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**“EU-Asian relations: Policies and Perceptions of the EU in Malaysia”**

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His research on EU-South African relations during the apartheid and post-apartheid eras is particularly well-known and saw Holland involved as a practitioner in one of the EU's first election observer missions to monitor the first democratic non-racial South African election in 1994. More recently, he has focused his research interests most broadly on the EU's global development policy and on the perceptions of the EU in third countries.

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