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## 2nd Corvus Applied History Workshop

# Activating the past: reflections and perspectives on Applied History as a means to address societal challenges

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Corvus Applied History Workshop considers how Applied History can/should be mobilized to address pressing societal issues. It does so through an insider's look on several ongoing European research projects. The speakers provide different perspectives on practicing Applied History, while also reflecting on common issues and challenges. These include building trust and balancing commitments to social justice with notions of scholarly and professional 'neutrality' when dealing with traditionally excluded communities, advocacy groups, businesses, public institutions or the media. As such, they showcase the potential of Applied History as a means of activating the past in order to impact the present in tangible and productive ways.

Venue: State Archives, Vaartstraat 24, 3000 Leuven

Attendance is free, but places are limited.  
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**9h30: Doors****10h00: Session 1****The opportunities and limits of applying history in social and reparatory justice****Chiara Candaele***Doctoral researcher UAntwerpen, research collaborator Belgian State Archives***Delphine Lauwers***Postdoctoral researcher, Belgian State Archives***Applied History from above: addressing trust-related issues in public institutions****Julie Wynant***Doctoral researcher, KU Leuven and Belgian State Archives***Media portrayals of the past and the background of social justice movements****Alexandra Van den Berghe***Doctoral researcher, KU Leuven***Key themes: Historians as ‘outsider-insiders’ with businesses and government****Alix Green***Lecturer in Public History, University of Essex***11h30: Break****12h00: Session 2****The changing and negotiated meaning of “colonialism” in a transatlantic field****Janne Schreurs***Doctoral researcher, KU Leuven***NATO’s fault? Historical legitimations for Russian strategy in Flemish state media****Bram De Ridder***Postdoctoral researcher, KU Leuven en UAntwerpen***13h00: Lunch****14h00: Debate****Moderator/respondent****Isabel Casteels***Doctoral researcher, KU Leuven***15h30: Optional participation in the heritage trail ‘100 years of female students at the KU Leuven’**