

BIOGRAPHY

Wieke Vink (Utrecht, 1971) obtained her Master's in social history at Erasmus University Rotterdam. It was during her undergraduate studies that she developed an interest in the history of non-Western societies, colonialism and questions related to identity. Her Master's thesis *Felices Fiestas Patrias: moderniteit en nationalisme tijdens de viering van honderd jaar onafhankelijkheid in Peru, 1921,1924* was awarded the annual prize for best thesis of the faculty of History and Arts in 1998. She left academia to work in the field of policy research, working on inner-city policy and multiculturalism, to return to the Erasmus University in 2001 to commence her PhD research. Upon completion of the manuscript, Wieke joined the Department of Integration policy (Ministry of VROM) in October 2007 to engage herself in issues pertaining to identity and citizenship. She lives with her husband Daniel Kapitan and their son Manu.