
Mary at the Margins: Constructing a Liberative Marian Theology

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Project abstract:

In the western theological context Mary is a divisive figure. For Christian conservatives she often represents traditional piety. For Christian feminists, Mary is often viewed as a figure who perpetuates gender inequality and patriarchy. This project proposes an alternative approach to Mary through making two interventions. First, it brings liberation theologies that engage Mary into dialogue with Pope Francis' approach to Mary within the broader context of his commitment to the theology of the people (la teología del pueblo). Second, this project considers the extent to which communities at the margins draw on Mary as both a source for strength in the midst of oppression and as an agent of liberation. In order to develop this second intervention, I utilize the method of ethnography to collect original data in three locations: 1) Israel-Palestine (Mary, Our Lady of Palestine) 2) Rwanda (Mary, Our Lady of Kibeho) 3) U.S.: Mary in the Catholic Worker Communities (examples include "Our Lady of the Road/Madonna della Strada" and Our Lady of Guadeloupe). This project breaks from both research on classic Marian piety and feminist critiques, to offer a fresh perspective on Mary, focusing on the ways liberation theologies, Francis, and these Marian practices from the margins offer resources for constructing a liberative Marian theology.

In my research I may also find practices that do not fit into the liberative Marian framework I am proposing. Such practices will also be assessed and considered as a possible critique of my initial framework for this study. The initial framework I have proposed will be reassessed in light of research findings.

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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)

I will be generating new data through semi-structured interviews. I will have interview recordings that are deleted after I complete transcriptions. In total there will be between 45 to 60 interviews that I transcribed and saved as word documents. I will not need extra data storage as all I will be saving are word documents of transcriptions. Audio recordings will only be saved for a limited amount of time (until transcription, usually between 1-6 weeks).

Some of the information is personal because I ask people about their religious background. The interviews will be pseudonymized and any identifying details will be removed. They are kept in a password protected folder on KU Leuven's OneDrive. The key that connects that pseudonymized names will be saved to a separate folder on OneDrive.

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. Designation of responsible person

I am responsible for saving the interview transcriptions on OneDrive. There is no further data beyond interview transcriptions, which will not be publicly available, due to the conditions agreed upon with KU Leuven's SMEC.

1. Storage capacity/repository

- During the research: the data (interview transcriptions) will be saved on KU Leuven's One Drive in a password protected folder. Audio recordings will also be saved in a password protected folder on one drive but deleted as soon as the transcription is completed.
- after the research: The interviews will continued to be saved on One Drive until it is no longer needed for the project (up to ten years). In the contract with interviewees they can be saved for the duration they are relevant to the research project or ten years. Due to the conditions of the interview/what was approved by KU Leuven's SMEC, they are only accessible to myself and my advisor.

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)

The research can be preserved until the completion of the project, up to ten years. I would like to clarify that only myself and my supervisor have access to the research.

Research participants give informed consent to have their interview taken, but the only person who can have access to their real names is the principle researcher (myself). The only two people who have access to the interview transcriptions are myself and my supervisor (Ellen Van Stichel) This is because the interviews contain sensitive materials and the KU Leuven SMEC review wants to minimize risk.

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)

The security measures I have taken are as follows:

Interview transcriptions are saved on a password protected folder on OneDrive. Audio transcriptions are saved in a password protected folder and deleted upon transcription. The key that connects interview transcriptions to the contact details of participants is saved in a password protected folder that is only accessible by the principle researcher (myself). In this way, the identity of interviewees is protected.

Furthermore, in some cases, other potentially identifying details (occupation, location) are removed.

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

I would like to note that this project has already been approved by KU Leuven's SMEC.

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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
Interviews on Mary	Semi-Structured Interview Transcriptions	<i>Please choose from the following options:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Generate new data	<i>Please choose from the following options:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Digital	<i>Please choose from the following options:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Other(Interviews)	<i>Please choose from the following options:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">..pdf,	<i>Please choose from the following options:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><100MB	

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:

I do not reuse existing data.

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.

- Yes, human subject data

Unless participants specifically ask to use their real name (for example, artists) it is important to keep the interviews pseudonymised data.
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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.

- Yes

Name
Age
Occupation
Religious viewpoints
Email address

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

I do not have any "third party agreements." There is just the consent form with interviewees.

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).

This is not applicable. I only use interview transcriptions.

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

I am not using metadata just interview transcriptions of about 45 to 60 people.

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

Where will the data be stored?

KU Leuven One Drive in password protected folders.

How will the data be backed up?

KU Leuven One 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

Yes. Interview transcriptions do not take up much space and KU Leuven OneDrive is sufficient.

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

Data is stored in KU Leuven One Drive in password protected folders. The name and email of interviewees is kept in a separate password protected folder from interview transcriptions.

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

None.

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...).

The interview transcriptions can be saved for the duration of the project or up to ten years if they are still deemed important for the project, according to the approval from KU Leuven's SMEC. They will be on KU Leuven One Drive.

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

The interviews will only be on KU Leuven One Drive because they can not be accessed by anyone other than my supervisor and myself due to the conditions of SMEC.

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

None.

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.

- No (closed access)

As noted in previous sections, the data (interview transcriptions) is saved on KU Leuven OneDrive, and has closed access for myself and my supervisor to comply with SMEC. It can be used during the project and can be saved for up to ten years if the data continues to be deemed relevant to the project.

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

I can access all the data. My supervisor can access transcriptions but not audio or the key linking transcriptions to persons and emails.

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.

- Yes, Ethical aspects

Since I conduct interviews that contain personal information, such as religious perspectives, the interviews are pseudonymized and sharing is restricted (only myself and my advisor)

Where will the data be made available? If already known, please provide a repository per dataset or data type.

The interviews will not be made available in repositories but the results will be published in academic papers.

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.

This research is conducted on the basis of public interest, under KU Leuven. The data cannot be reused by others.

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.

- No

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

No data sharing.

6. Responsibilities

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

Principle researcher (myself). Please note that it is just interview transcriptions and an accompanying key.

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

Myself (Principle researcher).

Who will manage data preservation and sharing?

Myself (principle researcher)

Who will update and implement this DMP?

Myself (principle researcher)

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