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## Lecture Series 2011-2012 'The State in a Globalizing World'

### Lecture and Discussion:

### 'All Politics is domestic politics!?'

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**Monday 12 March, 2012**

Lecture in the series 'The State in a Globalizing World: Problematic, yet indispensable'

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**Abstract:** This lecture will discuss the fundamental incompatibility between hyper-globalization on the one hand, and nation state democracy on the other. Following Dani Rodrik's *Globalization Paradox*, the tension between the State and its citizens versus the global world order will be addressed, as well as the new polarisation between so-called globalisation winning elites and globalisation losing 'localists'. Big parts of the electorates increasingly consider the nation state as the defender of the national interest against globalizing 'threats' (migration, economic competition with emerging countries, energy-scarcity). The state is challenged to meet expectations of citizens to safeguard their national identity against these outside threats. Is the state squeezed between the expectations of their citizens and their national perspective and the reality of a globalizing world where national control is less and less effective? And is the disrupting revolt of nationalistic populism, a revolt against globalisation and the deterministic technocratic ideology of globalisation, a result of this mismatch? How to arrive at a sane and leaner globalization which is not undermining national democracies?

**Speaker:** **René Cuperus** is Director for International Relations and Senior Research Fellow at the Wiardi Beckman Foundation, think-tank for Dutch social democracy. Cuperus is author of '*De Wereldburger bestaat niet*', published in 2009, columnist of *de Volkskrant* and regularly contributes to the online **Social-Europe** Journal, which is affiliated with the London School of Economics.

**Discussant:** **Hans Bruning** is Executive Director of the Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy (NIMD) since December 2011. Before that he built an extensive track record in development cooperation, civil society and politics, in positions such as Director of Dutch Development Organisation ICCO and Director for International Programmes of the labour union CNV.

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