

# Curriculum Vitae

## About the author

Martijn Lak was born on 8 December 1977, in Amersfoort, Utrecht. He studied Journalism at the Faculty of Communication and Journalism at Hogeschool Utrecht (HU) and History at Utrecht University. He specialised in Contemporary History and wrote his doctoral thesis on the Dutch-German political and economic relations in the 1945-1949 period („Een zaak van primordiale betekenis“. De economische en politieke betrekkingen tussen Nederland en Duitsland, 1945-1949 / „An issue of primordial importance“. Dutch-German political and economic relations, 1945-1949). From 2005-2006 he was a freelance journalist for Dutch historical journals. Since October 2006, he has been a PhD-candidate at Erasmus University Rotterdam, Erasmus School of History, Culture and Communication. His project is called „*Dutch-German relations after the occupation: economic inevitability and political acceptance, 1945-1957*“. This research is part of a larger research project called „*The Netherlands and Germany 1870-2000. Economic interdependence versus sovereignty*“. This project is financed by the Nederlandse Organisatie voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek – *The Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research*. The central question of the project is, how between 1870 and 2000 the economic relations between the two countries evolved and what consequences this had for their political relations. Apart from Dutch-German relations, Martijn Lak’s main interests include the Second World War, Nazi Germany, the Middle East, Modern German History, the Holocaust and military history. He regularly publishes in historical journals such as *Tijdschrift voor Geschiedenis*, *German History*, *Journal of Military History*, *Historische Zeitschrift* and *European History Quarterly*.