

# NEWSLETTER

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## NEWS

### CHILDREN OF RESISTANCE FIGHTERS. BELGIUM. 1940-1945.

A documentary produced with the help of CegeSoma and the Archives Service for War Victims. A must-see on *La Une* - RTBF TV channel, Wednesday 1 November 2023 (8:15pm - 9:50pm).

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EXPOSITION - TENTOONSTELLING  
9 nov. → 18 nov. 2023  
Demeure abbatiale de Dielegem  
Abtswoning van Dielegem  
Rue Jean Tiebaeckstraat 14, 1090 Jette

**Hôpitaux très occupés**  
*Hôpital Brugmann, Hôpital Français Reine Elisabeth, Instituts Jules Bordet et George Eastman pendant la Seconde Guerre mondiale*

## EXHIBITION

Brugmann Hospital, French Hospital - Queen Elisabeth, Jules Bordet and George Eastman Institutes. What happened in these hospitals during World War II? Gerlinda Swillen, associate researcher at CegeSoma, invites us to find out from November 9 to 18, 2023, in an exhibition she is organizing at the Dielegem Abbot's Residence in Jette.

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## ON THE AGENDA

### ORDINARY ANTISEMITISM

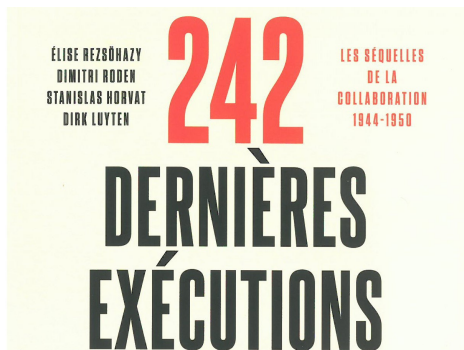
On 22 November, between 12:30 and 2:00 pm, CegeSoma invites you

### Un antisémitisme ordinaire

Représentations judéophobes et pratiques policières (1880-1930)

to join a conference-debate (in French) with guest speaker Yasmina Zian. She will present the results of her research into the surveillance of foreign Jews in Cureghem by the Aliens Police in 1880-1930. Bruno Benvindo will lead the talk.

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## THE LAST 242 EXECUTIONS IN BELGIUM

Join us at CegeSoma on 29 November (4.30 pm - 6 pm) for a conference-debate (in French and Dutch) with guests Élise Rezsöhazi, Dimitri Roden, Stanislas Horvat and Dirk Luyten. They will present their book on the 242 collaborators and war criminals sentenced to death and shot in Belgium after WW2.

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## PUBLICATION

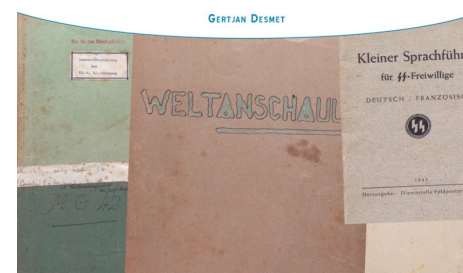
### ROGER DE GOÿ'S ARCHIVES

Discover CegeSoma's latest inventory of the archives of one of the leaders of the Rex youth movement, who fought on the Eastern Front as a Walloon Legion officer.

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### Inventaris van het archief van Roger De Goÿ

1914-1979 (1987) (vnl. 1940-1945)



## RESEARCH



### FED-TWIN BEMULTILAT PROJECT

This new project aims to reassess the history of Belgian foreign policy through the prism of multilateralism, and to prepare and accompany the physical transfer of Belgian diplomatic archives from the FPS Foreign Affairs to the State Archives.



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## **Enfants de résistants. Belgique. 1940-1945. (Children of Resistance fighters. Belgium.1940-1945.).**

Documentary Film.

**World War II**



In Belgium, Resistance against the Nazi regime during the Second World War is virtually absent from the collective memory. However, the actions of the heroes and heroines of

the underground were often fraught with consequences: arrest, torture, imprisonment, deportation to camps in Germany and sometimes - often - death. Their children had to cope with fear, uncertainty and absence. While feelings of pride and glory are present in some families, for others, silence and even suffering still weigh heavily.

The *RTBF* met these witnesses and produced a French-language documentary film on this subject titled: '*Enfants de résistants. Belgique. 1940-1945*'.

Scheduled on ***La Une* (Channel One), Wednesday, 1 November 2023 from 8:15pm to 9:50pm**, it addresses the many ways of growing up as children of resistance fighters, and confronts memory with historical fact in a search for truth.

The Archives Service for War Victims and CegeSoma contributed to the making of this documentary by providing archive documents and film locations. CegeSoma also provided scientific advice.

A documentary that shouldn't be missed...



**01/11/2023 - 20:15 to 21:45**

**Main language**

French

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# Occupied Hospitals. Brugmann Hospital, French Hospital-Queen Elisabeth, Jules Bordet and Georges Eastman institutes during World War II.

Exhibition.

**World War II** [Exhibition](#)



## Hôpitaux très occupés

*Hôpital Brugmann,  
Hôpital Français-Reine Elisabeth,  
Instituts Jules Bordet et George Eastman  
pendant la Seconde Guerre mondiale*

## Bezette ziekenhuizen

*Brugmann-ziekenhuis,  
Frans Hospitaal-Koningin Elisabeth,  
Instituten Jules Bordet en George Eastman  
in de Tweede Wereldoorlog*

Geschied- en Heemkundige Kring «Sint-Achtenbergs» - Cercle d'histoire, d'Archéologie et de Folklore du **Comté de Jette** et de la Région A.S.B.L. - Geschied- en Heemkundige Kring van het **Graafschap Jette** en Omgeving V.Z.W. - Geschied- en Heemkundige Kring **LACA**  
**Met de steun van/Avec le soutien de:** archief/archives OCMW-CPAS Brussel/Bruxelles, ARA/AGR-CEGESOMA  
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This year the Brugmann Hospital celebrates its centennial. The French Hospital-Queen Elisabeth in Sint-Agatha-Berchem is nearly as old; inaugurated in 1930. The same goes for the George Eastman and Jules Bordet Institutes, opened in 1935 and 1939, respectively. There is the same major gap in the history of these health centers: what happened during World War II?

The German occupiers claimed all four. The *Wehrmacht* moved into the Brugmann Hospital and the George Eastman Institute. The *Luftwaffe* preferred the French Hospital-Queen Elisabeth. The management of the Jules Bordet Institute was in German hands, which wanted to transform it, together with the *Wehrmacht* health service, into a military institution specializing in war surgery.

The exhibition at Dielegem Abbot's Residence in Jette looks at the evacuation of hospitals, and how the Public Assistance Commission of Brussels moved patients and staff elsewhere and tried to protect them, as well as its opposition and resistance to National Socialist measures. Furthermore, it reveals how German doctors and nurses from the German Red Cross not only provided medical assistance and organized parties, but also did not shy away from experimenting on civilian patients and covering up traces of torture left by their colleagues from other Nazi services.

This exhibition is the work of [Gerlinda Swillen](#), PhD in history and associate researcher at CegeSoma/State Archives, with the help of the following local history circles : *De Geschied- en Heemkundige Kring 'Sint-Achtenberg'*; *le Cercle d'Histoire, d'Archéologie et de Folklore du Comté de Jette et de la Région (asbl)* - *De Geschied- en Heemkundige Kring van het Graafschap Jette en Omgeving (asbl)* and *De Laca - Geschied- en Heemkundige Kring Laken*. It has received the support of the Public Assistance Commission of Brussels, CegeSoma/State Archives and the French-speaking Community Commission (*Commission communautaire française - COCOF*).

The difficult relations in those hospitals with the German occupiers will be discussed in more detail in a later publication. We will of course keep you informed about it.



12/01/2024 - 10:00 to 11/02/2024 - 17:00

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

This will be a travelling exhibition. Below please find information on its future two locations.

**When:** vernissage on 12 January at 8 pm. Open January 13 to 14, 2024 from 10 am to 5 pm.

**Where:** avenue Josse Goffin 158, 1082 Brussels (Berchem-Sainte-Agathe)

**Admission free.**

**Schools:** January 15 & 16, 2024 - reservations by appointment via email: [sintachtenbergkring@gmail.com](mailto:sintachtenbergkring@gmail.com)

**From February 4, 2024 to February 11, 2024:** *Gemeenschapscentrum Nekkersdal*, Emile Bockstael Avenue 107, 1020 Laken. Admission free.

**Contact:** [info@laca.be](mailto:info@laca.be)

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## Ordinary anti-Semitism. Investigating police practices in Cureghem.

CegeSoma Public History Meeting (2023-7)

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Yasmina Zian

### Un antisémitisme ordinaire

Représentations judéophobes  
et pratiques policières (1880-1930)



## Conference-debate (in French) with guest Yasmina Zian

### Interview by Bruno Benvindo

Before the 1930s, Belgium's political and intellectual elite did not advocate anti-Semitic ideas. But was anti-Semitism nonetheless harmless in Belgium?

Through an original investigation, Yasmina Zian reveals the mechanics of criminalization of Jews by the Belgian Aliens Police between 1880 and 1930. This criminalization is seen as a form of institutional racism generated by widespread Judeophobic stereotypes, and questions the practices and representations of the Aliens Police.

Her investigation is based more specifically on the surveillance of Jewish foreigners in Cureghem. Highly stigmatized, the Cureghem district is labelled as Jewish, poor and foreign by the police. As a result, Cureghem's Jews were more likely to be the target of surveillance based on the criminalization they were subject to, which varied according to prevailing stereotypes as well as their class affiliation, nationality, gender, "race" and place of residence.

This book, illustrated with the life stories of foreigners, highlights the three criminal figures of the foreign Jew who preoccupy the Aliens Police: the " Jewish peddler ", the "Boche Jew" and the " Judeo-Bolshevik ".

On Wednesday 22 November 2023, CegeSoma and the non-profit organization 'Les Amis du CegeSoma' are pleased to invite you to discover in greater depth the results of Yasmina Zian's research as part of their Public History Meetings.

We look forward to seeing you there!

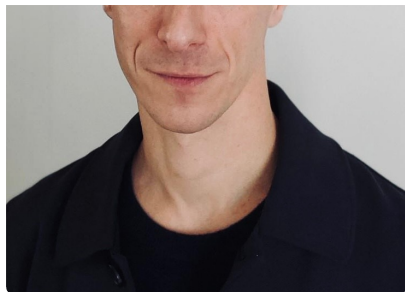


**Yasmina Zian** is a Doctor of History. '*Un antisémitisme ordinaire. Représentations judéophobes et pratiques policières (1880-1930)*' is the fruit of her PhD research. After completing post-doctoral research at the Royal Academy of Belgium on the restitution of cultural heritage in a colonial context, she was awarded a Swiss Confederation Excellence Scholarship, which enabled her to carry out research at the Swiss Forum for Migration of Neuchâtel University. She then trained in provenance research at the Musée d'ethnographie de Neuchâtel. Since June 2023, she has been working at the C<sup>2</sup>DH (University of Luxembourg) on the spoliation of Jewish property during World War II in Luxembourg.



**Bruno Benvindo** is a historian. He worked as a researcher at the *Université libre de Bruxelles*, then at CegeSoma, where he notably published '*Henri Storck, le cinéma belge et l'Occupation*' (2010) and '*Décombres de la guerre. Mémoires belges en conflit, 1945-2010*' (2012, with Evert Peeters).

He is currently Director of Exhibitions at the Jewish Museum of Belgium, where he is setting



up a program of exhibitions questioning the intersections between art and history in the 20th century.



22/11/2023 - 12:30 to 14:00

#### **PRACTICAL INFORMATION :**

**Where?** CegeSoma conference room, Aviation Square 29 - 1070 Brussels

**When?** Wednesday, 22 November 2023 (12.30 - 14.00)

**Registration required:** [isabelle.ponteville@arch.be](mailto:isabelle.ponteville@arch.be) or 02.556.92.11

For those who wish, the book will be on sale for €26.00.

Please feel free to come along!

Yasmina Zian, *Un antisémitisme ordinaire. Représentations judéophobes et pratiques policières (1880-1930)*, Brussels, Editions de l'Université de Bruxelles, 2023, 232 p.

#### **Main language**

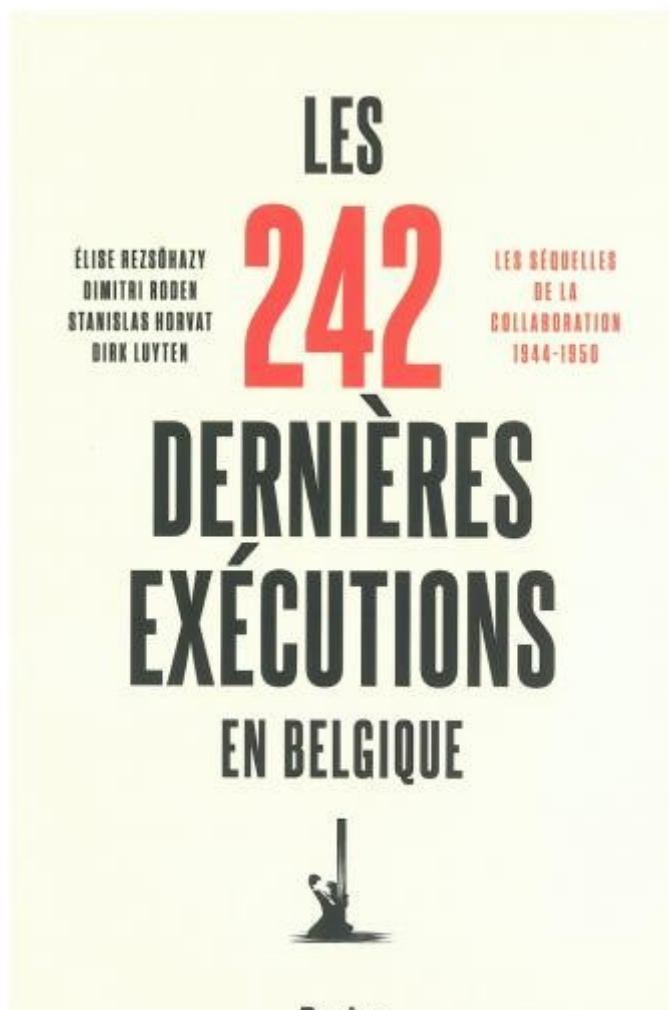
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## The last 242 executions in Belgium: military justice and executions as part of the repression of collaboration after World War II.

CegeSoma Public History Meeting (2023-8)

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## Conference-debate (in French and in Dutch) with guests,

### Élise Rezsöhazy, Dimitri Roden, Stanislas Horvat and Dirk Luyten

After World War Two, in Belgium, 242 collaborators and war criminals condemned to death were shot. Not only were these executions the most severe punishment for the crimes of collaboration, they are also engraved in the collective memory because of their considerable social and symbolic impact. However, there are still many myths and misconceptions about these executions. The BELSPO-BRAIN 2.0 Postwarex project, developed in cooperation between CegeSoma and the Royal Military Academy, examined these executions from the point of view of military justice, which played a central role both in the process leading up to them and in the executions themselves. For the first time, Postwarex researchers had access to the entire military justice archive. They were able not only to draw up a detailed profile of the 242 people executed, but also to reconstruct in detail the executions and the decision-making process. The results of this research are now available in Dutch and French in two new publications: *De Laatste 242/Les dernières 242 exécutions en Belgique*, published by Lannoo and Racine.

During a **bilingual** Public History conference and debate organized by CegeSoma and the non-profit organization '*Les Amis du CegeSoma/De Vrienden van het CegeSoma*' on **Wednesday 29 November 2023 (4.30 - 6.00 pm)**, the four authors will develop the final results of their research, some partial aspects of which they have already highlighted at the closing conference of the Postwarex project in May 2022. This will also be an opportunity to debate with the authors about these executions and their significance for repression and for the long-term history of Belgian justice.

**Élise Rezsöhazy** is a historian and was a researcher at the State Archives/CegeSoma as part of the Postwarex project underpinning 'De Laatste 242/Les 242 dernières exécutions en Belgique'. She is currently associated with UCLouvain.

**Dimitri Roden** is a historian and researcher at the Royal Military Academy. He was a researcher in the Postwarex project.

**Stanislas Horvat** is a legal historian and was promoter of the Postwarex project for the Royal Military Academy, where he is a professor.

**Dirk Luyten** is a historian and was promoter of the Postwarex project for the State Archives/CegeSoma, where he works as a researcher.

Both books will be available for purchase after the conference.

We look forward to seeing you all there!



29/11/2023 - 16:30 to 18:00

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

**Where?** CegeSoma conference room, Aviation Square 29 - 1070 Brussels.

**When?** Wednesday, 29 November 2023 ( 16.30 - 18.00).

**Registration required:** [isabelle.ponteville@arch.be](mailto:isabelle.ponteville@arch.be) or 02.556.92.11.

Élise Rezsöhazy, Dimitri Roden, Stanislas Horvat, Dirk Luyten, *De Laatste 242: het militair gerecht en de executies in het kader van de bestraffing van de collaboratie na de Tweede Wereldoorlog*, Tielt, Lannoo, 2023, 344 p., €27.99

Élise Rezsöhazy, Dimitri Roden, Stanislas Horvat, Dirk Luyten, *Les dernières 242 exécutions en Belgique. Les séquelles de la collaboration 1944-1950*, Brussels, Racine, 2023, 336 p., €27.99.

Don't hesitate to bring along friends!

### Main language

Dutch

French

### RELATED LINKS

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[PODCAST \(in Dutch\) 'De laatste 242' on Radio 1 - 30.9.2023](#)

## New inventory!

The archives of Roger De Goÿ, officer of the Légion Wallonie



In 2022 and 2023, CegeSoma received the archives of Roger De Goj, one of the leaders of the rexist youth movement and an Eastern Front volunteer. The De Goj family donated us a total of one linear meter of archives from the period ca. 1914-1987. This interesting archive has now been made accessible: [the inventory can be consulted via our search engine \*Search\*](#) and [is available for download](#). The De Goj archives (reference 03160) are freely accessible.

Around 1936, Roger De Goj (1919-1979), employed by the Grands Magasins du Bon Marché and the Banque Générale, became an active Rexist militant ( for example, within the Association de Campement et de Tourisme of count Xavier de Hemricourt de Grunne). De Goj eventually became federal leader of the Rexist youth movement for boys, the Serments de la Jeunesse Rexiste Masculine, and deputy to Maurice 'John' Hagemans, provost of the Jeunesse Rexiste unifiée. In March 1942, De Goj joined the Walloon Legion. After basic training at the Regenwurmlager in Meseritz, he left for the Eastern Front (as Hagemans' orderly), where he fought in Izjum and Majkop, among others. After the Legion's incorporation into the Waffen-SS, De Goj underwent officer training at the SS Junkerschule (Bad Tölz) and the SS Panzer-Grenadier-Schule (Kienschlag-Neweklau) (1943-1944). He took part in the Third Reich's last major campaigns on the Eastern Front in 1944-1945, notably around Stargard. De Goj ended the war as SS-Obersturmführer in the Kampfgruppe led by Henri Derriks, and was taken prisoner by the Americans in May 1945. He was sentenced to death in 1946, but his sentence was commuted and, after a reduction of his punishment, he was paroled in 1950. De Goj and his wife, Marie-José Germanès (1924-2022), also from a Rexist family, remained in contact with former legionnaires until their deaths.

De Goj's archives are particularly fascinating for the notes, manuals and teaching materials he collected during his training as an SS officer. Such items provide a detailed picture of how the Legion's cadres were trained both militarily and ideologically. De Goj's diaries and autobiographical writings are of obvious value, as are poetry albums containing messages from fellow prisoners at Saint-Gilles prison. His archives also contain some documents by Hagemans, especially his diary of the 18-day campaign. Finally, we should also mention some writings from the years 1950s-1970s that evoke the way in which former volunteers on the Eastern Front wrote the history of "their" Legion.

**P.S. [Do you also have archival documents \(photos, letters, diaries, association documents, etc.\) with a link to 20th century conflicts? Do you wish them to be preserved for future generations? Please contact us !](#)**

#### Other news

[The archives of star reporter Alain de Prelle de la Nieppe at CegeSoma](#)

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[Occupation and everyday life: a new resource portal on World War II](#)



New publication 'Provinciebestuur Limburg tijdens de Tweede Wereldoorlog' (The provincial government of Limburg during World War II)  
The Horizon 2020 funded project EHRI PP comes to an end  
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## BEMULTILAT (FED-tWIN Program)

BEMULTILAT: Archives and history of Belgian foreign policy (2023-)

### World War I



This project lies at the crossroads of fundamental research into the history of Belgium's international relations and the contribution made to opening up to research the

archival holdings that are essential to the writing of this history. While Belgium's exceptionally rich diplomatic archives have long remained under-exploited and poorly inventoried (until a significant opening up ten years ago, thanks to archivists with recognized expertise), the prospect of a future transfer of the archives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the State Archives offers an excellent opportunity to combine archival work and historiographical renewal.

In this way, the research also responds to the need for transparency and democratic control of public policy. In terms of fundamental research, BEMULTILAT's main objective is to reassess the history of Belgian foreign policy through the prism of multilateralism, both as a political concept applicable over a long period (1830-1960) and as a grid for analyzing Belgium's international commitments. Extensive archival work will be carried out to re-examine the major phases in the history of Belgium's international relations, and even to question and reformulate their articulation. This research will be disseminated through publications, participation in the training of graduate students at ULiège, involvement in CegeSoma activities, and active participation in an international network of researchers in the history of multilateralism.

In terms of opening up archives to research, the project aims to prepare and support the physical transfer of Belgian diplomatic archives from the Federal Public Service Foreign Affairs

(FPS) to the State Archives, in accordance with the 2017 agreement. This mission involves a transfer of experience and perfect coordination with the archivists currently in charge of these funds. It also involves designing the architecture for an updated, coherent and hierarchical general description of the archives held by the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. This major project will be preceded by several stages, such as the drafting of a "Milestone" useful for accessing these archives, as well as a more detailed "Guide", which will further clarify this preliminary work. Finally, we need to identify and inventory those files in the archives held by the State Archives that will enable us to write the history of Belgium and multilateralism (1830-1960), thus ensuring a good link between fundamental research and archival work.

**Vincent Genin** is in charge of implementing the BEMULTILAT project (FED-tWIN program), in the dual institutional environment of CegeSoma/State Archives, under Michael Auwers, and Liège University, under Catherine Lanneau.



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**Project manager(s)**



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