

Otto and Hermina Huiswoud:

Modern Black Diasporic Radicals

A symposium organized by: *Small Axe*,
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the Tropenmuseum, and The Black Archives

In the history of Black internationalism, few trajectories involve as many sites of political organizing as those of Hermina and Otto Huiswoud. Hermina participated in organizations spanning from the Harlem Tenants League in New York to the Lenin Institute in Moscow. And while Otto remains principally remembered as the only Black person present at the founding meeting of the Communist Party USA, he also spearheaded recruitment campaigns in the Caribbean, and made his mark as chair of the Vereniging Ons Suriname ("Our Suriname Association") in Amsterdam after WWII. The symposium brings together an international set of scholars discussing questions to do with the Huiswouds' relationship to Pan-Africanism, their work for radical publications such as *The Negro Worker* and organizations such as International Trade Union Committee of Negro Workers, their legacy in the contemporary Dutch Caribbean, and their archive at The Black Archives in Amsterdam.

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VENUES

Friday, 8

International Institute of
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Saturday, 9

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