



Invitation to the lecture

King William II (1792-1849) and the House of Orange in the Age of Revolution

Thursday, 22 February 2024

Lecture by **Jeroen Koch**

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Revolution marked the life of William, prince of Orange. Born in 1792 in the Dutch Republic, he should have become Stadholder William VII. But when in January 1793 French revolutionary armies invaded the Republic, everything changed. Living through the Age of Revolution for William meant he could have become king of England, of the United Kingdom of the Netherlands, or of Belgium. William *did* become 'Hero of Waterloo', as he also, after the Belgian Revolution, was celebrated as 'the avenger of the nation'. In 1840 he inherited the throne of the northern Netherlands. In 1848, yet another year of revolutions across Europe, William II approved a radical change to the constitution, heralding the beginning of modern democracy in the Netherlands. Who was this adventurous Orange prince? The lecture will try to give an answer.

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