
Investigating investigations. Political expectations in the late medieval Low Countries

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Project abstract:

This project investigates the political expectations of subjects in a crucial phase of the history of democracy, namely its emergence in the late Middle Ages. In the period between 1250 and 1450 new ideas arose about political accountability, representation, and the responsibilities of state elites. To what extent are these changes modified by changing political expectations 'from below'? And were such changes, if any, affected by the pandemic of the 1340s, economic crisis, and war? A unique set of sources, the so-called enquêtes (investigations), in which common men and women from Flanders and Brabant complained about the abuse of power by their governors, provide essential evidence to tackle these questions. As a result, an in-depth study of these documents will offer us both a new insight into patterns of political expectations of commoners, as well as an innovative perspective on the political history of women.

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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: <i>N</i> (ew data) or <i>E</i> (xisting data)	Indicate: <i>D</i> (igital) or <i>P</i> (hysical)	Indicate: Audiovisual Images Sound Numerical Textual Model SOftware Other (specify)		Indicate: <1GB <100GB <1TB <5TB >5TB NA	
Investigations	Access Database of the analysis of Historical Investigations of the medieval period ('Enquêtes, besouch'), composed by the counts of Flanders and the Dukes of Brabant in the fourteenth and fifteenth century	N	D	T	Access	<1GB	no
Report	Excell files of the names of persons mentioned and their complaints, found in the Historical Investigations of the medieval period ('Enquêtes, besouch'), composed by the counts of Flanders and the Dukes of Brabant in the fourteenth and fifteenth century	N	D	T	Excell	<1GB	no

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:

NA

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).

There will be a printed and digital version available of the database as a appendix of the PhD thesis.

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

The PhD thesis will have a title which is not yet fixed, and will be available online on the website of the KU Leuven Artes library.

Data Storage & Back-up during the Research Project

Where will the data be stored?

- OneDrive (KU Leuven)

How will the data be backed up?

- Personal back-ups I make (specify below)

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?

KU Leuven ICT will take care of this.

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

none

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)?

- Shared network drive (J-drive)

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 embargoed data (temporary restriction)

The embargo will be the same as the PhD thesis. It will be published online after the embargo, or in print if the PhD thesis will be published.

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

We will follow the rules of KU Leuven

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?

- 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.

- No

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 PI and the PhD student

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

The PI and the PhD student

Who will manage data preservation and sharing?

The PI and the PhD student

Who will update and implement this DMP?

The PI and the PhD student