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Research subjects

Medical history
History of science
Environmental history
History of public health
History of infectious diseases and One Health
History of the livestock industry

Biography

Floor Haalboom PhD is a historian of science and medicine, specialised in the modern history of (veterinary) medicine, One Health, public health and intensive livestock keeping. She teaches history of medicine at Erasmus MC Rotterdam, UMC Groningen, Radboud UMC Nijmegen and the UMC Utrecht from the department of medical history at the Erasmus MC Rotterdam. Moreover, she is interested in the field of environmental history, in particular in the environmental effects of intensive livestock keeping.

Floor Haalboom obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology at Utrecht University in 2009; a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Dutch Language and Culture at Utrecht University in 2010; and a Research Master of Arts Degree in Historical and Comparative Studies of the Sciences and the Humanities at the Descartes Centre, Utrecht University, and the University of Minnesota in 2012. In 2017, she obtained her doctorate at Utrecht University with the dissertation *Negotiating zoonoses on dealings with infectious diseases shared by humans and livestock ('zoonoses') in the Netherlands from 1898 to 2001*. The dissertation was extensively discussed in Dutch media. In 2018-2019, Haalboom was a Fellow at the Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society in Munich.

Important publications

- Floor Haalboom, '[Negotiating zoonoses: dealings with infectious diseases shared by humans and livestock in the Netherlands \(1898-2001\)](#)' (PhD thesis, Utrecht University, 2017)

- Floor Haalboom, '[Was de uitbraak van Q-koorts een verrassing?](#)', *Nederlands Tijdschrift voor Geneeskunde* 161 (2017) D1786

- Floor Haalboom, '[Who owns Salmonella? The politics of infections shared by humans and livestock in the Netherlands, 1959-1965](#)', *BMGN - Low Countries Historical Review* 132:1 (2017) 83–103

- Floor Haalboom, 'Scientists in cowsheds: disputes over hygienic milk production in the Netherlands, 1918-1928', in: Fokko Jan Dijksterhuis, Andreas Weber and Huib Zuidervaart (eds.), *Locations of Knowledge in Dutch Contexts* (Leiden/Boston: Brill, forthcoming in 2019)

- Floor Haalboom, '["Spanish" flu and army horses: what historians and biologists can learn from a history of animals with flu during the 1918-1919 influenza pandemic](#)', *Studium: Tijdschrift voor Wetenschaps- en Universiteitsgeschiedenis / Revue d'Histoire des Sciences et des Universités* 7 (2014) 124-139

Consultative and advisory activities

Member of the Descartes Centre for the History and Philosophy of the Sciences and the Humanities, Utrecht University (<https://www.uu.nl/en/descartes-centre>).