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Researching Dutch Silver

Overseas museums and private collectors are sometimes in need of external expertise to do research on silverware and its makers in Dutch archives and collections. In those cases Ag&Au is your partner.

Under this typical name Janjaap Luijt (1966) accomplishes (art-)historical research and writes brochures, catalogs and books on Dutch silver-smithing based on historical records and objects.

Janjaap works as an independent publicist and provides manuscripts for cultural institutions, companies and private persons. After finishing university he focused on research of the gold- and silversmith companies in the Netherlands and on the monetary history of the province of Utrecht. The obtained knowledge resulted in a number of publications concerning numismatics and the gold- and silver-industry.

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‘Ag’ and ‘Au’ are the abbreviations that chemists use for the elements silver and gold. In that way the name Ag&Au reflects the subject that Janjaap Luijt investigates at record-offices.
Museums and collections for which Janjaap Luijt worked are the Dutch Mintmuseum in Utrecht, the Royal Cabinet of Medals and Coins in Leiden, the VSB Foundation and the Dutch Gold- and Silverware Museum in Schoonhoven. Activities in which he was involved included managing the collection and the presentation of it in exhibitions. In doing so Janjaap got acquainted with precious objects and in particular with antique silverware.


Periodicals for which Janjaap Luijt writes are *Het Financieele Dagblad* (daily newspaper), *SilverMagazine*, *Edelmetaal* (Dutch Society of Gold- and Silversmiths) and *De Beeldenaar* (Dutch Art Medal Association).
Dutch Hallmarks

For ages gold and silver objects have been assayed and hallmarked. Janjaap Luijt is specialized in the history and determination of hallmarks used in the Low Countries.

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