

*The Netherlands Institute for Academic Studies in Damascus (NIASD)
has the pleasure to invite you for the lecture:*

Language Adrift

the Rise of Darija (Moroccan Arabic Dialect) in Writing



by **Jan Hoogland**, assistant professor of Arabic at Radboud University Nijmegen, the Netherlands. Mr. Hoogland was the founder and coordinator of the Dutch Institute in Rabat, Morocco, and as of January 2009 he will be the director of that institute. He was the coordinator and the editor in chief of the first major Arabic-Dutch and Dutch-Arabic dictionaries, commissioned by a Dutch-Flemish governmental commission and published in 2003. He also published a textbook on Colloquial Moroccan Arabic.

Wednesday 17th September 2008, 21:00h – 22:00h at the NIASD

In Morocco, during the past few years, an increasing use of the Moroccan Arabic Dialect can be noticed in writing: on billboards, in newspapers and even in subtitles on television. And of course on the internet. Mr. Hoogland will describe this development in Morocco and show some examples. Also, he will formulate some hypotheses for possible developments of this phenomenon in the future.



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