The research programme ‘Indonesia across Orders’ aims at bridging the usual chronological caesurae in historical research of Indonesia. While most historians simply stop at 1942, or concentrate on the Japanese period or on revolutionary Indonesia, the programme explicitly strives to explore themes that can bring the different episodes together and tell the story not as a jerky ride over political thresholds, but as one of continuous change.

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The programme covers four research areas that embrace a wide range of social developments: the colonial period, the Indonesian revolution, the first period of nationalization and self-definition, and the ‘normal’ period of the Indonesian Republic. Each of the four areas has been divided into different sub-themes, such as “Netherlands Indies in the global era”, “Indonesia and the Cold War”, and “Coping with change”. The programme’s goal is to bring the different episodes together and to show how they influenced each other. The programme’s main focus is on the period 1942–1945, but it also covers the years before and after this period.

The programme has drawn on a wide range of sources, including official government documents, newspapers, personal accounts, and other types of primary sources. In addition, it has used a variety of methods, such as oral history interviews, archival research, and secondary analysis.

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The programme’s main products are a series of publications, including a book, a website, and a series of workshops and symposiums. The programme has also established a number of partnerships with other research projects and institutions.

The programme’s success has been due in part to the support of its funders and the dedication of its team of researchers. The programme’s goals are to contribute to the understanding of Indonesia’s history and to promote the study of Indonesia among scholars and the general public.

For more information, see the programme’s website: https://indonesiacrossorders.nl.