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Marie-Gabrielle Verbergt (°1995) is a PhD Student at Ghent University (2018-2023) working at the intersection of historiography, the theory of history, the history of European integration, and the sociology of knowledge. She has obtained her BA in History at the University of Leuven (2016), holds an MA in History from Ghent University (2017) and an MA in the Social Sciences from The University of Chicago (2018), where she held a Fulbright Student Grant and B.A.E.F. Baillet Latour Fellowship (2017-2018).

Her general research interests lie in the history of late 20th and 21st century historiography; in short, asking how historians' study of the past has changed over the past seventy years in practice, form, and function. Her current work touches on those questions by focusing on the history of European Union sponsorship of historical research between 1970 and today. She is especially interested in the production and institutionalization of ideas about valuable knowledge and 'good' and 'bad' ways of knowing the past through peer review and selection mechanisms, as well as the changing relationships between the academy, funding organizations, and the state. Since March 2020, she has also been working on a collaborative side-project on 'populist historical reason', analyzing the specific ways populists deal with the past.

CURRENT OCCUPATION

- 2019 – ongoing **PhD-researcher in History – Ghent University**
FWO-financed project "Giving Grants, Making History: Five decades of European funding for historical research (1970-present)" (advisors: Prof. Dr. Berber Bevernage and Prof. Dr. Frederik Buylaert)
- 2018 – 2019 **PhD-researcher in History – Ghent University**
BOF Special Research Fund-financed project "Sponsoring a European Historical Culture: Representations of the Past Promoted by the European Union (1970-today)" (advisors: Prof. Dr. Berber Bevernage and Prof. Dr. Frederik Buylaert)

EDUCATION

- 2017 – 2018 **MA in the Social Sciences – University of Chicago** GPA 3.93
Focus on Sociology of Science and Technology, Sociology of Knowledge
Master's thesis: *Borgesian Dreams and Epistemic Nightmares: The Effects of Early Computer-Use on French Medievalists* (advisor: Prof. Dr. Adrian Johns)
- 2016 – 2017 **MA of History – Ghent University** summa cum laude
Master's thesis: *Medievalists and Modernity: Periodization in the Historiographical Debate on Burgundian State-Formation (1945-today)*
(advisors: Berber Bevernage and Frederik Buylaert)
- 2015 – 2016 **BA of History – Erasmus at University of Leeds**, magna cum laude
Institute for Medieval Studies, Sept. – January 2015-16
- 2013 – 2016 **BA of History – KU Leuven (University of Leuven)** magna cum laude
Focus on socio-political history of the Late Middle Ages

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

(forthcoming) Verbergt, Marie-Gabrielle, "Rigid criteria should not be established? A history of peer evaluation in European humanities funding", *Serendipities – Journal for the Sociology and History of the Social Sciences*, Special Issue: International Circulations and Inequalities in the Social Sciences, expected first semester 2023.

(forthcoming) Verbergt, Marie-Gabrielle, "History for EU Policy: Policy-oriented history as a new type of history" in *New Roles for Professional Historians*, The Politics of Historical Thinking, eds. Berber Bevernage and Lutz Raphael, Berlin: De Gruyter Oldenbourg, expected Spring 2023.

Verbergt, Marie-Gabrielle, "On the Emergence of Anti-Relativism in the EU's Historical Culture (2000-2020)", *International Journal of Politics, Culture, and Society* 35 (2021): 517–544.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10767-021-09408-5>.

Verbergt, Marie-Gabrielle, "Borghesian Dreams and Epistemic Nightmares: The Effects of Early Computer-Use on French Medievalists (1970-1995)", *Storia della Storiografia – History of Historiography* 75-1 (2019): 83-104. <http://dx.doi.org/10.19272/201911501004>.

Buylaert, Frederik and Marie-Gabrielle Verbergt, "Constructing and Deconstructing the 'State': the Case of the Low Countries", *BMGN – Low Countries Historical Review* 132-4 (2017): 75-79.
<https://doi.org/10.18352/bmgn-lchr.10417>.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2023	Commission of Scientific Research (CWO) of the Faculty of Arts and Philosophy Long research Stay Grant, Ghent University, €1700
2022	FWO Flanders Research Foundation travel grant, €1300
2022	Commission of Scientific Research (CWO) of the Faculty of Arts and Philosophy Short research Stay Grant, Ghent University, €1560
2019 – 2023	FWO Flanders Research Foundation Fellowship: 4-year PhD Fellowship
2021	Postgraduate Vibeke Sørensen Grant, European University Institute, Historical Archives of the European Union, €1350
2018 – 2019	BOF Special Research Fund Fellowship: 1 year PhD Fellowship
2017 – 2018	University of Chicago Social Sciences Scholarship, \$37.200
2017 – 2018	B.A.E.F. (Belgian American Educational Foundation) Baillet Latour Fellowship, \$38.000
2017 – 2018	Fulbright Grant, Commission for Educational Exchange between the United States, Belgium, and Luxembourg, \$10.000
2018	André Schaepdrijver Prize awarded by the Alumni Association of the History Program at Ghent University (OSGG) for best MA thesis in History, €500

RESEARCH STAYS & VISITS

Feb-March 2023	Roskilde University, Department of Social Sciences and Business, Denmark Collaboration within the project "The European Field of Social-Scientific Knowledge Production" of Prof. Dr. Kristoffer Kropp
July 2022	European University Institute, Florence, Italy Archival research, Historical Archives of the European Union
Feb-March 2022	Leiden University, Institute for History, The Netherlands Collaboration with the NWO VICI team "Scholarly Vices: A Longue Durée History" of Prof. Dr. Herman Paul
June-July 2021	European University Institute, Florence, Italy Postgraduate Vibeke Sørensen Grant, Historical Archives of the European Union

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 **The professionalization of funding. On the birth of the EU funding industry**
Workshop presentation for Scholarly Virtues, Scholarly Vices Vici Project, Leiden University, Institute for History, 14 April 2023
- 2023 **Investing in policy. EU funding of “regulatory history” since 1994**
Seminar on The funding of cultural production and the relations between cultural and political fields, Roskilde University, Roskilde, 2 March 2023
- 2023 **Investing in integration. How the EU funded research into its own history (invited talk)**
Postgraduate workshop New Histories of European Integration and Europeanisation, Duitsland Instituut, Amsterdam, 27 January 2023
- 2023 **Europe, funding, and historians: bringing 'historiographical infrastructure' into view (invited talk)**
Séminaire Histoire de l'histoire et des historiens 2022-2023, Université Paris-Cité, Paris, 13 January 2023
- 2022 **Historians tackling “societal challenges”: A history of EU funding for policy-oriented historical research**
ESHS Conference on Science Policy and Politics of Science, Université Libre de Bruxelles, 7-10 September 2022
- 2022 **“Rigid criteria should not be established”: The assumptions and procedures of European humanities funding between 1975-1995**
Online workshop on International Circulations and Inequalities in the Social Sciences, 18 May 2022
- 2022 **Placing bets on history: Changing conceptions of valuable historical research in the 21st century**
International Conference for the Theory of History, Meritorious Autonomous University of Puebla (BUAP), 26-29 April 2022
- 2022 **Giving grants, making history: Five decades of European funding for historical research (1970-now)**
Workshop presentation for Scholarly Virtues, Scholarly Vices Vici Project, Leiden University, Institute for History, 18 March 2022
- 2022 **Historians between academy and state: The case of European policy-oriented historical research**
Sarton Seminar at the Sarton Centre for the History of Science Lecture, Ghent University, 17 February 2022
- 2022 **Policy-oriented history in the 21st century: Trends, characteristics, dilemma's**
Workshop presentation for researchers from HISCON/Corvus Applied History Project, University of Leuven, 21 January 2022
- 2019 **Institutionalizing an epistemic regime? EU-Sponsorship of history, memory, and heritage projects (1967- present)**
Third Annual Graduate Student Conference on the History of European Integration, European University Institute Florence, 8-9 September 2019
- 2018 **Medievalists and Modernity. Periodization in the Post-WWII Debate on the Burgundian State**
Early Modern and Mediterranean History Workshop Panel on Periodization, University of Chicago, February 26, 2018

ACADEMIC SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS

- 2020 – 2022 **Representation:** Elected representative of the AAP staff (doctoral and postdoctoral staff) for the Board of the Faculty of Arts and Philosophy of Ghent University, seating in multiple commissions as representative, <https://www.ugent.be/lw/nl/over-de-faculteit/organisatie-en-bestuur/commissies/aap-geleding-fac.htm>
- Faculty Commission for Scientific Research (Commissie Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek, CWO)
 - Faculty Wellbeing and Environment Commission (Facultaire Commissie Welzijn en Milieu)
 - Faculty Teaching Evaluation Commission (Facultaire Onderwijsevaluatiecommissie)
 - Departmental Diversity Commission (Departementale Diversiteitscommissie)
 - Multiple ad hoc appointment committees
- 2019 – ongoing **Sarton Centre for the History of Science:** Member of the Centre, part of reading group team on “Science as an Institution” (2020-2021), feedbacking papers and attending events
- 2018 – ongoing **TAPAS/Thinking About the PAST:** Member of Organizing Committee: a transdisciplinary research forum organizing conferences, workshops and lectures about engagements with the past in different historical, social and cultural contexts
- Co-organization of ad hoc TAPAS Workshops and Lectures throughout academic year 2022-2023 on reparations for slavery, historical empathy, and global memory politics
 - Co-Organization TAPAS Online Reading Group Series on “Responsibilizing History: part II”, Spring 2022
 - Co-Organization TAPAS Online Reading Group Series on “Responsibilizing History: part I”, Spring 2021
 - Organization TAPAS Workshop Series and Doctoral School “Practicing History in Super-Diverse Societies”, Fall 2019-Spring 2020
 - Co-Organization TAPAS/CARAM Public Debate “Restitutie van koloniale collecties in België: Juridisch vraagstuk, politieke uitdaging, of morele plicht?” December 4, 2019
 - Co-Organization TAPAS/CARAM Conference “Restitution of Colonial Collections in Europe: Possibilities, Challenges, Dilemmas” December 2-3, 2019
- 2018 – ongoing **International Network for the Theory of History (INTH):** Member of Organizing Committee and Editor of Book Reviews: INTH is an international network for scholars working in the fields of philosophy/theory of history and historiography
- 2018 – ongoing **OSGG (Oud-Studenten Geschiedenis Gent):** Vice President of the Board (2022-2024), President of the Board (2020-2022), and Member of the Board (2018-2019), of the Alumni Association of Ghent University’s History program, organizing lectures, museums visits, et al. for the association’s members.
- Managing 70.000€ in assets, fundraising
 - Management of the Association’s 75th Anniversary in 2022
 - Responsible for rebranding and recommunicating association’s work and value towards younger and future members
 - Launch of online discussion forum and event about the Flemish Government’s initiative to establish a Canon of Flemish History (Canon Van Vlaanderen): <http://www.osgg.be/in-de-ban-van-de-canon/>
 - Team-lead in interview and questionnaire project about historian’s professional experience called “Historici en hun jobs”, collaboration with Faculty Alumni Administration

Peer reviewing for *International Journal of Politics, Culture, and Society*, and *European Review*.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2022	Guest lecture for the course “Research Seminar”, special seminar preparing advanced MA students for academic careers, taught by Lieve Vanhoof (Ghent University, Master program in History)
2021 – 2022	Co-lecturer for the course “Research Seminar”, special seminar preparing advanced MA students for academic careers, co-taught with Frederik Buylaert (Ghent University, Master program in History)
2020 – 2021	Co-lecturer for the course “Historical Practice III: Bachelor paper”, special module on Populism and History co-taught with Berber Bevernage (Ghent University, Bachelor program in History)
2019 – 2020	Lecturer for the course “Historical Practice II: Modern and Contemporary Times”, Culture and Remembrance Policy in the European Parliament (1970-today) (Ghent University, Bachelor program in History)
2019	Guest Lecture Centre for EU Studies “Europees herinneringsbeleid: tussen identiteits- en meta-politiek?” (26 November 2019, Ghent University)
2018	Assisting for the course “Historical Culture and Society”, lectured by prof. dr. Berber Bevernage (Ghent University, Bachelor program in History)

Co-supervision of 10+ Bachelor papers, and 3 MA theses at Ghent University, Department of History
Assessor for 5 Bachelor papers and 9 MA theses at Ghent University, Department of History

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Expertise databases:

- Pool of experts “Cultureel erfgoed” of the Department of Culture, Youth and Media of the Flemish Government. Assessing applications and formulating advice for quality labels, project subsidies, and working subsidies in accordance with the Flemish Cultureel-Erfgoeddecreet. <https://www.vlaanderen.be/cjm/nl/cultuur/cultureel-erfgoed/raden-en-commissies/pool-van-experten>.
- Listed as young expert in the Fresh Faces database of Curieus vzw, <https://curieus.be/freshfaces>.

Opinion pieces and outreach:

- Verbergt, Marie-Gabrielle, “Streven naar excellentie maakt wetenschap niet beter”, *De Standaard*, 5 juli 2022, https://www.standaard.be/cnt/dmf20220704_97610688.
- Appearance in podcast reportage on the Canon van Vlaanderen, made by Elias Degruyter (Ghent University), 19 April 2022, <https://soundcloud.com/elias-degruyter/gespreksavond-canon-van-vlaanderen>.
- Verbergt, Marie-Gabrielle en Maïté de Haan, “Vrouwen doen het werk, mannen krijgen erkenning: het Matilda-effect uitgelegd”, *Over de Muur*, 08 March 2022, <https://overdemuur.org/vrouwen-doen-het-werk-mannen-krijgen-de-erkenning-het-matilda-effect-uitgelegd/>.
- Verbergt, Marie-Gabrielle, “Feiten controleren volstaat niet”, *De Standaard*, 11 December 2020, https://www.standaard.be/cnt/dmf20201210_98117828.
- Lecture “Anti-relativisme gerelativeerd: een korte geschiedenis van anti-relativisme in de EU”, Permanente Vorming Wijsbegeerte en Moraalwetenschappen “Truth”, Ghent University, 20 April 2021, <https://youtu.be/FIPIwfApsyY>.
- Appearance as panelist on panel about “The representation of European History at the House of European History”, OSGG, *House of European History*, Brussels, 7 September 2019.

Project summaries:

- “Visiting PhD Scholar Marie-Gabrielle Verbergt looks back at four weeks in Leiden”, *Scholarly Virtues and Vices*, 23 February 2022, <https://www.virtuesandvices.nl/visiting-phd-scholar-marie-gabrielle-verbergt-looks-back-at-four-weeks-in-leiden/>.
- “How does Europe represent its past? An epistemic inquiry at the archives”, *Historical Archives of the European Union*, 25 August 2021, <https://www.eui.eu/news-hub?id=how-does-europe-represent-its-past-an-epistemic-inquiry-at-the-archives>.

LANGUAGES

Dutch	native speaker
English	fluent, TOEFL score 117
French	fluent, B2 Vantage Level (EU Centrum voor Levende Talen, Leuven)
German	reading
Latin	reading

PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL INTERESTS

Theory of history, transnational historiography, European Union, sociology of knowledge, historical epistemology, remembrance policies, populism and history

Literature, history of feminism(s), chess, baking, swimming, ornithology

REFERENCES

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