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Philosophes, Jews, and Africans in Colonial Suriname: The Example of David Nassy

Descendant of a seventeenth-century Portuguese-Jewish plantation family of Suriname, David Cohen Nassy was a physician, naturalist, translator, scribe, man of letters, patriot and failed coffee-plantation owner in the last half of the eighteenth century. As part of a project on strategies for crossing boundaries in situations of cultural mixture, this talk explores Nassy's mental world and social and cultural connections. How do we account for the appearance of free Black Jews in colonial Suriname?

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