

Dear Friends, Colleagues and Collectors,

September 26th 2022

I am happy to present my latest newsletter. Thanks for taking the time to look over it!

For the last three years I have been working on a book on the global trends of crystal meth. This September the Dutch version came out.

The next few months I will work on promotion and a US English translation of my book.

Of course I have many other ideas and projects which I still keep for myself...

I really do appreciate your interest in and support for my work...

I wish everybody the best the upcoming winter with the rising energy prizes.

Stay strong!

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GLOBAL TRENDS CRYSTAL METH BOOK

The book covers the worldwide advance of the destructive drug methamphetamine. Originally, the Nazis gave it to their troops to fight the Blitzkrieg. Now meth is used at sex parties in Amsterdam, by former hippies in Prague, by the underclass in the slums of Tijuana and Kabul, by truck drivers in Thailand and labourers in the sweatshops in Bangladesh. The largest production centers are located in Mexico and Myanmar, but lately, many labs are discovered in Holland and Belgium. My book is based on fieldwork in Mexico, USA, Kabul, Prague, the Golden Triangle and Holland and Belgium. One chapter is devoted to the opioid crisis and the fentanyl apocalypse in Philadelphia. The book ends with sharp rebuttal of the so called tolerant Dutch drug policy, which actually has transformed the country in a narco state lite.



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<https://teunvoeten.com/publications-voeten-drug-duivel.html>

PUBLICITY AND BOOK PRESENTATIONS CRYSTAL METH

The crystal meth book came out last week, and media have already covered it widely. The liberal [Vrij Nederland](#) published a lengthy interview in which I talked about narcocapitalism and how drugs are the lubricant of a neoliberal economy. The Dutch National Radio featured me in the [Saturday Morning news show](#). Belgian media include De Morgen, Gazet van Antwerpen, Het Belang van Limburg. The famous Flemish radio star Friedl' Lesage will have me as a guest for two hours on her talk show Sunday October 9th.

The book launch in Amsterdam will take place September 28th in [De Nieuwe Anita](#). In the south of Holland, in the province Brabant (where I was born and actually a hot bed of narco trafficking) I will have presentation in the city of Tilburg, in the [Mariengarde Chapel](#), Tuesday evening October 4th. The evening will be introduced by artist and puppet player Ferry van de Zaande. I am very honored that Holland's most renowned criminologist, Prof Dr Cyrille Fijnaut, will introduce my book with a discussion on organized crime in the Netherlands. This will probably be a special and spectacular event as many guests of all walks of life have promised to come! More events in the making: check my twitter and facebook account and my website.



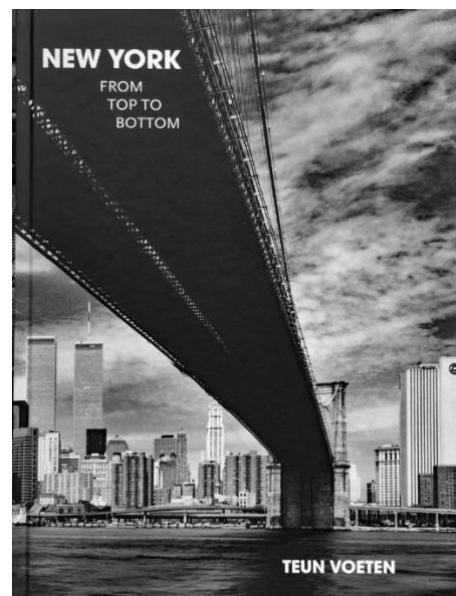
<https://www.teunvoeten.com/teun-voeten-events.html>

NEW YORK FROM TOP TO BOTTOM BOOK LAUNCH IN ... NEW YORK

Since 1989, I have been photographing the magnificent skyscrapers and amazing cityscapes in New York. *VIP's International Art Galleries* in Rotterdam published a photobook which also features my earliest documentary work from [Harlem and Bronx](#) as well as portraits from Coney Island, shot on Hasselblad and some of my many other [pictures](#) from New York September 7th, I had a book party in the famous Carlton Arms Hotel. You can order the book [online](#) or [contact me](#) for a signed copy.



<https://www.dutchcultureusa.com/event/teun-voeten-book-launch/>



THE WAR IN UKRAINE



March 2022, a few weeks after the Russian Invasion, I went to Ukraine. Together with friend and colleague Robert Dulmers, we made reportages for [Het Nederlands Dagblad](#) en [De Tijd](#). In April, Robert was [expelled](#) at gunpoint after posting footage of a missile attack in Odessa. He was declared persona non grata for 10 years, a rather rough treatment of a foreign journalist.

In October I drove back to Odessa and reported for the Dutch weblog [GeenStijl](#). For a photojournalist, it is actually a very frustrating war, since access to the frontlines is complicated due to many restrictions. The truth is always the first casualty in war, is often said. In this conflict, Russia, the EU and Ukraine all try to manipulate information available to the large audience.

AUTHORITARIAN TENDENCIES IN STATE AND WOKE IDEOLOGY

Once a while I write an opinion piece if I really have the need to become outspoken. I have been very concerned how authorities worldwide have abused corona prevention measures as a means of exerting social control.

Another worrying development is the advance of woke ideology and critical race theories, that are not seen as many of the possible perspectives of viewing the world, but as the only one and true way of interpreting social reality and even biological reality.

On both issues I wrote, if I may say myself, sophisticated essays. In Dutch only, but working on a translation. Some you may have read, but I post them another time...



<https://tpo.nl/2021/12/04/teun-voeten-afglijden-naar-een-autoritaire-staat-lessen-van-harari-arendt-en-orwell/>



<https://doorbraak.be/social-justice-warriors-verspreiden-woke-virus/>

CHRYSTAL METH IN KABUL

Kabul might seem like an unlikely place to find crystal meth. However, since a decade a meth industry is emerging, using the local plant *Ephedra Sinica* as a source for the precursor ephedrine. Tons of meth are currently produced annually. Most is smuggled to Iran and Pakistan and winds up in the slums of African cities. There is also a consumer base in Kabul with hundreds of addicts hooked on meth. Last March, I managed to travel to Kabul,



<https://www.nrc.nl/nieuws/2022/05/29/de-taliban-pakken-methverslaafden-keihard-aan-a4129254>

FENTANYL IN PHILADELPHIA



One chapter in my crystal meth book deals with the opioid crisis, an example where legit pharmaceutical companies such as *Purdue Pharma* behave like drug cartels by deliberately enslaving large parts of the population. The current third episode of the opioid crisis is the rising number of fentanyl addicts and people dying of over dosis. 100.000 people died last year in the US, a record number. Epicenter of the fentanyl crisis is Kensington Avenue in Philadelphia. I reported from there in October 2021 and went back last September. Frankly, an urban drama I have not witnessed in my 35 years of covering social disintegration.

PRINT SALES TO SUPPORT MY SOCIAL RESEARCH AND PHOTOJOURNALISM

My independence and my freedom are my greatest assets. I have the luxury to focus and investigate themes and issues that I think are relevant. Luckily, I am not held back by bureaucratic institutions. I like to move fast. One of the pillars of my independence is a steady crowd of collectors who buy my work on a regular base. If you are one of them: Thank you so very much. Without you, my work would be impossible. If you are not one of them: No worries, it is never too late to become one...



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