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ONLINE LECTURE  
TO CELEBRATE 40 YEARS ARISA

Monday 4 October

12.00 pm – 14.30 pm (CEST)  
3.30 pm – 5.00 pm (IST)

Dear Arisa partner,

To celebrate Arisa's 40th anniversary, we are organising an online lecture on **Monday 4 October**, from **12.00 pm to 14.30 pm CEST**.

Arisa, formerly the India Committee of the Netherlands (ICN), was established in 1980 when a state of emergency was declared in India. Nowadays, Arisa still advocates for the principles formulated and developed at that time – improving the human rights situation in India and South Asia. Today, Arisa does this through advocacy in politics and business, research, critical dialogue and by raising awareness of human rights violations, including abuses in various supply chains. Arisa works closely with partners and with organisations in the Netherlands and other countries.

Unfortunately, our work is still very necessary and relevant as labour violations in international supply chains are still rampant and marginalised people in South Asia still face discrimination. To reflect on our work and the role Arisa plays, we have asked two inspirational speakers to speak about our work and role. Gerard Oonk, former director of Arisa's predecessor the India Committee of the Netherlands, will look back at the most important aspects that have made Arisa what it is today. In addition, we invited Namit Agrawal, Asia Policy Leader of the World Benchmarking Alliance. He is very familiar with India's business and human rights dynamics. He will outline our challenges for the future.

## AGENDA:

### OPENING REMARKS:

**Sandra Claassen**, director Arisa, Utrecht

### REFLECTIONS:

**Gerard Oonk**, former director of Arisa for 35 years, Utrecht

**Namit Agarwal**, regional public policy lead World  
Benchmarking Association, Delhi, India

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**Via Zoom:** [click here](#)

This event will take place in English.

Please register on or before **25 September** by sending an email to: [rh@arisa.nl](mailto:rh@arisa.nl)

We are looking forward to seeing you,

On behalf of the team at Arisa,  
Sandra Claassen, director