
Plan Overview

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Title: Navigating the boundaries of justice. Women, power and pardon in late medieval Flanders.

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Project abstract:

Navigating the boundaries of justice delves into the intricate interactions between women and the legal system in late medieval Flanders. Employing a unique approach that merges expertise in paleography, gender history, and institutional history, this project examines a trove of underexplored historical documents – pardon letters – to offer a fresh perspective on the relationship between gender and justice in this historical context. By leveraging the expertise at the University of Lille and KU Leuven, this project seeks to challenge the prevailing notion of premodern legal systems inherently disadvantaging women. Through meticulous analysis of pardon letters, which provide detailed narratives of men and women's involvement in crime and subsequent legal proceedings, this study aims to unveil women's strategies and opportunities to navigate within patriarchal legal frameworks in the past. This collaborative endeavor not only bridges disciplinary divides within historical studies but also addresses pivotal questions in the burgeoning field of gender and women's history. By unraveling the complexities of medieval gender dynamics, the project contributes to a deeper understanding of historical legacies and their impact on contemporary society. Collaboration emerges as indispensable in achieving these objectives, drawing on diverse technical skills and varied historical expertise.

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Research Data Summary

List and describe all datasets or research materials that you plan to generate/collect or reuse during your research project. For each dataset or data type (observational, experimental etc.), provide a short name & description (sufficient for yourself to know what data it is about), indicate whether the data are newly generated/collected or reused, digital or physical, also indicate the type of the data (the kind of content), its technical format (file extension), and an estimate of the upper limit of the volume of the data.

Dataset name / ID	Description	New or reuse	Digital or Physical data	Data Type	File format	Data volume	Physical volume
		<i>Indicate: N(ew data) or E(xisting data)</i>	<i>Indicate: D(igital) or P(hysical)</i>	<i>Indicate: Audiovisual Images Sound Numerical Textual Model Software Other (specify)</i>		<i>Indicate: <1GB <100GB <1TB <5TB >5TB NA</i>	
Images_remissionletters	Pictures taken of pardon letters	N	D	I	JPEG	<100GB	
Metadata_remissionletters	Information gathered from the photographed pardon letters	N	D	T	CSV	<1GB	

If you reuse existing data, please specify the source, preferably by using a persistent identifier (e.g. DOI, Handle, URL etc.) per dataset or data type:

Question not answered.

Are there any ethical issues concerning the creation and/or use of the data (e.g. experiments on humans or animals, dual use)? If so, refer to specific datasets or data types when appropriate and provide the relevant ethical approval number.

- No

Will you process personal data? If so, please refer to specific datasets or data types when appropriate and provide the KU Leuven or UZ Leuven privacy register number (G or S number).

- No

Does your work have potential for commercial valorization (e.g. tech transfer, for example spin-offs, commercial exploitation, ...)? If so, please comment per dataset or data type where appropriate.

- No

Do existing 3rd party agreements restrict exploitation or dissemination of the data you (re)use (e.g. Material or Data transfer agreements, Research collaboration agreements)? If so, please explain in the comment section to what data they relate and what restrictions are in place.

- No

Are there any other legal issues, such as intellectual property rights and ownership, to be managed related to the data you (re)use? If so, please explain in the comment section to what data they relate and which restrictions will be asserted.

- No

Documentation and Metadata

Clearly describe what approach will be followed to capture the accompanying information necessary to keep data understandable and usable, for yourself and others, now and in the future (e.g. in terms of documentation levels and types required, procedures used, Electronic Lab Notebooks, README.txt files, codebook.tsv etc. where this information is recorded).

To ensure that the accompanying information necessary to keep the data understandable and usable is well-documented, I will use a README file. This file will explain how the images are organized and how the collected metadata is linked to them. The README will provide an overview of the dataset structure, including the naming conventions used for the images and the way they are stored in folders. Additionally, it will describe the format and content of the metadata, specifying how each piece of information corresponds to a particular photo.

Will a metadata standard be used to make it easier to find and reuse the data?

If so, please specify which metadata standard will be used.

If not, please specify which metadata will be created to make the data easier to find and reuse.

- Yes

DataCite will be used as a metadata standard.

Data Storage & Back-up during the Research Project

Where will the data be stored?

- Sharepoint online

How will the data be backed up?

- Standard back-up provided by KU Leuven ICTS for my storage solution
- Personal back-ups I make (specify below)

I'll keep a back-up of the data for my own personal archive.

Is there currently sufficient storage & backup capacity during the project?

If no or insufficient storage or backup capacities are available, explain how this will be taken care of.

- Yes

How will you ensure that the data are securely stored and not accessed or modified by unauthorized persons?

The data I use is publically available in the archives of Lille. No personal data is used, since it contains informations of persons in the 14th-16th century.

All the information is digital and is stored on my KU Leuven One-Drive.

What are the expected costs for data storage and backup during the research project? How will these costs be covered?

Since it only contains less than 50GB of data, there won't be extra costs.

Data Preservation after the end of the Research Project

Which data will be retained for 10 years (or longer, in agreement with other retention policies that are applicable) after the end of the project?

In case some data cannot be preserved, clearly state the reasons for this (e.g. legal or contractual restrictions, storage/budget issues, institutional policies...).

- All data will be preserved for 10 years according to KU Leuven RDM policy

Where will these data be archived (stored and curated for the long-term)?

- KU Leuven RDR

What are the expected costs for data preservation during the expected retention period? How will these costs be covered?

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Data Sharing and Reuse

Will the data (or part of the data) be made available for reuse after/during the project?

Please explain per dataset or data type which data will be made available.

- Yes, as restricted data (upon approval, or institutional access only)

If access is restricted, please specify who will be able to access the data and under what conditions.

The data I am collecting will have restricted access, primarily because the majority of the metadata consists of self-made transcriptions of 14th- to 16th-century texts. These transcriptions are often imperfect, as they may contain gaps or uncertainties due to the challenges of deciphering historical manuscripts. Given these limitations, the dataset is not suitable for open data sharing, as the incomplete or potentially inaccurate nature of the transcriptions could lead to misinterpretations. Instead, access will be controlled to ensure that the data is used in an informed and appropriate manner, taking into account its provisional and interpretative nature.

The data will be accessible for researchers in the Department of History, KU Leuven. If supervisors see any use for it, they can also share the data with master/doctoral students.

Are there any factors that restrict or prevent the sharing of (some of) the data (e.g. as defined in an agreement with a 3rd party, legal restrictions)?

Please explain per dataset or data type where appropriate.

- No

Where will the data be made available?

If already known, please provide a repository per dataset or data type.

- KU Leuven RDR (Research Data Repository)

When will the data be made available?

- Specific date (specify below)

At the end of the PhD (september 2028)

Which data usage licenses are you going to provide?

If none, please explain why.

- CC-BY 4.0 (data)

Do you intend to add a persistent identifier (PID) to your dataset(s), e.g. a DOI or accession number? If already available, please provide it here.

- Yes, a PID will be added upon deposit in a data repository

What are the expected costs for data sharing? How will these costs be covered?

No costs are expected.

Responsibilities

Who will manage data documentation and metadata during the research project?

Elias Feys

Who will manage data storage and backup during the research project?

Elias Feys

Who will manage data preservation and sharing?

Elias Feys during the project.

Chanelle Delameillieure, supervisor, after the project.

Who will update and implement this DMP?

Elias Feys