FWO DMP

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Description World poverty was one of the social questions that the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) took very close to heart. The Council Fathers, in the Pastoral Constitution "Gaudium et Spes" (GS), gave extensive thought to this injustice and proposed some principles that should form the basis for promoting greater justice and equity in the socio-economic life of people and among nations. Despite important awareness-raising and praxis-oriented initiatives such as "Justitia et Pax" (1967) which was created "to stimulate the Catholic Community to foster progress in needy regions and social justice on the international scene" (GS 90), poverty on the African continent has remained endemic. Using literary and archival sources alongside oral history, this research aims (1) to interpret these conciliar principles in order (2) to map out how the post-conciliar Roman Catholic Church in Africa has worked to find solutions to the challenges of poverty and underdevelopment, which initiatives have worked, and which have failed. The Church profiles herself in Africa as an institution that is on the side of the poor. This research will examine how the Church in Africa understood the social mandate she received at Vatican II and how she attempted to make it an integral part of her social apostolate. This historical project will thus provide the basis for the generation of insights that will help to enhance the Church's commitment to social transformation and integral development in Africa.

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1. General Information
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2. Data description
Will you generate/collect new data and/or make use of existing data?

- Generate new data

Describe in detail the origin, type and format of the data (per dataset) and its (estimated) volume. This may be easiest in a table (see example) or as a data flow and per WP or objective of the project. If you reuse existing data, specify the source of these data. Distinguish data types (the kind of content) from data formats (the technical format).

Work package (WP)	Type of data	Format	Volume	Origin
WP 1	Prosopography of African Bishops at the eve of Vatican II	Excel	48 KB	1. Annuario Pontificio 2. https://www.catholic-hierarchy.org/
WP 1	Coded Vota	QSR NVivo Project	111 MB	Acta et Documenta Concilio Oecumenico Vaticano II Apparando, Series I (Antepraeparatoria), Volume II, Consilia et Vota Episcoporum ac Praelatorum, Pars V, Africa.
WP 2	Photographs and scanned images of archival materials	JPEG, PNG	10 GB	Vatican II archives in Belgium, France, Italy, and the USA.
WP 4	Photographs and scanned images of archival materials	JPEG, PNG	5 GB	SECAM archive in Ghana, diocesan archives in Nigeria, and Cameroon.
WP 4	Digital audio files via 10 one-hour-long interviews	Digital audio-recorded files, to be transcribed into MS Word format	3 GB	Semi-structured interviews with some bishops and Justice, Development, and Peace Commission executives in Africa

3. Legal and ethical issues
Will you use personal data? If so, shortly describe the kind of personal data you will use. Add the reference to your file in KU Leuven's Register of Data Processing for Research and Public Service Purposes (PRET application). Be aware that registering the fact that you process personal data is a legal obligation.

- Yes

Privacy Registry Reference: E-2021-2673
Short description of the kind of personal data that will be used:
 The first work package involves the compilation of a limited prosopography of the African bishops who participated in the preparation of the Second Vatican Council through the submission of their vota. Their names, dates of birth and dates of death, places of origin, places of apostolate, congregations or dioceses, and such ecclesial metadata will be collected in an excel spreadsheet.
In the third year of the research, oral history interviews are envisaged for which approval will be sought from SMEC. Audio recordings and transcriptions of the planned 10 one-hour-long interviews will be generated.

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, add the reference to the formal approval by the relevant ethical review committee(s)

- Yes

The interviews, for which SMEC's approval will be sought in the third year, will focus on the

exercise of the social apostolate in Africa. I will obtain the permission of the interviewees to record the interviews. These interviews will be recorded with a high-quality digital audio recorder and transcribed to text with Microsoft Word to increase accessibility. The interviewees will get the chance to review the transcripts. They will be duly informed about how and where these audio files and their transcripts will be preserved, who will have access to them in the long term, and that they at all times have the right to revoke the availability of the data.

Does your work possibly result in research data with potential for tech transfer and valorisation? Will IP restrictions be claimed for the data you created? If so, for what data and which restrictions will be asserted?

- No

Do existing 3rd party agreements restrict dissemination or exploitation of the data you (re)use? If so, to what data do they relate and what restrictions are in place?

- No

4. Documentation and metadata
What documentation will be provided to enable reuse of the data collected/generated in this project?

To be sure, the project's framework is the constant research on the history and reception of Vatican II. The digital and non-digital data that would be generated in this project would be non-sensitive in nature.

That said, regarding WP1, the prosopography and the vota from Africa coded with NVivo qualitative data analysis tool are envisaged to be published in a peer-reviewed data journal for eternal preservation and availability for reuse.

The archival materials that will be collected in connection with WP2, WP3, and WP4 will be properly identified and stored in the KU Leuven Centre for the Study of the Second Vatican Council or the Centre's digital space for digital data to ensure permanent availability for reuse.

As for the interviews, the necessary information regarding the organization, conduct, informed consent, and permissions for storage and dissemination will be put together with the transcription of the interviews.

Will a metadata standard be used? If so, describe in detail which standard will be used. If no, state in detail which metadata will be created to make the data easy/easier to find and reuse.

- No

See the previous question.

5. Data storage and backup during the FWO project
Where will the data be stored?

Data generated for this research project will be simultaneously saved in the KU Leuven J-Drive, OneDrive, and an external hard drive.

How is backup of the data provided?

The KU Leuven OneDrive ensures automatic backup. I will also make frequent updates to my external hard drive.

Is there currently sufficient storage & backup capacity during the project? If yes, specify concisely. If no or insufficient storage or backup capacities are available then explain how this will be taken care of.

- Yes

The KU Leuven OneDrive with 2 TB of storage space, the annual 50 GB space available at the Research Data Repository, the J-Drive, and an external hard disk with 1 TB storage capacity suffice for storing and backing up data during the conduct of the research project.

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

The (basic) storage services detailed above are offered at no expense. Should the need arise to secure some extra storage space, the costs will be footed through the PhD candidate's bench fee.

Data security: how will you ensure that the data are securely stored and not accessed or modified by unauthorized persons?

As aforementioned, data for this project will be non-sensitive in nature. In any case, password protection will be employed to ensure controlled access to the data.

6. Data preservation after the FWO project
Which data will be retained for the expected 5 year period after the end of the project? In case only a selection of the data can/will be preserved, clearly state the reasons for this (legal or contractual restrictions, physical preservation issues, ...).

With the exception of the audio recordings, all data generated for this research will be stored permanently in the said KU Leuven storage spaces, among other things, to forestall duplication of efforts.

Only the transcription of the audio files will be stored in these KU Leuven storage spaces. With the permission of the interviewees, the raw audio recordings may be permanently stored in the relevant diocesan repositories.

Where will the data be archived (= stored for the longer term)?

Textual data will be archived in the KU Leuven Centre for the Study of the Second Vatican Council. Digital data will be reposed in the Centre's digital archive.

What are the expected costs for data preservation during the retention period of 5 years? How will the costs be covered?

No cost is foreseen for this preservation.

7. Data sharing and reuse
Are there any factors restricting or preventing the sharing of (some of) the data (e.g. as defined in an agreement with a 3rd party, legal restrictions)?

- No

Which data will be made available after the end of the project?

All data (except audio recordings) will be made available for reuse at the end of the project. As for the interviews, the transcriptions will always be available.

Where/how will the data be made available for reuse?

- Upon request by mail
- Other (specify):

Some of the data will be published in peer-reviewed data journal(s). They will also be consultable at the Centre for the Study of the Second Vatican Council.

When will the data be made available?

- Immediately after the end of the project
- Upon publication of the research results

Who will be able to access the data and under what conditions?

The data will be available at the Centre for the Study of the Second Vatican Council for historians and theologians of Vatican II and for anyone interested in the subject of the social mission of the Catholic Church in Africa. Thus, such researchers will have to abide by the guidelines stipulated in the Centre's website (https://theo.kuleuven.be/en/research/centres/centr_vatii/archive_consultation).

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

None.

8. Responsibilities
Who will be responsible for data documentation & metadata?

The PhD student (Chidiebere Obiora Nnabugwu) and the Promoter (Prof. Dr. Dries Bosschaert) who is currently the Coordinator of the Centre for the Study of the Second Vatican Council will oversee data documentation and management.

Who will be responsible for data storage & back up during the project?

The PhD student (Chidiebere Obiora Nnabugwu) will be responsible.

Who will be responsible for ensuring data preservation and reuse ?

The PhD student (Chidiebere Obiora Nnabugwu) and the Promoter cum Coordinator of the Centre of the Study of the Second Vatican Council (Prof. Dr. Dries Bosschaert) will be responsible.

Who bears the end responsibility for updating & implementing this DMP?

The Promoter (Prof. Dr. Dries Bosschaert) bears the end responsibility of updating & implementing this DMP.