THE (UN)TOLD MISSION HISTORY OF THE SISTERS OF THE SOCIETY OF JESUS MARY JOSEPH (JMJ) IN INDIA: AN HISTORICAL STUDY OF MISSIONARY GENERATIONS SHIFTING BETWEEN DUTCH LEGACY AND INDIAN INCULTURATION (1904 – 1969)

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Project abstract:

Since their arrival in India in 1904, the JMJ missionary sisters have continuously advocated for the advancement of young girls and women through education, health care, and self-sustainable programs, assisting them in constructing their identities in Andhra Pradesh, India. As with other women in the history of church and theology, their role is, however, often overlooked. This research focusing on the historical identity formation of the JMJ sisters and the centrality of the empowerment of women and girls herein will trace (i) the lived experiences of the sisters of Jesus Mary Joseph (JMJ) from the Netherlands and Australia who traveled to India in 1904 and 1920; (ii) the native women who joined them as Handmaids of Mary; and (iii) the administration shift from Dutch heritage to Indian inculturation up to the 1960s. The voices and stories of these religious women are generally unknown, and their experiences and identities have not been properly documented. Through textual analysis, archival research, and oral history, this project will evaluate, hear from, and report on these missionary women and thus contribute to the ongoing work of the empowerment of women in India.

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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
		Indicate: N(ew data) or E(xisting data)	Indicate: D(igital) or P(hysical)	Indicate: **A**udiovisual **I**mages **S**ound **N**umerical **T**extual **M**odel **SO**ftware Other (specify)		Indicate: <1GB <100GB <1TB <5TB >5TB NA	
Archival Sources	A database will be set up to catalog all archival material that will be consulted. The materials are categorized according to the archival collection, location, file number, year, title, author, and creator.	**N & E**	**D & P**	**I & T**	xls and csv		
Literature	Academic literature will be accessed either through open access or online via the Limo platform of KU Leuven.	**N & E**	**D & P**	**T**	PDF		
Online media sources	New articles and website articles regarding the congregation and missionaries	**N & E**	**D**	**I & T**	PDF		
Oral Sources	These include interviews and participatory moments.	**N & E**	**D & P**	**A, I & T**	(a).mp3 and (b) .mp4 files, (c) transcripts, and observational notes of participatory moments in Word format		
Personal data	Personal data of research participants (i.e. interviewees and participants in participatory moments) will include name, email address, phone number, gender, age	**N**	**D & P**	**T**	.xls or .csv file		
Publications and presentations	These include academic papers and presentations	**N**	**D**	**T**	.ppt format and .pdf format		

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:

Archival Material:
Archives related to JMJ in Europe
In the Netherlands
Nijmegen, Erfgoedcentrum Nederlands Kloosterleven, Archief Societeit van Jezus Maria Joseph, AR- Z110.
Nijmegen, Erfgoedcentrum Nederlands Kloosterleven, Archiefinventaris Zusters van O.L.Vrouw van Amersfoort, AR-Z161.
In Belgium
Leuven, Katholiek Documentatie- en Onderzoekscentrum voor Religie, Cultuur en Samenleving (KADOC), Archives of the Dutch Jesuits (ANSI) (1850-2017).

In Rome

Historical Archives of the Propaganda Fide, Via Urbano VIII

Personal Archives of JMJ in India

Archives of Guntur Province, File No. 1, Guntur, 1904.

Archives of Guntur province, Report of election result in general chapter, Holland, 1931.

Archives of Hyderabad Province, File No. 3, Hyderabad, 1990.

Archives of Bengaluru Province, File No.7, Bengaluru, 1992.

Diocesan Archives related to JMJ in India

Archives of Nellore Diocese, File No, D.N.I, 1928.

Archives of Madras-Mylapore Archdiocese, ACL-CPL 00138.

Sources from the JMJ communities in India

Chronicles

Chronicles of St. Joseph's Convent, Guntur, 1904.

Chronicles of JMJ in India, File No.1, 1904.

Chronicles of St. Stanislaus convent, Bangalore – 1938

Logbooks

Logbook of St. Mary's Convent, Nellore, 1911

Logbook of St. Mary's Convent, Nellore, 1913

Logbook of St. Joseph's Higher Elementary school, Guntur, 1925.

Logbook of St. Joseph's School, Guntur, 1927.

Logbook of Nallapadu, 1928.

Logbook of St. Joseph Teacher Training School, Guntur, 1932.

Logbook, Tenali Convent, 1945.

Logbook of St. Joseph's Hospital, Guntur, 1956.

Logbook, Holy Family Convent, Sattenapali, 1963.

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.

- Yes, human subject data (Provide SMEC or EC approval number below)

Interviews

During the interview process, various personal details, such as names, ages, professions, educational qualifications, language, and place, will be gathered. Additionally, the interviews will be recorded and transcribed.

Interviewee names will be anonymized unless it is relevant or necessary to use the actual name and the interviewee consents to the use of their personal data. The file linking anonymized names to personal data and identifiers will be securely stored separately on the KU Leuven server.

Interviewees will include sisters between the ages of 45 and 88 who belong to the Congregation of Jesus Mary Joseph (JMJ) in India.

The SMEC number will be provided later.

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).

- Yes (Provide PRET G-number or EC S-number below)

Archival Materials

Correspondence and personal letters belonging to the sisters of JMJ will be used. The information will be anonymized unless there is a necessity to disclose it.

The PRET number will be provided later.

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).

A well-defined folder structure on OneDrive will be established to systematically organize both existing data and newly developed material, facilitating easy retrieval and consultation of the comprehensive documentation.

For produced material, a meaningful filenaming convention will be adopted, commencing with the date (year/month/day, e.g., 231218_), followed by a description of its content. When applicable, the filename will conclude with the initials of the creator.

README files will be employed to provide comprehensive descriptions of the data, categorized as archival, interviews, or images. The structure of these README files will include various identifiers such as title, year, location, author/creator, file type, and key words, contributing to a well-organized and accessible documentation system.

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

Will be discussed with the promoter and research group.

Data Storage & Back-up during the Research Project

Where will the data be stored?

- OneDrive (KU Leuven)

How will the data be backed up?

- Standard back-up provided by KU Leuven ICTS for my storage solution

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?

Access to OneDrive documents will be limited exclusively to the supervisors and PhD researchers involved in the research project. In situations where sharing beyond the research project is necessary, such as within the research group, it will be executed with restricted access. This involves sharing via email and granting view-only editing rights to maintain control over document modifications.

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

No additional costs for data storage is expected.

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?

None

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 collected data will be accessed tot he PhD researcher, promoter and the co-promoters.

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.

- Yes, ethical aspects
- Yes, aspects of dual-use

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?

- Upon publication of research results

Which data usage licenses are you going to provide?

If none, please explain why.

- Data Transfer Agreement (restricted 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?

None

Responsibilities

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

The data documentation and metadata will be managed by the PhD researcher Lilly Antony and the promoters Prof. Dries Bosschaert and Prof. Dries Vanysacker.

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

The data storage and backup will be managed by the PhD researcher Lilly Antony.

Who will manage data preservation and sharing?

The responsible person will be Prof. Dries Bosschaert and the co-promoters of this project.

Who will update and implement this DMP?

PhD researcher Lilly Antony will take responsibility for updating and implementing the data management plan.

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