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The **Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands**  
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cordially invite you to the Cleveringa Lecture 2012

***The Liberalism of Shame***

by

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**on Tuesday, November 27, 2012 at 7.00 p.m.**

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*On 26 November 1940 — during the German occupation — Professor Rudolph P. Cleveringa (1894-1980), professor of commercial law and civil procedural law, and also dean at the faculty of law of Leiden University, made a famous speech in which he protested against the dismissal from office of his Jewish colleague Professor Eduard M. Meijers. Before his speech, the organized Leiden students had already decided to boycott the lessons and this strike soon became almost general. In reaction the Germans closed down Leiden University.*

*The Leiden University instituted a Cleveringa Chair and annually organizes the Cleveringa Lecture, to commemorate the impressive way his speech gave shape to the Leiden University device 'Praesidium libertatis' (bastion of liberty). Each year, around 26 November, in numerous places all over the world the Leiden University Foundation organizes the Cleveringa-lectures.*

The lecture will be followed by a reception

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