

# 'Surinamese Lions'

Dutch newspaper *representations* on  
football players of Surinamese descent  
in *Oranje*, c. 1974-2018

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**Mark Vieta** Club van Sinterklaas ?

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**Dick Groothuijse** allemaal zwarte pieten

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**Jordi Siccama** "Nederlands" elftal

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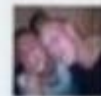
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**Mark Sluijmers** Waar is die man met de meiter

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**Rens Smit** Fc aap

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**Bram Kiers** Moeten jullie niet in Gouda zijn?

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**Henne Henne** Vis Hulp pieten?

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# Established-outsiders in media *representation*

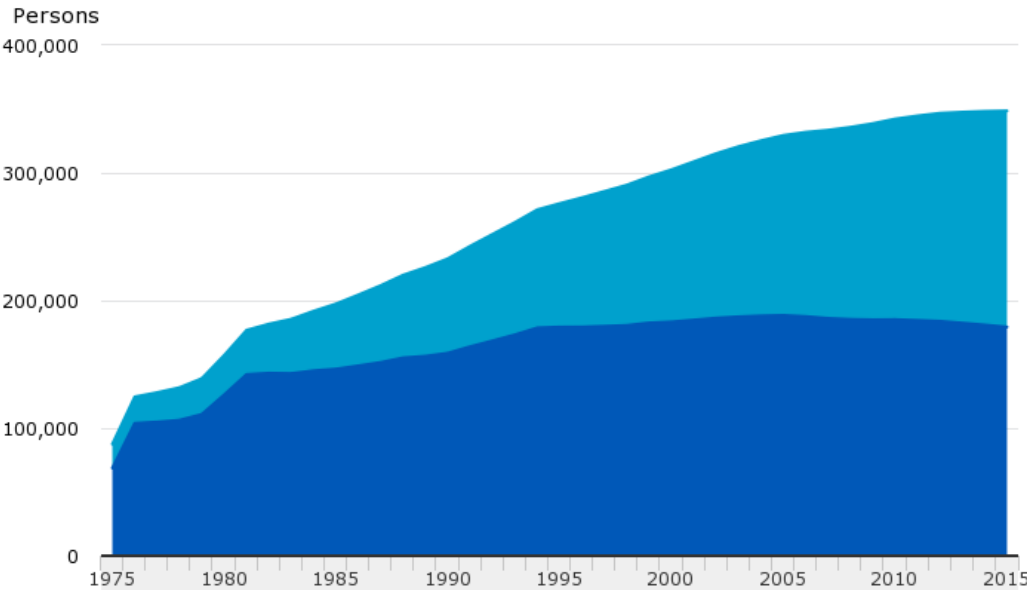
- Established-outsiders perspective: framework to examine the discursive construction of the (Dutch) 'nation' based on dominant ('established') and subordinate ('outsider') groups *within* Dutch society
- Critically reflect on *processes* of belonging and othering within (historical) *representation* by Dutch press
- Media tend to *represent* 'established-outsider relations' by routinely *reproducing* symbols of the nation, emphasising *cultural differences* with 'others' → I/we, us/them and home/foreign

Sources: Elias and Scotson, 1969/1994; Billig, 1995; Calhoun, 1997 and 2017; Skey, 2009 and 2010; Engh, Agergaard and Maguire, 2013; Black, 2016.

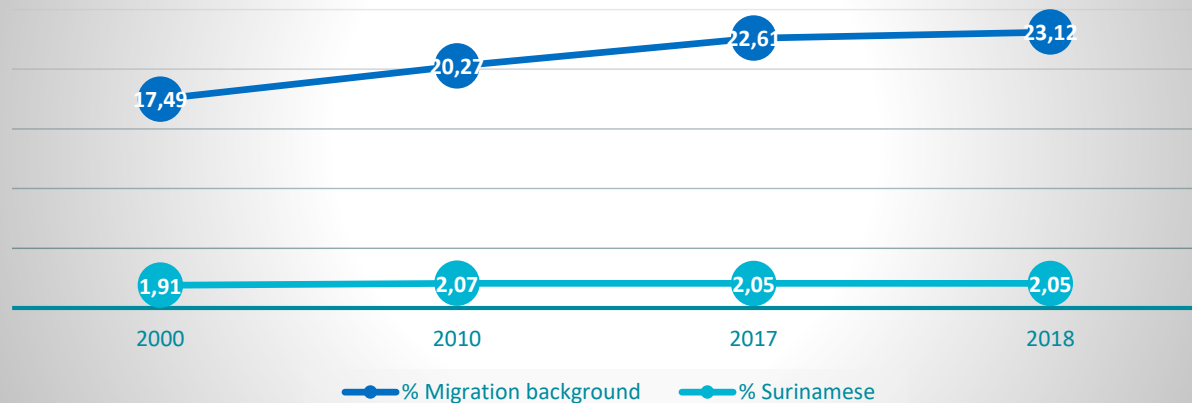


# Colonial history: Surinamese migrants in the Netherlands

Population of Surinamese origin in the Netherlands, 1975-2015



% First and Second generation migrants in the Netherlands, c. 2000-2018



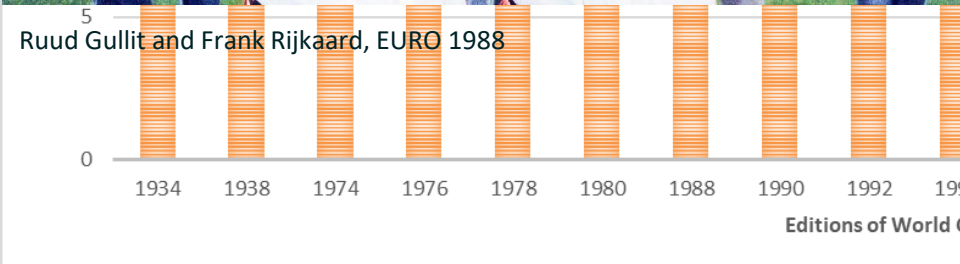
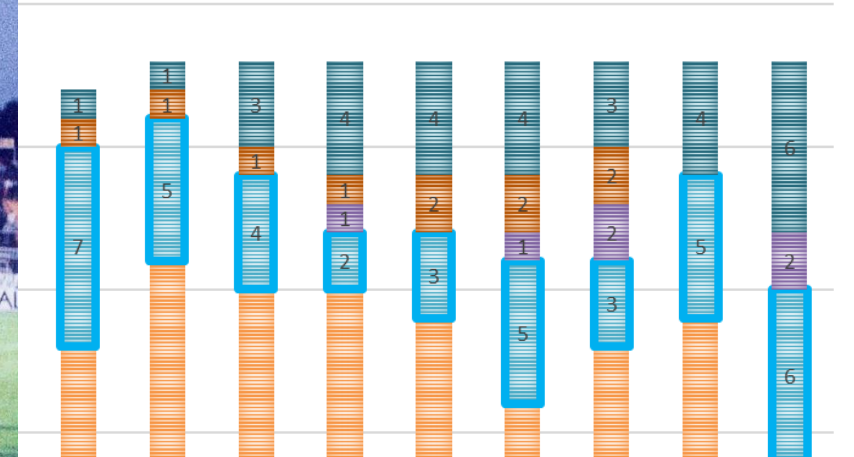


# 'Surinamese Lions' in *Oranje*



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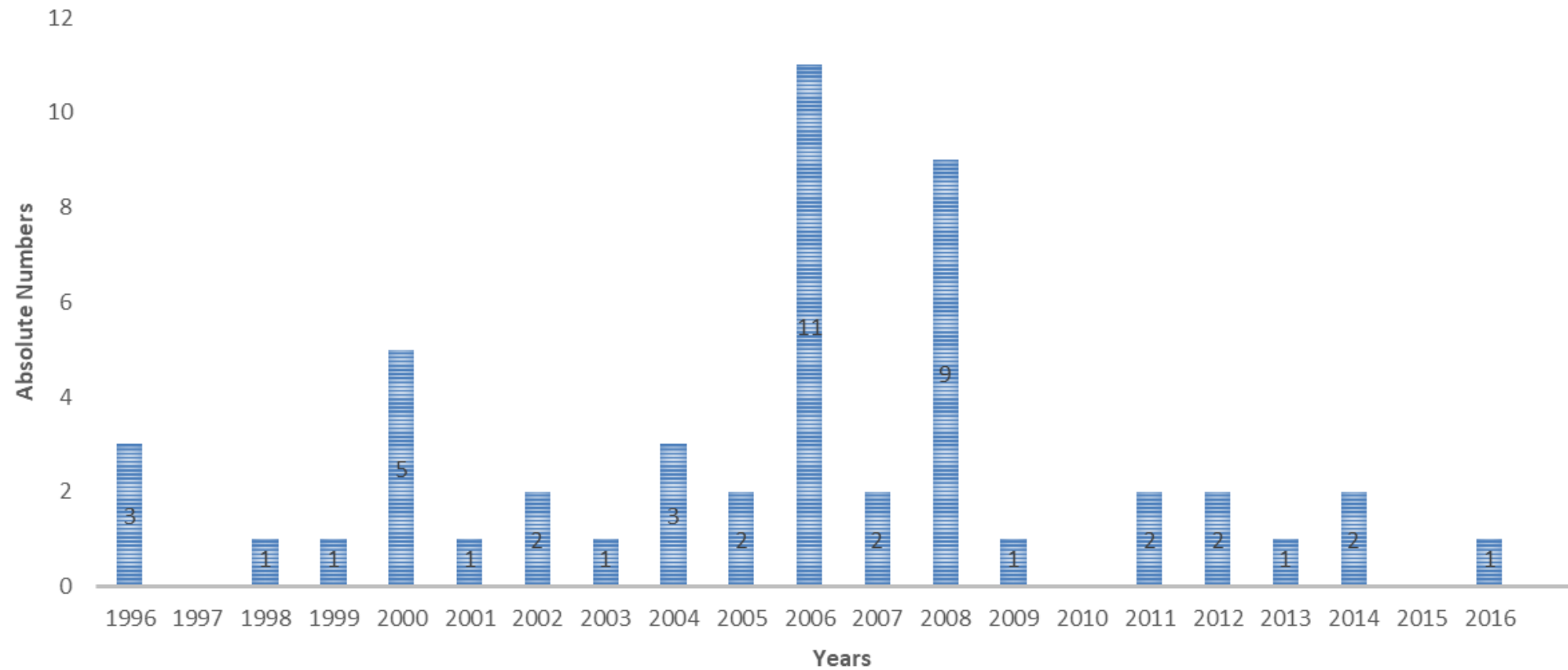
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Winston Bogarde, Gaston Taument, Michael Reiziger, Clarence Seedorf and Edgar Davids, EURO 1996. Photo: O1#Group

# Methodology

## DUTCH NEWSPAPER ARTICLES ON CLARENCE SEEDORF IN RELATION TO ORANJE AND CABLE C. 1996-2016



# Clarence Clyde Seedorf

- Born: Paramaribo, 1 April 1976
- Moved to NL at age of 2
- First callup for *Oranje* on 14 December 1994, aged 18
- Physically
  - ✓ Big / Strong / Powerful
  - ✓ Colour of skin
- Personality
  - ✓ Attitude: self-confident / pride
  - ✓ (Natural) Leader



# EURO 1996

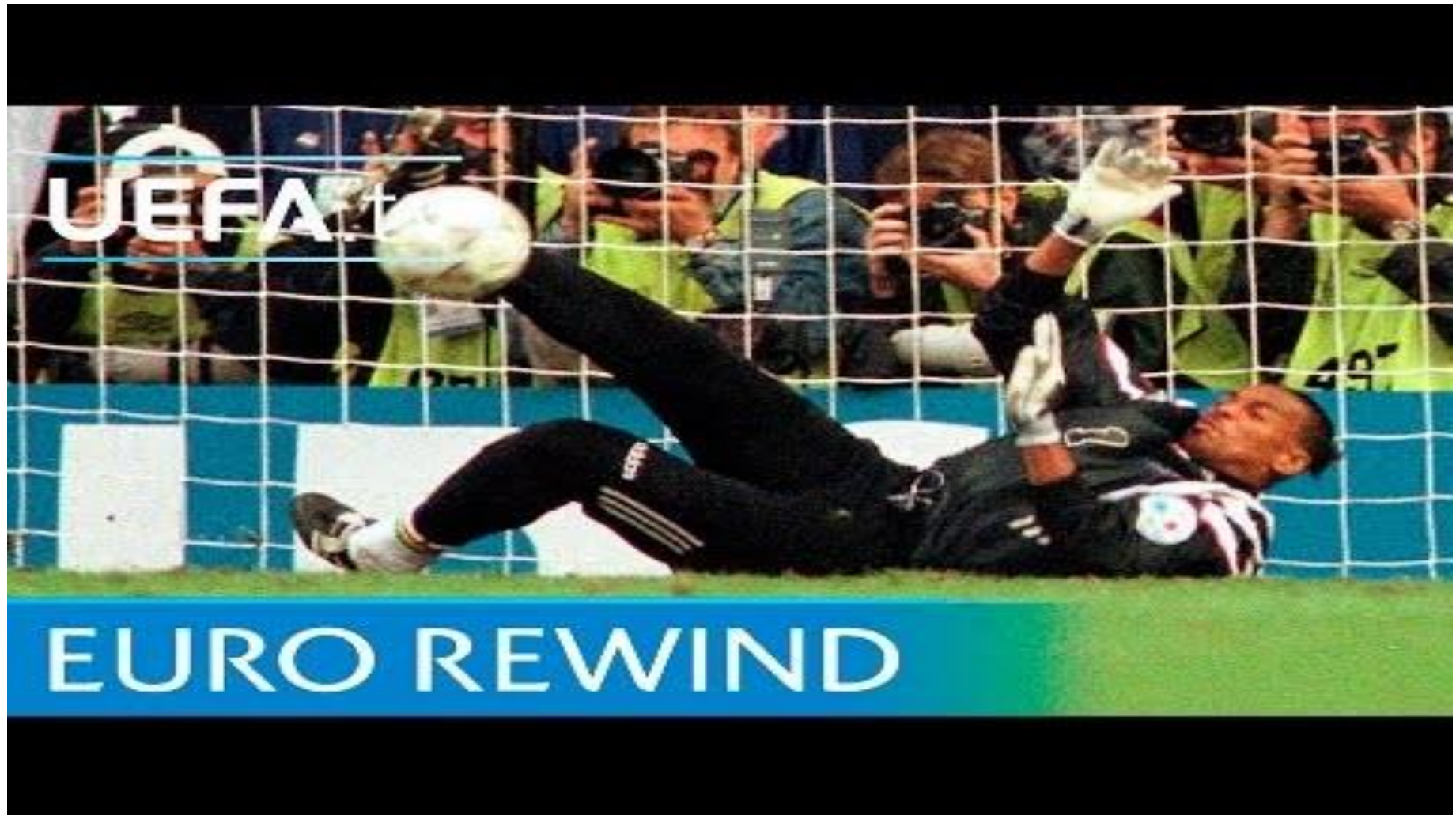


- Racial framing by media: 'Cable'
  - ✓ Edgar Davids
  - ✓ Patrick Kluivert
  - ✓ Winston Bogarde
  - ✓ Michael Reiziger
  - ✓ Carence Seedorf

Photo: Guus Dubbeldam (1996)



## Quarter final EURO 1996: France – The Netherlands



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DZm09BzOA14&feature=player\\_embedded](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DZm09BzOA14&feature=player_embedded) *2afun*





- Missing penalties
  - ✓ Against France, '96
  - ✓ Against Turkey, '97
  - ✓ Against Italy, '00
- Target of national banter

#### Dutch media *representations*

- Football skills
  - ✓ Missing penalties
  - ✓ Loosing possession of the ball
- Personality
  - ✓ Self-confidence, speaks out → Arrogance
  - ✓ Lack of self-reflection

= 'Un-Dutch'





- Recognition: '*Order of Oranje-Nassau*' (28 April 2011)
  - ✓ Contributions to (Dutch) Football
  - ✓ Foundation '*Champions for Children*'

# Preliminary reflections

- Representations of footballers with Surinamese roots in *Oranje* seem to be mainly focused on performances (on and off the field), *cultural differences* and personal characteristics
- Football players of Surinamese descent in *Oranje* are represented by the press as (*provisionally*) Dutch if they meet the *conditions* of belonging; 'established-outsiders'
- Migrant footballers need to, over and over again, reconfirm their belonging as recurrences of *cultural* differences in media representations marks them as 'outsiders'

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# Thank you for your attention! Questions?

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