

## RESEARCH CLINIC

### General information

Supervisor:	Dr. Jacqueline Hylkema
Title of clinic:	Political Forgery in the Dutch Republic (1600-1800)
Number of students:	Max. 4
Major ( <i>if applicable and approved by the Major Convener</i> ):	CHS and WP
(Pre)requisites ( <i>if applicable</i> ):	Students who read Dutch and/or French are particularly encouraged to apply but the clinic also has places for those who read one or more of the following languages: English, Latin, Italian, Spanish, German and Swedish. Prior knowledge of forgery and forgery studies is not necessary but having taken the 300-level course 'Faking the Past: Forgery, History and Propaganda' will be an advantage.

### Research context

This clinic is part of my research project 'Mapping the Fake Republic (1550-1800)', which is the first structural study of early modern Dutch forgery (ranging from fake news to forged science) and will result in a new special collection, the Leiden University Collection of Fakes and Forgeries. The students in this research clinic will spend a semester participating in the project and help build certain sections of the new collection. The forgeries and fake news that will be researched in this clinic are of particular interest to the CHS and WP majors, such as nation-building, religious and social diversity, the Republic's internal political conflicts and foreign relations, but applications from LUC's other majors are welcome too.

In addition to the research activities, the students will also have a number of tasks in data processing and management and they will participate in several activities in which my research is presented to the general public, such as the 3 October University and events related to National History Month - students who are interested in a career in the Culture and Heritage sectors are particularly welcome to

### **Students' tasks and activities**

The students' main task will be to research forgeries and fake news items in books, pamphlets and engravings printed in the Dutch Republic between 1600 and 1800, with particular reference to the Republic's internal political conflicts and its relations with other European countries. The research will be conducted at Leiden University Library's Special Collections and in a range of digital databases. The students will learn how to record their findings in a collection list and have a number of data processing and management tasks.

The students will also participate in a number of activities in which my research is shared with the wider public as well as parts of the university outside of LUC. The students will help with the organization of these activities and play an important part during some of the events.