

M.A. Candidate from the University of Amsterdam seeks out LERC

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Ms. Anna Maria Geluk, an MA candidate from University of Amsterdam, paid a visit to the Lebanese Emigration Research Center at NDU to join the Center as a Research Affiliate. Ms. Geluk holds a BA in Religious Studies from the University of Amsterdam, Netherlands, where she combined her bachelor with programs in Conflict Studies, International Development Studies, and Middle Eastern Studies. She was a volunteer conflict analyst at Upact, where she wrote a conflict analysis on Yemen and the Arab Uprisings. In addition, she was on the board of the study association Religious Studies, ARS Notoria.

At the moment, Ms. Geluk is a master student in Conflict Resolution and Governance from the University of Amsterdam. She is writing her thesis on the Syrian Refugees and their impact on the security and political stability of Lebanon.



Ms. Geluk at the Lebanese Migration Nucleus Museum at NDU. (April 2012)

Ms. Geluk will be conducting field work on the Lebanese-Syrian border area of Wadi Khaled, where she will be looking at the impact of forced migration through a livelihood framework in order to map out and understand the livelihood strategies both Lebanese and Syrians follow in these areas.

During her visit, Ms. Geluk met with Mrs. Liliane Haddad, LERC's Chief Indexer and Archivist, who aided her in her literature search for information. Ms. Geluk signed up to become an associate of LERC to gain access to its electronic archives and database. Mrs. Haddad gave Ms. El-Solh several items of material related to her research topic.

Ms. Geluk was also taken on a tour of the Lebanon Migration Nucleus Museum at NDU.