

# CEGESOMA NEWSLETTER

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### INVITATION

On 6 and 7 June 2019, the State Archives in Leuven will host the annual international archival conference organized by the State Archives in Belgium and the Landschaftsverband Rheinland, with as a central theme Archives and Scholarly Research (Archive und wissenschaftliche Forschung). [\[MORE INFO\]](#)

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### WORKSHOP

Are you a scholar, a student or simply interested in the topic of the looting of art and heritage by the Nazi's in Europe during WWII ? You are invited to the workshop organized by CegeSoma and Amsab-ISH in Brussels on 14 June 2019. [\[MORE INFO\]](#) [http://www.cegesoma.be/cms/index\\_en.php?article=3919](http://www.cegesoma.be/cms/index_en.php?article=3919)

### EHRI

Do you want to stay posted on the latest developments of historical research about the Holocaust and its societal impact ? The closing conference of the second phase of EHRI (European Holocaust Research Infrastructure) takes place on 3 July 2019 in Amsterdam. [\[MORE INFO\]](#) <http://www.cegesoma.be>

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### PUBLICATION

'War. Occupation. Liberation. Belgium 1940-1945.' Discover the richly illustrated public history-book that delves further into the new permanent WWII-exhibition in the War Heritage Institute. [\[MORE INFO\]](#)

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### PROJECT UGESCO

The manual of the 'Ugescrowd'-platform is now available. Help us to improve in a playful way the descriptions of the photographic collections of CegeSoma. [\[MORE INFO\]](#) <http://www.cegesoma.be>

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### CALENDAR

Have a look at the activities of CegeSoma in June 2019. [\[MORE INFO\]](#) <http://www.cegesoma.be>

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## Conference in Leuven about archives and historical research

From 6 to 7 June, the yearly international archival symposium will take place in the Belgian State Archives in Leuven.

The theme of this year's conference is archives and scholarly research (*Archive und wissenschaftliche Forschung*).



Sébastien Dubois (operational director of the State Archives Wallonia) participates to the opening debate, which will be moderated by Eddy Put (head of the Operational Directorate Flanders of the Belgian State Archives).

Nico Wouters (CegeSoma) will give a presentation about the archives and research about the Second World War in Belgium.

The conference languages will be German and English, the subscription fee is 120 euro and you can register via [rijksarchief.leuven@arch.be](mailto:rijksarchief.leuven@arch.be).

You can find the conference program including all practical information [here](#).

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## Workshop Plunder of Art and Heritage in Belgium during the Second World War - 14 June 2019

Recently Patricia Grimsted, the well-known American researcher on the history of the German looting of art and heritage in Europe during World War II, has addressed a number of Belgian researchers with a request to follow up on earlier research and publication projects.



Amsab-ISH has recently started a volunteer project in reply to this request co-ordinated by Michel Vermote and in cooperation with CEGESOMA. Several researchers in many different research centres in Belgium have been involved in this research domain.

CEGESOMA and Amab-ISH organise a workshop in Brussels on 14 June 2019 to round up earlier and recent progress in research activities and to evaluate opportunities of future research. We will start off by presenting the recent initiatives by prof. Grimsted and invite researchers to comment and to make suggestions.

The workshop is free of charge and limited of scope as to participants, envisaging Belgian and international researchers involved, students working on connected topics and research networks active in this domain.

Objectives of the workshop are to promote communication and networking among researchers and to provide opportunities for research and project proposals.

**Workshop Plunder of Art and Heritage in Belgium during the Second World War - Friday 14 June 2019, CegeSoma, Luchtvaartsquare 29, 1070 Brussels.**

### PROGRAMME

- 13:30-14:00 Welcome and Coffee
- 14:00-14:15 Opening Remarks, by Nico Wouters (Belgian State Archives/CegeSoma)
- 14:15-14:30 Introduction, by Michel Vermote (Amsab-ISH)
- 14:30-15:15 Keynote "Plunder of Library Materials in Belgium by the Einsatzstab Reichsleiter Rosenberg", by Patricia Kennedy Grimsted (Harvard University)
- 15:15-16:45 Round Table, moderator Dirk Luyten (Belgian State Archives/CegeSoma)
- 16:45-17:00 Further Questions
- 17:00 Wrapping up, by Donald Weber (Amsab-ISH)

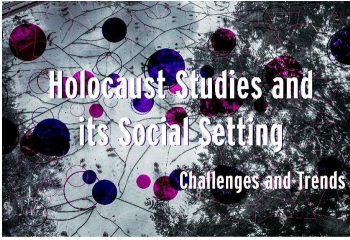
The Workshop language is English.

**If you are interested in joining this workshop - depending on the number of available seats - please send an e-mail to [isabelle.ponteville@arch.be](mailto:isabelle.ponteville@arch.be).**

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## International Conference 'Holocaust Studies and Its Social Setting'

To conclude the second phase of the project "European Holocaust Research Infrastructure", with the State Archives/CegeSoma being one of its partner institutions, an international conference is going to be held in Amsterdam **on July 3, 2019**.



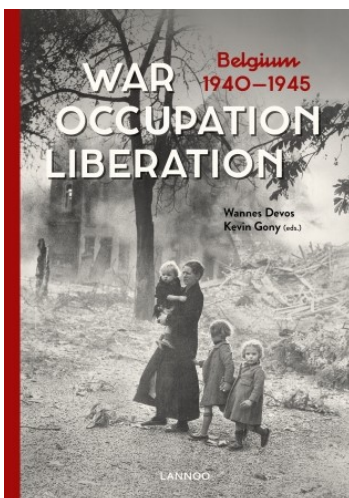
For further information on the conference and registration details, please click [here](#).

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## War - occupation - liberation: a new book on Belgium during the Second World War

On May 8, a new permanent exhibition on the Second World War was opened at the Army Museum / War Heritage Institute.

This exhibition is accompanied by a catalogue that looks at the Second World War from different angles. To the latter, CegeSoma researchers have made a significant contribution.



The book is by no means a "battle-history"; on the contrary, it highlights various social, political and cultural aspects of the history of the Second World War.

The latest research in this field is being integrated through a number of authors who have recently defended their doctoral thesis in the field of Second World War history.

"Confirmed" authors from different universities and research institutions, such as CegeSoma, have also contributed. The book opts for a broad chronological perspective, starting in the inter-war period, paying particular attention to liberation and not forgetting the weight of memory.

Finally, Belgium has been placed in a broader international context, as evidenced by the contribution of the renowned British historian Richard Overy, who concludes the book.

### **A book for the wider public**

The book is intended for a wide audience. The (short) chapters take as their starting point a collector's piece that can also be seen in the exhibition.

The book is richly illustrated, but this does not affect its scientific accuracy: the chapters are accompanied by a endnotes and a bibliography closes the book.

In short, an ideal book for those looking for a readable and up-to-date overview of the impact of the Second World War on Belgian society.

The book is published in Dutch, French and English and costs €29.99. It is on sale in bookshops and of course also in the museum shop on the occasion of the exhibition.

To find more information on the opening hours click [here](#).

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## Find out how to use the Ugescrowd platform

The Ugescrowd platform (a new digital tool for improving the description of CegeSoma's photograph collections) is set up to be as intuitive as possible. However, initial feedback from users has shown that the platform still needs some modifications and first-time users can benefit from some guidance.

As a result, we wrote this step-by-step guide to help you discover our new tool.



To view the user manual, click [here](#).

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## Calendar of Events

*Friday 22 November 2019 from 9.00 to 5.00 pm (in the KBR)*

- [International colloquium about Linked Data \(ADOCHS project\).](#)

*Friday 28 November 2019 (in the CegeSoma)*

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*Tuesday 10 December 2019 from 9.15 to 5.00 pm (in the Belgian senate)*

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