

Presentation Windows-on-Aruba: Towards An Aruban historical canon

Travelling Caribbean heritage

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Colonial Myth and Global Context

some pointers

- Rethink colonial history and colonial myths
- Rethink Caribbean, kingdom and Global Context
- Travelling Caribbean heritage over insularism

Not the State, rather the NATION: *PEOPLE*

Attention for impact on ecology: the *PLANET*

The procedure

1. Pointers
 - a. define 1, 3, 6 or 10 guidelines for the selection of windows
 - b. Order or prioritize them in a pyramid
1. Windows proposal → approval
2. Entries proposal → approval

The course products

- Historical Canon
- ICH inventory
- Buildings and their stories
- Policy
- Nation building and nation branding.

Amerindian: Pre ceramic period

- Population: 50-100
- Economy: hunters and gatherers
- Government: family groups
- Culture: culture of death and burial

Amerindian: Caquetio, appr. 95—1513-5

- Population and migration: Caquetio
- Government: chiefdom
- Economy: agriculture, trade
- Culture and archeology: rock drawings, pottery, culture of death (Goajira)

The encounter, ca. 1500-1636

- Government:
 - o Hispaniola and the encomienda
- Population & demography:
 - o Deportation
 - o Amerindians, Europeans
 - o Census 1619: 20 Christians
- Economy:
 - o The encomienda system: cattle breeding and brasil wood
- Ecology:
 - o Deforestation and cattle
- Culture: the devastation of the (*not yet*) Dutch West Indies
 - o Caquetio and Catholicism

'Don Juan de Ampíes a fundador de la que es hoy la nuestra historica ciudad de Santa Ana de Coro, primada de Venezuela el 26 de Julio de 1527'
Coro, Venezuela

The west india Company, 1636-1792/1800

- Government: Dutch West India Company
- Population And demography:
 - o Censo 1715: 386 inhabitants ---- 1767: 20 households
 - o Amerindian Caquetio's from Tierra Firme, servants of the WIC, introduction African slavery
- Economy: Cattle breeding, brasil wood, agriculture, fishing
- Culture, the Dutch neglect and Tierra Firme: Alto Vista and Papiamento
- Ecology: deforestation



Fort Zoutman, 1798,

Where's history? WHO'S HISTORY?

- **A colonial society, app. 1795 -1923**
 - o Government: 'de kolonie Curacao en onderhorigheden'
 - o Population: (descendants of Caquetio's, European colonists, African slaves)
 - o Demography: 1819: 1845 ---- 1923: 9.021
 - o Economy: regional trade, agriculture, fishing, gold and phosphate mining, aloe
 - o Ecology: continued deforestation, mines and roads.
 - o Culture & Creolization: Protestantism, Papiamentu, Tambu,

1863; EMANCIPATE THE EMANCIPATED?

HIS-Story Her-story

Ethics and

Histocal hiccups

Towards an Aruban historical canon

Re-writing We-writing

His/tory – Her/story – Our/story

The Industrial Society, 1924-1985

- Demography and population: 1948: 47.585 1981: 60.563
- Migration from the Caribbean, the America's, Europa, China
- Economy: Oil refining, trade and tourism
- Government: The Dutch Antilles and partial decolonization
- Ecology: Urbanization: Oranjestad and San Nicolas
- Culture and the multicultural society: *ethnicity and nationalism/insularism*

Partido di pueblo arubano, 23-10-1949

Status Aparte, 1986 – present

- Demography and population: 2000: 90.506 2010: 109.028
- Government: Status Aparte
- Economy: Tourism and small change
- Ecology: carrying capacity and non-sustainable development
- Culture and globalization: *the global village*

Globalization - nation branding

sustainable (tourism) development, (a second opinion)