

International symposium
History and typology
of fortifications

7 May 2026
Naarden, The Netherlands

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On behalf of Stichting Monumentenbezit, we are pleased to invite you to the international symposium History and Typology of Fortifications. Experts from various countries will present diverse perspectives on fortified heritage. Attendance is free of charge and includes lunch.

On Friday 8 May, guided visits to the fortifications of Naarden will be organised, including a boat tour along the ramparts and visits to the casemates, barracks and visitor centre.

To register for the symposium (7 May) and/or the excursions (8 May), please contact Jeroen van der Werf at j.vanderwerf@monumentenbezit.nl

We look forward to your response and to welcoming you to Naarden.

Date

7 May 2026

Venue

Theater De Mess
Adriaan Dortsmanplein 1-b
1411 RC Naarden
The Netherlands

Participation

Free of charge

Language

English

Optional Excursion

8 May 2026

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Programme

9.30 - 9.45 Reception of guests

9.45 - 10.00 Opening

10.00 - 10.45 Hyunuk Park

Korean fortifications, an overview

10.45 - 11.15 Ines Clement

Matsue Castle

Introduction to the typology of Japanese fortifications of the Edo period (1603–1868)

11.15 - 11.30 Coffee break

11.30 - 12.00 Oscar Hefting

Military life in a seventeenth-century fortress Dutch white clay pipes from Fort Orange, Brazil

12.00 - 12.30 Joaquim Santos

Portuguese overseas fortifications an overview

12.30 - 13.00 John Harris

English 16th-century fortifications

13.00 - 14.00 Lunch

14.00 - 14.30 Nicolas Faucherre

Vauban the anti-system and his so-called “Three systems” of fortification

14.30 - 15.00 Guy Thewes

Infrastructure of a fortress Hospitals, barracks, etc. The example of Luxembourg

15.00 - 15.30 Andreas Kupka

The German “Bundesfestungen” in the 19th century

15.30 - 15.45 Coffee break

15.45 - 16.15 Jeroen van der Werf

The historical layering of 19th-century fortifications in The Netherlands

16.15 - 16.45 Federica Marulo

From fortresses to parks A civil life for military architecture

16.45 - 17.00 Closing

17.00 - 18.00 Informal drinks



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