
POMERIUS' DE VITA CONTEMPLATIVA (CPL 998): TEXT-CRITICAL STUDY AND ANALYSIS OF THE LATE ANTIQUE AND MEDIEVAL RECEPTION OF A 6TH-CENTURY TREATISE ON THE ASCETIC-CONTEMPLATIVE LIFE

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Project abstract:

De vita contemplativa (VC) is a treatise on the ascetic-contemplative life written by the 5th/6th-c. cleric Pomerius of Arles, a central figure in the intellectual life of Late Antique Gaul. In essence VC teaches clerics how they can reconcile their active, pastoral life with the ideal of the contemplative, ascetic life. Pomerius' treatise is a key text from Late Antique Christian literature: it survives in over 230 manuscripts (an impressive number for a text not written by one of the 'great' Latin Church Fathers), enjoyed consistent and wide popularity among Late Antique/Medieval authors (many moralistic, pastoral and doctrinal texts between the 6th-15th cc. quote from VC), and had a lasting impact on, e.g., the development of ecclesiastical legislation, the conception of episcopal authority, and the organization of the clerical life in the Latin Church. Nonetheless, VC has been largely neglected: no in-depth study of its transmission/reception exists and the most recent edition of the work is Patrologia Latina 59 (1847, based on an unsatisfactory edition from 1711). This project will bring back to light Pomerius' treatise by providing (1) the first modern critical edition of VC, and (2) the first systematic study of its manuscript transmission and the Late Antique/Medieval reception of its ascetic-contemplative, pastoral, moralistic, and doctrinal positions, to assess VC's influence on the West's religious tradition.

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DPIA

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Have you performed a DPIA for the personal data processing activities for this project?

- Not applicable

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GDPR

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Have you registered personal data processing activities for this project?

- Not applicable

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Application DMP

Questionnaire

Describe the datatypes (surveys, sequences, manuscripts, objects ...) the research will collect and/or generate and /or (re)use. (use up to 700 characters)

1. The project will use the following datatypes: the primary data on VC's transmission/reception derive directly from manuscripts, held in libraries all over Europe. These will be consulted online, photographed in situ, or digital photos will be ordered. The project will further rely on secondary literature in scientific libraries, either in paper (text editions, articles/books, catalogues etc.) or digital (LIMO, databases etc.) form.
2. The project will generate the following data: manuscript descriptions/collations, lists of source passages in VC, lists of quotations from VC in Late Antique/Medieval works, and analyses of VC's transmission/reception that will be presented in publications.

Specify in which way the following provisions are in place in order to preserve the data during and at least 5 years after the end of the research? Motivate your answer. (use up to 700 characters)

1. DATA STORAGE

*DURING THE PROJECT: all data will be preserved in digital form and stored on KU Leuven servers (OneDrive).

*AFTER THE PROJECT: (1) All data gathered during the project will be preserved on KU Leuven servers (OneDrive). (2) The manuscript collations/descriptions and lists of source passages in VC will be made available in the critical edition of VC (publ. by Brepols Publishers); the transmission/reception study will be published in articles. These publications will be consultable in printed form and online (the articles via LIRIAS/LIMO; the edition via Brepols' Cross Database Searchtool).

2. RESPONSIBLE

I will myself organize and supervise the correct storage of the data.

What's the reason why you wish to deviate from the principle of preservation of data and of the minimum preservation term of 5 years? (max. 700 characters)

Not applicable.

Are there issues concerning research data indicated in the ethics questionnaire of this application form? Which specific security measures do those data require? (use up to 700 characters)

Not applicable.

Which other issues related to the data management are relevant to mention? (use up to 700 characters)

Not applicable.

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FWO DMP (Flemish Standard DMP)

1. 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.

				Only for digital data	Only for digital data	Only for digital data	Only for physical data
Dataset Name	Description	New or reused	Digital or Physical	Digital Data Type	Digital Data format	Digital data volume (MB/GB/TB)	Physical volume
		<i>Please choose from the following options:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generate new data • Reuse existing data 	<i>Please choose from the following options:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital • Physical 	<i>Please choose from the following options:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observational • Experimental • Compiled/aggregated data • Simulation data • Software • Other • NA 	<i>Please choose from the following options:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • .por, .xml, .tab, .csv, .pdf, .txt, .rtf, .dwg, .gml, ... • NA 	<i>Please choose from the following options:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <100MB • <1GB • <100GB • <1TB • <5TB • <10TB • <50TB • >50TB • NA 	
index of witnesses	full index of all direct+indirect witnesses transmitting VC (with full description of each of them: date, origin, provenance, contents, parts of VC)	reuse existing data (=witnesses already identified in earlier articles and in online databases) generate new data (=identification of new witnesses)	digital	compiled data	.pdf	<1GB	
collations	collations of the direct+indirect witnesses	generate new data	digital	compiled data	.pdf	<1GB	
reception data	analyses of the reception of VC in texts between the 6th and 15th centuries (lists of quotations and paraphrases, index of texts using VC, analyses of the ways in which VC is used in these later texts)	generate new data	digital	compiled data	.pdf	<1GB	
critical edition	critical text + apparatuses (variant readings, sources, Bible passages etc.)	generate new data	digital+physical (=digital file that will be printed as a book)	compiled data	.cte (Classical Text Editor) .pdf	<100MB	ca. 400 pages
source analysis	analysis of the Classical/Patristic sources of VC	generate new data	digital	compiled data	.pdf	<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:

The following sources will be used for the preparation of the index of VC's direct and indirect witnesses:

*PRINTED SOURCES: M. L. W. LAISTNER, 'The influence during the Middle Ages of the treatise De vita contemplativa and its surviving manuscripts', *Miscellanea Giovanni Mercati*, v. 2, (St. Test. 122) (Vatican City, 1946), pp. 344-358; E. DEKKERS, *Claui Patrum Latinorum*

(Turnhout, 1995); N. DE MAEYER 2023, 'The transmission of Pomerius' *De vita contemplativa*. Part 1: descriptive catalogue of the complete and partial manuscript witnesses', *Revue d'histoire des textes* 18 (2023), pp. 149-223.

*ONLINE SOURCES: Mirabile (<https://www.mirabileweb.it/author/iulianus-pomerius-fl-saec-v-ex--author/20052>); A. Diem, Monastic Manuscript Project (earlymedievalmonasticism.org) (2011).

Are there any ethical issues concerning the creation and/or use of the data (e.g. experiments on humans or animals, dual use)? Describe these issues in the comment section. Please refer to specific datasets or data types when appropriate.

- No

Will you process personal data? If so, briefly describe the kind of personal data you will use in the comment section. Please refer to specific datasets or data types when appropriate.

- 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/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

2. 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).

*All datasets involving manuscripts: a detailed *conspectus siglorum* will be provided, in order to provide easy access to the index of witnesses and collations. This *conspectus siglorum* will also form a part of the printed critical edition.

*Critical edition: the edition will be preceded by a critical introduction, which explains the rationale behind the edition (stemma of the direct and indirect witnesses, *ratio edendi* with information on the different apparatuses, list of witnesses used, *conspectus siglorum* etc.). The introduction will be published together with the edition as a printed volume in the *Series Latina* of the *Corpus Christianorum*. In this way, the introduction will provide scholars with all necessary information to understand the critical text and apparatuses of the edition itself.

*Datasets on the reception of VC: all quotations identified from VC in later texts will be identified in reference to the edition of VC that is currently in use (Patrologia Latina 59, 1847), which allows other scholars to easily situate the passages within the text of VC. The identification of texts/authors quoting from VC will be done via (critical) editions of the texts in question. These lists of concordances will be

published via journal articles.

*Datasets on the sources of VC: source referencing will be done in relation to published critical editions of the texts that were used as a source in VC. An overview document will be provided to indicate which parts of VC's text have been searched for sources and in which ways (e.g., which other Classical/Patristic texts were compared with VC).

Will a metadata standard be used to make it easier to find and reuse the data? If so, please specify (where appropriate per dataset or data type) which metadata standard will be used. If not, please specify (where appropriate per dataset or data type) which metadata will be created to make the data easier to find and reuse.

- No

All data gathered by the project (descriptions of witnesses, variant readings for stemmatical research and the creation of the critical text/apparatuses, lists of source passages, quotations etc.) will be structured and presented in such a way that they can be published either as part of the printed volume that contains the critical edition or as part of a journal article/book chapter, which means that the data will be directly accessible to other scholars. After publication of the edition as a printed volume, its critical text will be introduced by Brepols Publishers in the Cross Database Searchtool, which makes the full text of the edition digitally available and searchable.

3. Data storage & back-up during the research project

Where will the data be stored?

All the project's data and documents will be stored in my personal cloud space on KU Leuven's OneDrive. The data will be saved in different OneDrive-folders corresponding to the different datasets outlined earlier (list of witnesses, collations/stemmatical data, lists of sources/quotations etc.).

How will the data be backed up?

Automatic back-up (both of work in progress and finalized parts of the research project) is ensured via the use of KU Leuven's OneDrive storage (cf. supra).

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

KU Leuven's OneDrive provides 2 TB of cloud space per researcher. This capacity largely suffices to store all the project's data.

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

Safe storage on KU Leuven's OneDrive is secured by KU Leuven's own ICT Department (Faculty of Arts). Safe storage on personal KUL-laptop is ensured via Bitlocker and security features installed by the KU Leuven's ICT Department.

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

No expected costs.

4. Data preservation after the end of the research project

Which data will be retained for at least five 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 gathered by the project will be permanently retained:

*Basic/raw data that were not used in publications (cf. infra) will be permanently stored on KU Leuven's OneDrive in a separate folder.

*Data that will be published, either via journal articles or via the printed critical edition, will become permanently available to the scholarly community via these publications (print/digital format). In addition, these data will permanently be stored on KU Leuven's OneDrive. The critical edition will be available both as a published book as well as via Brepols' Cross Database Searchtool.

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

All data will be stored on KU Leuven's OneDrive and, as much as possible, on KU Leuven's institutional research data repository (RDR).

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

No expected costs.

5. Data sharing and reuse

Will the data (or part of the data) be made available for reuse after/during the project? In the comment section please explain per dataset or data type which data will be made available.

- Yes, in an Open Access repository
- Yes, in a restricted access repository (after approval, institutional access only, ...)

All published data will be made available also via an Open Access repository (in as far as possible and after the conclusion of the project). Basic/raw data that have not been published can be made available to individual researchers, upon request.

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

Institutional access for researchers at KU Leuven will be guaranteed; for researchers outside KU Leuven, access to the data will be granted on a case to case basis and upon written request.

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 in the comment section 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.

As much as possible via KU Leuven's RDR.

When will the data be made available?

Research results will be published via journal articles and via the printed volume in Brepols' Corpus Christianorum. Their availability via Open Access repositories will follow after the conclusion of the project (and if legally permitted). Basic/raw data will be made available in the same way after the conclusion of the project.

Which data usage licenses are you going to provide? If none, please explain why.

To be determined.

Do you intend to add a PID/DOI/accession number to your dataset(s)? If already available, you have the option to provide it in the comment section.

- Yes

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

No costs expected.

6. Responsibilities

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

Nicolas De Maeyer

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

Nicolas De Maeyer

Who will manage data preservation and sharing?

Nicolas De Maeyer, Gert Partoens

Who will update and implement this DMP?

Nicolas De Maeyer, Gert Partoens