Ruben Zeeman

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EDUCATION

Brown University — **Providence, Rhode Island, USA**

Doctor of Philosophy in History — 2026–

Master of Arts in History — 2026–

Central European University — **Vienna, Austria**

Master of Arts in Comparative History — 2022–2024

With Distinction

Leiden University — **Leiden, Netherlands**

Pre-Master of Arts in Modern European Philosophy — 2020–2021

University of Groningen — **Groningen, Netherlands**

Bachelor of Arts in History — 2017–2020

With Distinction

PUBLICATIONS

Edited Volumes

Censorship and Self-Censorship in History Education: A Comparative Approach to Backsliding Democracies. Central European University Press, 2026.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

"Modalities of Censorship of History." *On Education* 9, no. 23 (2026). https://doi.org/10.17899/on_ed.2026.23.6.

Sjoerd-Jeroen Moenandar and Ruben Zeeman. "'Ik ken ook geen allochtonen.' De representatie van integratie en identiteit in het werk van Sevtap Baycılı." *Spiegel der Letteren* 66, no. 1 (2024): 1-21.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

"Book Burning: Myth, History, Resistance." *The Palgrave Handbook of Attacks on History*, edited by Antoon de Baets. Palgrave Macmillan, forthcoming in 2027.

"Introduction: Transnational History Education and Backsliding Democracy." *Censorship and Self-Censorship in History Education: A Comparative Approach*, edited by Ruben Zeeman. Central European University Press, 2026.

Other Writing

"Kunstenaar van het paradijs: De plaats van H.N. Werkman in de herinneringscultuur." *Stad & Lande,* no. 2 (2019): 38-42.

TALKS, PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

"Book Burning: Myth, History, Resistance," Sixth Network Conference of the International Network for Theory of History, Tallinn — **May 2026**

Expert, "History in Crisis(es)?," Annual Conference of the Observatory of History Teaching and Education, Council of Europe, Strasbourg — **December 2024**

Panelist, "Academia and Democracy: Why is Freedom of Inquiry Essential for a Democratic Political Culture," Zeit Stiftung Bucerius' Protecting Academic Freedom Series, Humboldt Universität, Berlin — **June 2024**

"Narrative Literacy of Historical Testimony and Time," Annual Conference of the International Society for the Study of Narrative, Newcastle University — **April 2024**

"Where Was 1989? An Unnatural Narrative Approach to Comparative History," Winter School "The Limits of Narrative," University of Groningen — **January 2023**

Elie Wiesel – Martin Luther King Jr. Scholar, "Curriculum Development in Critical Antisemitism Studies," Annual ISGAP-Oxford Summer Institute, Oxford University — **August 2021**

Participant, "Disruptive Narratives: Re-Constructing the Truth in the Age of Multimodal Propaganda," Central European University — **July 2021**

Chair, "Academic Unfreedom: The Case of Syria under Bashar al-Assad," Leiden University — **May 2021**

Participant, Winter School "Narrative and Knowledge," **January 2021**
University of Groningen

Participant, Winter School "Stories to Live By: Narrative and Identity," **January 2020**
University of Groningen

HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Connaught International Fellowship (CA$50,000) (declined) **September 2026**
Shortlist, Peter Hanák Prize for Best Graduate Thesis **June 2024**
Central European University Conference Grant (€500) **April 2024**
Austrian Merit-based Scholarship Grant (€1,000) **January 2024**
Central European University Presidential Scholars Award (€1,000) **December 2023**
Academic Events Fund (CAEF) Research and Conference Grant, **October 2023**
Central European University (€4,600)
Zeit Stiftung-Bucerius Research and Conference Grant (€7,500) **October 2023**
22 for '22: Original Stories That Made the Year on History News **December 2022**
Network
Central European University Master's Scholarship (€30,000) **September 2022**

TEACHING

Central European University

Guest Lecturer, Experimental Histories, Thesis Workshop (December 2024)
Teaching Assistant, History as a Narrative Art (Spring 2024)
Lecturer, Narrative in the 21st Century: Political Revisionist and Environmental Collapse
Lecturer, Theories of Narrative

Hellenic University of Thessaloniki

Guest Lecturer, Cultural Heritage Protection, New Technologies in Archaeology (May 2022)

FUNCTIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Coordinator of the international *Network of Concerned Historians* **October 2025 –**
Co-editor of the international *Network of Concerned Historians* **July 2020 – October 2025**
Consultant for EuroClio (European Association of History **January 2026 – May 2026**

Educators)

Research Assistant for Nilanthini Chenthurran **October 2023 – May 2024**

Peer Review

History Education Research Journal **2026**

LANGUAGES

Dutch Native; **English** Fluent; **French** Advanced; **German** Advanced; **Russian** Intermediate; **Latin** Intermediate; **Persian** Elementary.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Global/Transnational History; Histories of Internationalism and International Institutions; Histories of Knowledge; Histories of Empire and Colonialism; Histories of Education; Conceptual History; Narratology.