
Summaries

'zur Genealogie der Genealogie'

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In the second half on the nineteenth century an 'outburst of genealogical fervour' can be observed throughout the whole of Europe. As a result of this the wellknown Social Registers appeared in many countries.

This article deals with the practice of genealogy in the Netherlands and the genesis of the *Nederland's Adelsboek* and the *Nederland's Patriciaat* as leading Social Registers. This genealogical activity is above all seen as a means to demarcate status-boundaries. As such it gave rise to difficulties and controversies and these are shown by analyzing the way the genealogical establishment tried to fix the status of 'patrician' from the end of the nineteenth century up to the present.

Onderzoek en beleid over beoordeling van riskante activiteiten

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Between April 1978 end October 1979 a large-scale psychometric field study has been conducted into the personal judgment of risky activities in- and outside the greater Rotterdam harbour area. Here, a review is presented of the development of this 'risk-project', of its data collection plan, and of some of its main results. An account is given of the different motivations and expectations of the various sponsors and the psychological investigators. A number of aftereffects are described, most of which emerged and were monitored in close interaction between the investigators and representatives of authorities concerned with safety policies. Finally, some characteristic aspects are discussed of the relationship between researchers – having a penchant for theoretical perfection – and policy makers – who are often impatiently waiting for practical suggestions.