlobal's account. Whereas LeidenGlobal had 2,519 followers



in October 2024, this number had decreased to 2,442 by 31 December 2024. In contrast, Bluesky, which was initially launched in 2023, saw substantial user growth since November of 2024. Consequently, LeidenGlobal increased its posting frequency on the Bluesky platform.

### **LinkedIn**

LeidenGlobal created a LinkedIn account in late November 2024. Starting in December, the organisation published three posts per week. Within one month, the LinkedIn account gained 123 followers.

### **Instagram**

Each week, LeidenGlobal posts a story on Instagram featuring 5-6 events organised by LeidenGlobal and partners, giving an overview of activities in Leiden. In addition, LeidenGlobal shares one dedicated post per week that features a specific activity, interview, or call to action. These posts are usually accompanied by a corresponding story on the same topic to increase engagement. As of 31 December 2024, LeidenGlobal had 818 Instagram followers, with an average monthly reach of 1,229 unique accounts.

### **Newsletter and Expert Interviews**

LeidenGlobal sends a newsletter to its network every two months. In addition to covering news, activities, and exhibitions, the regular newsletters highlight research by Leiden experts that may receive less public attention but is highly relevant. To support this, LeidenGlobal conducted and published interviews with the following experts:

- **Looi van Kessel:** Advocacy & Education for Equal Rights (Humanities)
- **Ruurd Halbertsma:** A Curator's Legacy: a Lifetime dedicated to Antiquities (RMO)
- **Annette Schmidt:** Restitution & Research: Cultural Exchange at the Museum (WML)
- **Shivant Jhagroo:** Legal Rights for Nature: a Stepping stone or a dead end? (Social Sciences)
- **Cristiana Strava:** Bridging Worlds: alternative methods to understand local communities (Humanities)
- **Sasja van der Vaart - Verschoof:** Behind the scenes: Creating the Bronze Age exhibition (RMO)

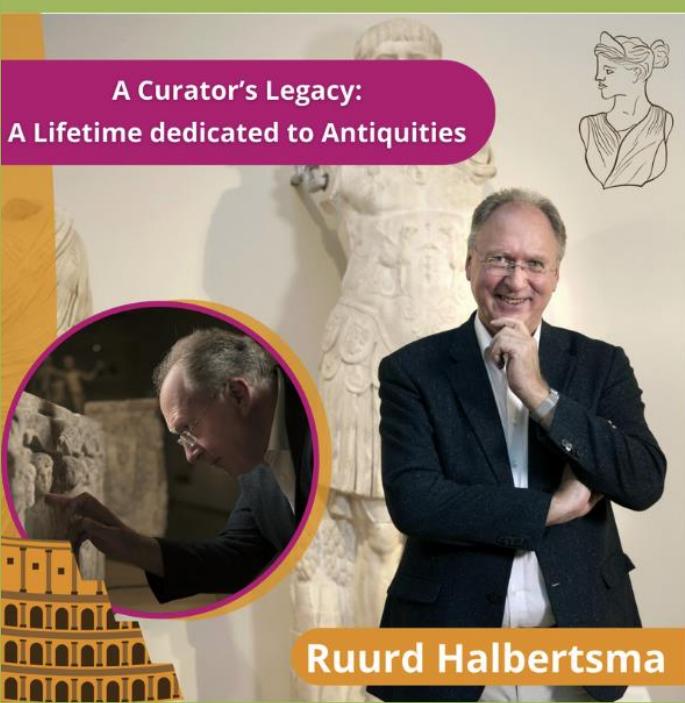
### **Communication meeting**

In 2024, one communication meeting was held, attended by the communication officers of the partner organisations as well as representatives from Leiden Kennisstad. The meeting featured a special announcement regarding the 450th anniversary of the 3 October celebration later that year.

## Advocacy & Education for Equal Rights



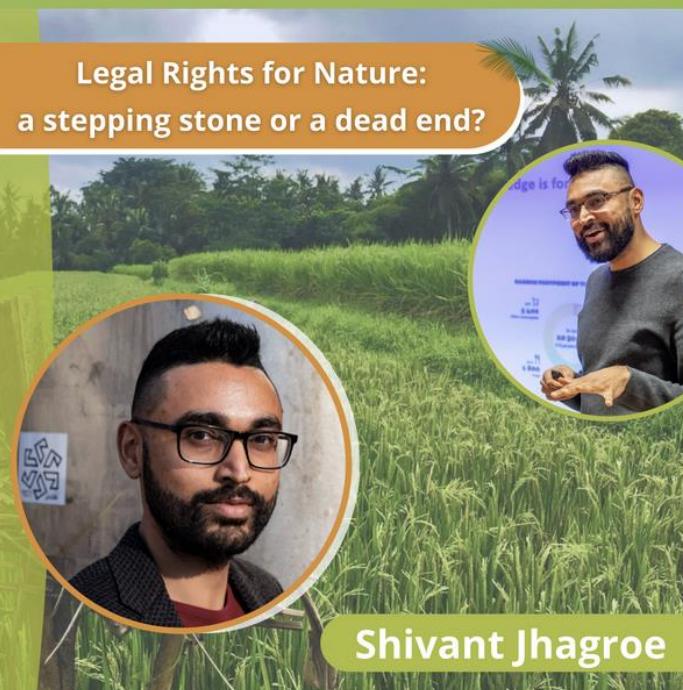
## Restitution & Research: Cultural Exchange at the Museum



## Behind the Scenes: Creating the Bronze Age exhibition



## Legal Rights for Nature: a stepping stone or a dead end?



## C. Collaboration

To broaden LeidenGlobal's impact in Leiden and the surrounding region, LeidenGlobal collaborates with innovative partners beyond its core group of structural partners. In developing projects, the organization actively engages with local civil society and the municipality of Leiden. Wherever possible, LeidenGlobal seeks to complement its existing partnerships by fostering collaboration within its own activities or by joining forces with other initiatives.

The collaborative partners include:

- BplusC (Bibliotheek plus Centrum voor kunst en cultuur in Leiden eo)
- Erfgoed Leiden en Omstreken
- Gemeente Leiden
- HOVO Leiden
- LDE Centre for Global Heritage and Development (Leiden-Delft-Erasmus)
- Leiden Asia Centre
- Leiden Convention Bureau
- Leiden International Centre
- Leiden Kennisstad
- Leiden & Partners
- Leiden University Centre for the Study of Islam and Society (LUCIS)
- LURIS
- Mapping Slavery in Leiden
- Museum de Lakenhal
- PLNT
- Research Centre for Material Culture
- Sijthoff Leiden
- Studium Generale Leiden
- The SABO Network
- Universitaire Bibliotheek Leiden (UBL Leiden)
- VVV Leiden Tourist Office

## D. Organisation

### The LeidenGlobal Board

The LeidenGlobal Board consists of representatives from its partner institutions and oversees the organisation's overall activities and strategic direction. The board is chaired by Professor Remco Breuker, who provides guidance on the day-to-day management of the organisation.

In 2024, the Board met four times (19 January, 21 May, 24 October and 13 December) to review LeidenGlobal's policies and performance, discuss key strategic matters, evaluate ongoing projects, and provide input on new project proposals.

During its fourth meeting, the Board focused on the development of the new strategy for 2025–2029. Members offered their insights and recommendations to help shape the next strategic plan, as the current strategy is formally approved and funded only until 31 October 2025. This process ensures that LeidenGlobal's activities continue to align with its long-term goals and the interests of its partner institutions.

### The LeidenGlobal Team

LeidenGlobal is supported by a manager (Aphroditi Zoulfoukardis, 0.6 fte) who plays a central role in developing the organisation's policies and activities and is responsible for day-to-day operations. This includes coordinating all LeidenGlobal activities, establishing partnerships, overseeing communication strategy, managing financial administration, and carrying out organisational tasks. The manager maintains regular contact with the chairperson to discuss LeidenGlobal's activities and policies.

The project assistant (0.4 fte) supports the manager, particularly in graduate courses, the Leiden City World Walks, exhibitions, and other knowledge valorisation projects. In 2024, two project assistants were employed: Isa Lefering (who filled this position from 1 December '23 until 1 April '24), and Annemay Slijkoord, who joined the team on 1 April 2024.

In 2024, LeidenGlobal was supported by several interns (0.6 fte), who primarily focused on online communication, project support, and conducting expert interviews. Sharon Sterke began her internship on 15 January, initially planned for 5.5 months; however, due to unforeseen circumstances, her internship concluded on 1 April. Florence Bellemont joined shortly thereafter, serving from 1 May to 15 July. She was succeeded by Eline Raukema, who started on 1 September for a five-month period.



November 2025  
Aphroditi Zoulfoukardis  
Manager LeidenGlobal