

CIVITAS-ACADEMY 2023: Research and Archives of Christian-Democracy CALL FOR PAPERS

The impact and legacy of Christian-Democracy runs throughout a variety of themes in contemporary history – ranging from European integration over the Cold War to the development of the welfare state. Its relevance surpasses national and European borders, through a variety of transnational connections linking political parties and social movements in different countries and continents. Moreover, histories of Christian-Democracy have also become of interest to diverse disciplines within the humanities – ranging from political sciences to sociology and economics. Yet, many studies of Christian-Democracy have so far remained rather insular, while many researchers are confronted with many methodological and conceptual hurdles when accessing sources and archives.

To stimulate fresh interdisciplinary approaches and themes and to connect the history of Christian-Democracy to wider and comparative fields of research, CIVITAS-FARCD has started up a yearly CIVITAS-Academy. The CIVITAS-Academy welcomes young and early career researchers (max. 10 years of PhD) from different disciplines within the humanities. The CIVITAS-Academy consists of a combination of paper presentations and lectures by keynote speakers, as well as hands-on archival and methodological sessions, in which participants are given access to relevant sources and archival material and will be able to discuss their work with senior researchers as well as archivists.

The 2023 CIVITAS-Academy, which is the third edition, will take place from **7 to 10 November 2023** at KADOC-KU Leuven (Belgium). Although proposals may deal with a variety of topics on Christian-Democracy after 1945, we especially welcome proposals that work on the following themes:

- Christian-Democracy, the Vatican and churches
- Christian-Democracy and the new social movements of the 1960s-1980s
- Christian-Democracy and European Integration
- Relations with Africa, Latin America, and Asia and development aid

The selected participants will be given a fellowship covering accommodation for five days as well as travel costs. The number of participants is limited to five.

PLEASE SEND A PROPOSAL of max. 500 words presenting your research as well as a CV (1 page) with institutional affiliation, past publications, etc. to Dr. Godfried Kwanten (godfried.kwanten@kuleuven.be), **before 20 August 2023**.

Notification of acceptance will follow by 7 September 2023.

More information on <https://civitas-farcd.eu/>

CIVITAS – Forum of Archives and Research on Christian-Democracy is an international network interlinking heritage and research institutions as well as individual researchers from across the globe. It has been established by Istituto Luigi Sturzo (Rome), KADOC-KU Leuven (Leuven) and the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (Bonn).



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