Oostindie Paradise Overseas Annotation

Annotation


Oostindie, a historian specializing in socioeconomic and Latin American history with an emphasis on Dutch colonial history, decolonization, and slavery, organizes this historical text around the “unfounded expectations” of the Dutch concerning the Caribbean. He argues that colonies in Suriname and other areas of this region largely disappointed the expectations of the Dutch, padding the pocketbooks of only select individuals. A key theme that runs throughout the text is that of slavery and abolition and its relationship to Dutch colonization. Many of the chapters contain sections dedicated exclusively to Suriname, providing an in-depth analysis of topics including ethnic identity, decolonization, and nationalism.

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