

Please feel very welcome to the upcoming seminar of research team 'Beyond hearing: cultures overlooked'. We are happy to have as our guest speaker

Corrie Tijsseling

on

“Deaf schools: the cradle of the deaf community”

April 15, REC van 11.30-13.00 h.
Room B 5.12 (common room)

University of Amsterdam, Roeterseilandcomplex
Nwe. Achtergracht 166, B-building.

Corrie Tijsseling (PhD) is a philosopher of Education at the faculty of Social Sciences at Utrecht University and specialized in the education of deaf people. She is also a board member of 'Dovenschap', the national association of the Deaf in the Netherlands.

In her presentation Corrie Tijsseling will show how the schools for the Deaf in the Netherlands were the cradle of the Dutch Deaf community as they formed a space where deaf children developed, and shared, a unique embodiment and sign language. The communication between teachers and pupils was hampered, as the oral method was dominant in the education of the deaf during much of the 20th century. Further, until the 1970's, contact between deaf children and their birth families was limited as children lived in boarding schools and usually only went home three times a year. The result of growing up together, with little meaningful contact with adults and few significant adults, was that deaf pupils formed a close-knit community. The social relationships in this community, that can be seen as a form of kinship and that included such aspects as (self) hate, gossip and love, were continued in the Deaf community.

The presentation will be given in Dutch Sign Language. Interpreters will provide simultaneous translation into and from spoken English during the seminar and discussion. To facilitate planning please register: culturesoverlooked@gmail.com