Day 1

Venue Musée BELvue, Place des Palais 7, 1000 Brussels
Date 12 november 2026
Time 09:30-17:00

9:30-10:00	**Welcome**	
10:00-10:15	**Introduction**	
10:15-12:00	**Teaching Public History in Belgium**	
	Chair	**Wannes Devos** (BELvue)
	Speakers	**Fien Danniau** (UGent)
		Sophie Richelle (ULiège),
		Stéphanie Gonçalves (ULB/Maison de l'histoire européenne)
		Geneviève Warland (UCLouvain)
		Kaat Wils (KU Leuven)
	Perspectives	**Marie Palmers** (European University Institute)
		Wannes Devos (BELvue)
12:00-13:00	**Lunch**	
13:00-14:00	**Walking expo: Public history student work**	
14:00-16:30	**Workshops at the museum**	

Day 2

Venue UCLouvain Saint-Louis, Boulevard du Jardin Botanique 43, 1000 Brussels, P02
Date 13 november 2026
Time 09:00-17:00

09:00-09:30	**Welcome**		
09:30-13:00	**Public History: Topics and Challenges**		
09:30-11:00	***Panel 1 – Contested/ Forgotten/ Marginalized Pasts***		
	Chair	**Pieter Lagrou** (ULB)	
	Speakers	**Louis Fortemps** (Uni.lu)	*Collaboration et résistance : Travailler sur la propagande en territoire occupé*
		Nicole Olenskaia (Uni.lu)	*Archiving the Ephemeral: Nightlife, Cultural Memory, and the Politics of Public History*
		Marnix Beyen (Uantwerpen)	*How not to represent the Yugoslav Wars of the 1990s. A critical analysis of the documentary series Terug naar Joegoslavië [Back to Yugoslavia]*
		Fabio Macedo (université d'Angers)	*Intercountry Adoption and the Challenge of Writing History in an Age of Accountability*
11:00-11:30	**Coffee break**		
11:30-13:00	***Panel 2 – Engaging with Postcolonial Issues in Public History***		
	Chair	**Ornella Rovetta** (ULB/AGR2)	
	Speakers	**Geerts Brent** (KU Leuven)	*Talking about the haunting presence of the colonial past: towards a shared language among public historians, history teachers and heritage professionals?*
		Perrine Stennier (ULiège)	*Une expérience outre-Atlantique : Exposer les premiers colons – Olivier Le Tardif*
		Yasmina Zian (ULB), **Chantal Kesteloot** (CegeSoma), **Alana Castro** (ULB)	*Négocier l'histoire dans la cité : la décolonisation de l'espace public bruxellois au prisme de la co-création et de l'autorité partagée*
		Manon Mortier (UGent)	*Mediating Belgian's colonial history in public radio and television news. Considering journalists' contributions to public history*

		Davy Verbeke (Algemeen Rijksarchief/UGent**)**	*From the archives to the classroom: unlocking colonial archives through IIIF for history teachers and pupils to engage with the postcolonial contemporary*
13:00-14:00	**Lunch**		
14:00-17:00	**Public History: Media and Challenges**		
14:00-15:30	***Panel 3 – Digital Challenges***		
	Chair	Fien Danniau (UGent)	
	Speakers	**Maarten Langhendries** (BESTOR)	*Bestor: Digital history in the open*
		Noh Mika (AIAF)	*From Archives to Algorithms: AI, Digital Platforms, and the Future of Public History*
		Julien Régibeau (ULiège)	*La recherche-création vidéoludique au service de l'histoire publique : le projet TEXTure urbaine*
		Pauline Triplet (université de Lille)	*De pavés et de pixels : restitution numérique et histoire publique*
		Barbara Deruytter & Janna Aerts (Archiefpunt)	*Oorlogsdagboeken: van doos op zolder tot linked open data. Hoe fix je dat?*
15:30-16:00	**Coffee break**		
16:00-17:00	***Panel 4 – Public History through Multiple Modes of Mediation***		
	Chair	Geneviève Warland (UCLouvain)	
	Speakers	**Dora Komnenovic** (Uni.lu)	*History festivals as a testing ground for new formats in Public History and beyond*
		Clémentine Schollaert (Trinity College Dublin)	*La guide touristique comme médiateur·rice du passé : enjeux et limites de la transmission historique*
		Laura Di Spurio (Independant Historian)	*De l'enquête historique au récit sonore : l'expérience de Qui a tué Jeanneke ?*
		Anthe Baele (UGent)	*Negotiating State-Sponsored History. The Canon of Flanders and its place in Flemish society*
		Pieter Lagrou (ULB)	(à confirmer)
17:00-17:30	**Closing Remarks**		