



**School: Use and Study of Special Documents  
at KU Leuven  
UPDATED PROGRAM**



### Dates

16-21 February, 2020

### Locations

- Maurits Sabbe Library, Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, Deberiotstraat 26, 3000 Leuven
- University Library, Mgr. Ladeuzeplein, 21, 3000 Leuven
- KADOC, Vlamingenstraat 39, 3000 Leuven

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## Specific Learning Goals

Participants will be able to:

- understand how “recently (re)constructed” libraries still offer a coherent set of holdings (libraries as testimonies of the KU Leuven and its history in the context of the Low Countries);
- discover the specificity of particular collections;
- become familiar with new research tools and full text data;
- understand how heritage and new technical developments need each other: from heritage to heritage lab;
- make use of the LIMO-library system and its facilities on the level of locations, descriptions, additional information;
- understand the inherent coherence between collections preserved and developed in different settings;
- comprehend the challenges of digitization and document delivery for future study and research;
- gain insight in the complexity of a conciliar event such as Vatican II on the basis of archives preserved;
- contribute to lemmata in the DHGE as part of the development of their research skills.

## Unique Contribution to the ReIReS Training programme

The school in Leuven will make scholars familiar with the special features of libraries which were either twice destroyed in the 20<sup>th</sup> century (University Library) or founded after the split of the KU Leuven into two universities (one French speaking, the other Dutch speaking), as is the case with the Maurits Sabbe Library (Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies). The Maurits Sabbe Library, one of the largest theological libraries in the world (more than 1.3 million volumes and an ever-growing collection of electronic publications), is partly constructed on the basis of holdings which were given to this library by diocesan seminaries and religious orders and congregations of Flanders and the Southern Netherlands. Therefore, the Maurits Sabbe Library offers a unique survey of religious intellectual life in these regions. The section





containing precious books (about 180.000 books, manuscripts) is one of the most important collections in the country. The Vatican II Archives (hosted in the library) consist of the archives of leading participants in Vatican II (Monsignors De Smedt, Heuschen, Philips, Willebrands; general superiors Van Kerckhoven, Degryse, Heiligers; theologians Schillebeeckx, Heylen ...), or journalists reporting on this event on the basis of first-hand information (Grootaers). The presence of the international programme of the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies results in a deliberate purchase policy that pays attention to the most important literature published in international languages (English, French, German, Italian, Spanish), thus making clear that theology and the study of religion cannot be reduced to publications in English.

The collections of the University Library, twice destroyed in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, consist, for the aims of this school, of books and manuscripts, often purchased or received from benefactors. The collection very much focuses on the history of one of the oldest existing Catholic universities with special interest in course notes (Magister dixit-project), manuscripts, precious books. It also pays attention to material dealing with the history of the Southern Low Countries.

KADOC preserves, inventories, and promotes interdisciplinary research about religious life in Belgium in the context of the European setting. KADOC manages the archival collections of Catholic social organizations, Catholic movements, religious congregations and orders, politicians and artists. It is a home for protestant-evangelical and Islam collections. All faculties of humanities being involved in the research as developed at KADOC, it is a vibrant place for interdisciplinary research.

The combination of these two libraries and the KADOC archives and the expertise available reflects the religious history of Western Europe as part of international developments. Furthermore, the three institutions are very much involved in new developments, on the level of bibliographies available on the internet (Index Religiosus), inventorying, digitization of a broad scope of documents from 1500 to the current day, and restoration both of documents of the KU Leuven and of other partners.

The school in Leuven will focus on the presence, preservation, restoration and inventorying of these diversified collections, and on how such diversity can be adequately made available to the international academic community.

## Introduction

The school consists of three elements that will come back in all sessions

- Information
- Guided exercises
- Professional feedback

For all activities, handouts will be made available to the participants.





During the workshop, all participants will have access to the Leuven Library Facilities (use of supporting literature for the different issues discussed in the workshops), as described in the ReIReS project.

Participants will receive in advance all the information available through websites.

Participants are invited to prepare specific research questions in light of the project they are working on; in light of these questions, if needed, Leuven researchers, not directly involved in ReIReS, will be invited to share their expertise with the participants.

### Programme

Under the guidance of experts of the hosting institution, participants are invited to share their own insights and competences with their colleagues. The future trainers will be made familiar with the diversity of libraries and archival documentation centres in a comprehensive university.

At the end of the week they must be able to offer adequate information about forming book and journal collections both on the level of specific collections and collections as a whole, how to consult a “(re)constructed” library, being aware of challenges for librarians and researchers in the near future, being able to offer basic information about the collection, preservation, inventory and digitization of ((rare) books, manuscripts, and archival material.

During the training, the future trainers will be asked to write a small paper in which they show their ability to communicate on a basic level about these aspects.

<b>Sunday</b> February 16, 2020	<b>Arrival at Leuven</b>
<b>Monday</b> February 17, 2020	<b>Venue: Maurits Sabbe Library, Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, Deberiotstraat 26, 3000 Leuven</b>  Introduction about the historical religious and theological material at KU Leuven  Organizer: M. LAMBERIGTS  10:00-12:00 h: The KU Leuven (1425-2020): a brief history <sup>1</sup> (M. LAMBERIGTS)  14:00-15:00 h: The collections at the KU Leuven, a survey (M. LAMBERIGTS)

<sup>1</sup> This brief history will be offered by means of a walk through the historical Centre of Leuven.





	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The complex genesis of its collections</li><li>• The loss and “reconstruction” of lost collections</li><li>• The KU Leuven collections in the context of Belgium</li></ul> <p>15:00-16:30 h: The future of libraries in the digital age: how to combine tradition and future (W. DE PRIL, E. LOUCHEZ, D. VAN YSACKER)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Purchase management</li><li>• Either print or online: coping with the challenges</li><li>• Publications and bibliographies: IR</li></ul> <p>17:00-19:00 h: DHGE: A new concept for an old dictionary</p> <p>Writing a lemma in DHGE: introduction and home work (E. LOUCHEZ)</p>
<p>Tuesday February 18, 2020</p>	<p><b>Centre for the Study of Vatican II, Maurits Sabbe Library, Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, Deberiotstraat 26, 3000 Leuven</b></p> <p>Organizers: M. LAMBERIGTS AND D. BOSSCHAERT</p> <p>Introductory Literature: K. Schelkens, <i>The Centre for the Study of the Second Vatican Council in Leuven. Historical Developments and List of Archives</i>, in <i>ETL 82</i> (2006) 207-231.</p> <p>09:00-10:00 h: The “artificial” genesis of the collections in the Centre</p> <p>10:00-11.00 h: The focus of the Centre on Belgian participants in the Council</p> <p>11:30-12:30 h: “Open the boxes”: Seeing, judging, acting</p> <p>14:00-16:00 h: Seminar on the interaction between persons and collections</p> <p>On the basis of biographies, inventories available, the participants are expected to evaluate the material as preserved, the contribution of an individual person (bishop, theologian, journalist) to Vatican II and its reception in relation to the document(s) this person was involved in.</p> <p>16:30-18:30 h: From box to web: the case of Willebrands</p> <p>The Willebrands papers (dealing with Vatican II, Ecumenism, Judaism), the most extensive collection of the Centre, are digitized and consultable on internet.</p> <p>By doing and acting, participants are made familiar with the challenges and demands of an adequate and “active” consultation of a collection in the era of digitization.</p>





	<p>Background Literature on Willebrands: A. Denaux-P. De Mey (eds.), <i>The Ecumenical Legacy of Johannes Cardinal Willebrands (1909-2006)</i> (BETL, 253), Louvain-Paris-Walpole, 2012</p>
<p>Wednesday February 19, 2020</p>	<p><b>Book Heritage Lab (Maurits Sabbe Library)/Digital Lab (UB)/Tabularium (UB)</b></p> <p>Responsible experts: A. SMETS, K. SMEYERS, L. WATTEEUW, B. VANDERMEULEN</p> <p>For an introduction, see <a href="https://theo.kuleuven.be/gbib_en/heritage">https://theo.kuleuven.be/gbib_en/heritage</a></p> <p>09:00-12:30 h: Book Heritage Lab: The restoration of manuscripts: risks and challenges (group I)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Technology driven research questions</li><li>• The interaction between ideas and techniques</li><li>• Doctor and engineer</li></ul> <p>09:00-12:30 h: Digitization (group II)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The new techniques: possibilities, challenges, weaknesses</li><li>• The complex process of “active” digitization</li><li>• Magister dixit</li><li>• Lovaniensia</li></ul> <p>14:15-17:45 h: The restoration of manuscripts: risks and challenges (group II)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Technology driven research questions</li><li>• The interaction between ideas and techniques</li><li>• Doctor and engineer</li></ul> <p>14:15-17:45 h: Digitization (group I)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The new techniques: possibilities, challenges, weaknesses</li><li>• The complex process of “active” digitization</li><li>• Magister dixit</li><li>• Lovaniensia</li></ul>





Thursday

February 20, 2020

**Rare Books in the Maurits Sabbe Library/University Library, Deberiotstraat 26, 3000 Leuven**

Responsible experts: S. CORBELLINI, W. FRANCOIS, R. HOFF, A. SMETS, K. SMEYERS, B.TOPS, H. STORME, Y. VAN LOON, D. VANYSACKER, H. STORME

By way of introduction, consult:

[https://theo.kuleuven.be/gbib\\_en/heritage](https://theo.kuleuven.be/gbib_en/heritage)

[https://kadoc.keuleuven.be/english/mimora/2018\\_01\\_MiMoRa\\_jesuitica](https://kadoc.keuleuven.be/english/mimora/2018_01_MiMoRa_jesuitica)

<https://bib.kuleuven.be/bijzondere-collecties/collecties/referentiecollectie-1>

09:00-13:00 h: The variety of collections as a mirror for the complexity of religious life

- The library as lab of scholarship: the Jesuit Library (Y. VAN LOON)
- The library as mirror of missionary activities: the libraries of the Oblates, Capuchins, Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (D. VANYSACKER, G. VAN REYN)
- The University Library: how to restore historical damage (A. SMETS, K. SMEYERS)

14:30-17:00 h: Workshop about 'Early Modern Bibles and their Readers' (S. CORBELLINI, W. FRANCOIS, R. HOFF, B. TOPS)

- Owners' marks
- Users' traces
- Readers' annotations
- Censors' interventions

Background literature: Sabrina Corbellini, Wim François, and Thomas Fulton (eds.), 'Late Medieval and Early Modern Bibles and their Readers', special issue of *The Journal of Early Modern Christianity* 6/2 (2019).

17:00-18:30 h: Guided tour in the Preciosa of the Maurits Sabbe Library (H. STORME, Y. VAN LOON)





<p>Friday</p> <p>February 21, 2020</p>	<p><b>KADOC<sup>2</sup></b></p> <p>Responsible expert: K. CHRISTIAENS</p> <p>For an introduction about this institution, see <a href="https://www.kuleuven.be/wieiswie/en/unit/50000759">https://www.kuleuven.be/wieiswie/en/unit/50000759</a></p> <p>09:00-10:00 h: KADOC, a Short History</p> <p>10:00-11:00 h: Diversity of collections as impulse for interdisciplinarity</p> <p>11:15-12:45 h: Seminar: From monolithic (Catholicism) to ecumenical (EVA-Doc) and interreligious dialogue (the Islam collection): how to cope with diversity?</p> <p><b>Maurits Sabbe Library, Deberiotstraat 26, 3000 Leuven</b></p> <p>Organizer: M. Lamberigts</p> <p>14:00-16:30 h: From KU Leuven to ReIReS and back</p> <p>Participants is given the role of a visitation commission. They are expected to discuss in an interactive way their ideas about a historical religious library for the future. The discussion is based upon what was learned this week. In a report, they present the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges for the institute they visit.</p> <p><b>Maurits Sabbe Library, Deberiotstraat 26, 3000 Leuven</b></p> <p>16:30-18:30 Reception</p>
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<sup>2</sup> KADOC is an interdisciplinary Centre that in many senses is complementary to the book holdings as available in the Maurits Sabbe Library. The archives preserved offer a vast and original insight in Flanders' Catholica, Protestantica, Islamica. Over the years, KADOC has developed a great expertise in interdisciplinary research.

