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Erasmus Staff Training Week @ ULiège Library

“Beyond the Library Collections. We don’t have it? Here it is!”

ACCESS TO ACADEMIC HERITAGE

ENC theses available online



ABOUT THE SCHOOL

- ▶ Founded in 1821
- ▶ 170 students, 80 of whom are « archivist-paleographers »
- ▶ Mainly future **researchers, archive curators and library curators**
- ▶ Historical and philological sciences
- ▶ Digital Humanities

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Histoire de l'Italie le

la Histoire de la Belgique et des Pays-Bas

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ABOUT THE LIBRARY

145 000 printed documents

45 000 e-resources

15 000 digitized documents

570 patrons

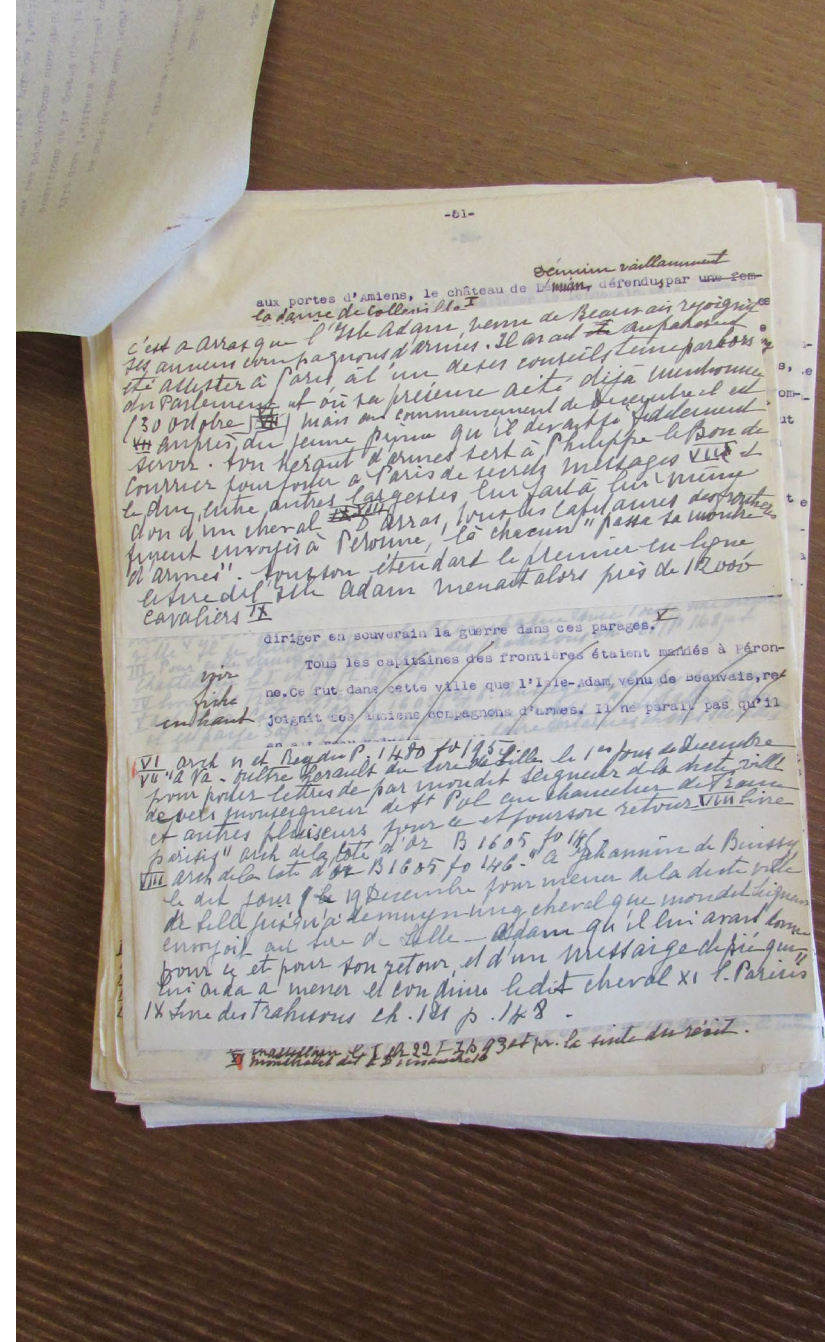
11 staff members

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ABOUT THE THESES

- ▶ Archivist-Paleographer diploma
- ▶ Future civil servants
- ▶ Four years study-program
- ▶ Thesis at the end of their course (not a PhD thesis, but almost as long!)
- ▶ First thesis in 1849 ; almost 3000 theses to date

Library of the Ecole nationale des chartes, 4R103



par eux du corps au cimetière, je n'ai pas su
trouver dans l'histoire de Nezelay ce détail qui
servent à M. Thierry à prouver que les bourgeois
étaient familiarisés avec l'excommunication.

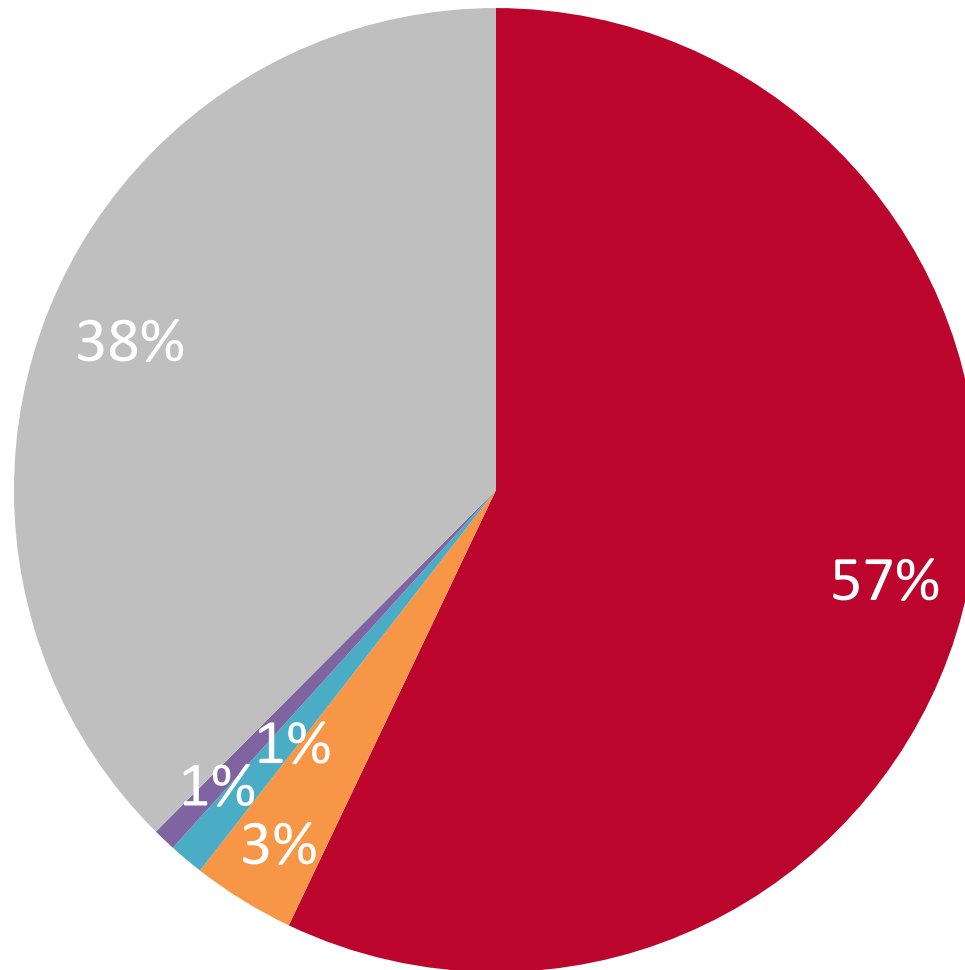
WHY AREN'T THEY IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY?

PhD theses \neq ENC theses

ENC theses = **Private archives**

Le titre de l'abbaye fait au 18^e siècle, elle présente
plusieurs lacunes qui n'en altèrent pas le sens.
Ces lacunes proviennent de l'impossibilité, comme
l'avoue l'auteur de l'inventaire, où il a été de lire

SO, WHERE ARE THEY?



- French National Archives
- Other archives
- Other libraries
- Other institutions
- Unknow or lost

A confusing situation for patrons

▶ many thought and still think that ENC theses are **kept in the library**

Hard to find and hard to get documents

▶ before 1961, **scattered across France** ;
we don't always know if a copy still exists
▶ as private archives, cannot be consulted
without the **author's permission**

DIGITIZATION PROJECT



2020-2021

More digitizations
Working on the platform
to upload the theses

2022

New digitized theses
to come...

2011-2012

First author
permissions

2019

New author permissions
First digitized theses



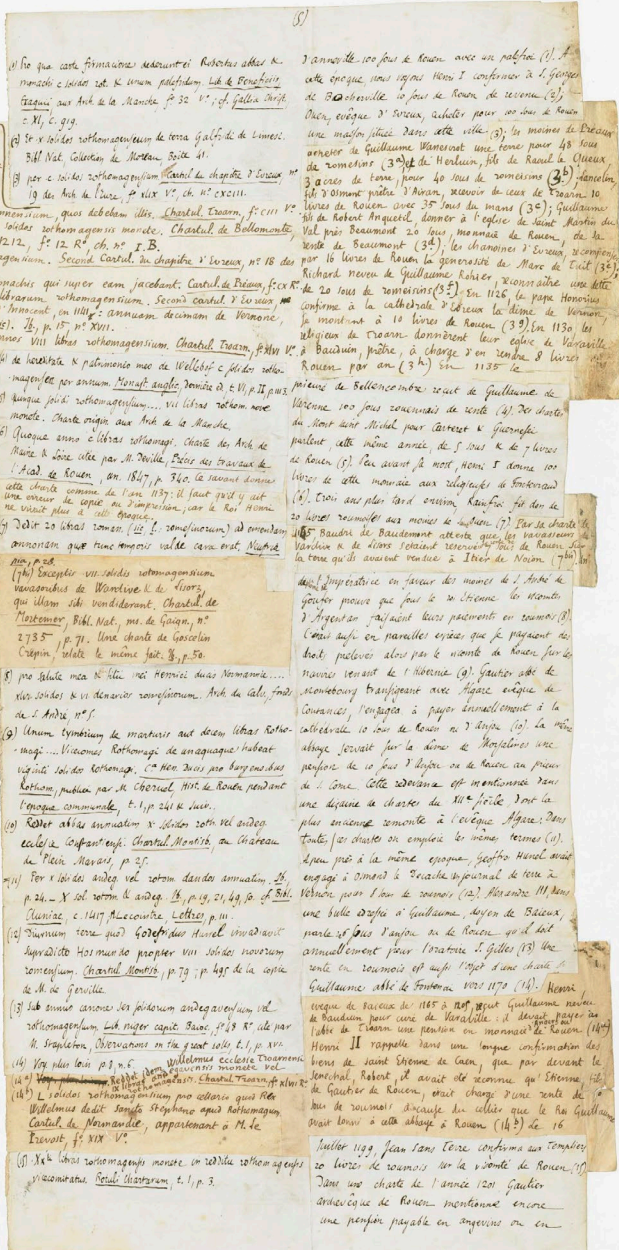
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ThENC@ is online!

FINDING & DIGITIZING

- ▶ Document search
- ▶ On-site document check-up (when these were in French National Archives)
- ▶ Restoration of the most damaged old theses at the library
- ▶ Digitization

French National Archives, AB XXVIII 2



BEYOND OUR COLLECTIONS... BUT IN THOSE OF OTHERS

- ▶ **Partnerships** with other institutions (**libraries, archives, learned societies**)
- ▶ Theses digitized directly by other institutions, and sent to us
- ▶ Digitizations made by IRHT* staff members during their visits to these institutions

**French research unit (CNRS) / mainly works on manuscripts.*

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORDS

- ▶ **Detailed records**, for the theses kept in the National Archives only:
 - ▶ **XML-EAD** (handwritten theses)
 - ▶ **UNIMARC**
- ▶ **Simpler records**, but for all the theses:
 - ▶ **DUBLIN CORE**

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METADATA ENRICHMENT

- ▶ Created of all missing paleographer archivist **authorities** in **IdRef**
- ▶ Classified records by **thematic collections** (ongoing project)
- ▶ Added the **location** of the printed copy, when known, to help the user in case the thesis is not online

AFTER METADATA, A COLLECTIVE PROJECT: ZOTERO BIBLIOGRAPHIES

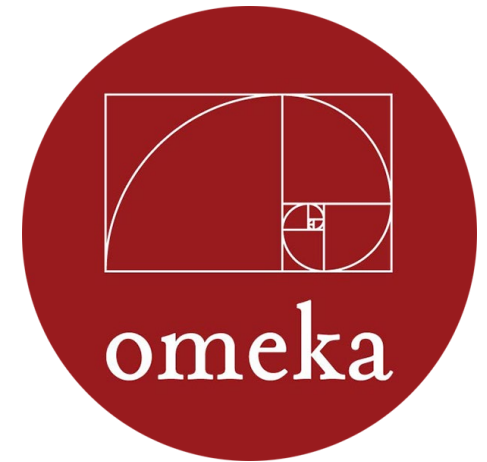
- Students involved
- A **Zotero bibliography** on each thesis, when needed: articles published based on the thesis, publication of the thesis itself
- Helps users know which academic works to consult when the thesis is not available

LEGAL DIFFICULTIES

- ▶ Some authors agree to put their thesis online, but with **limited access**
- ▶ Some authors agree to put their thesis in open access, but it turns out that they used **illustrations that are not under free licenses**
- ▶ Some authors agree... but they had **published their thesis** before, so they can't say yes without the publisher's consent as well

FINDING THE TECHNICAL SOLUTION

- ▶ **Omeka S** : open source CMS, digital library
- ▶ Large **community of users** in France
- ▶ Search engine : **SolR** (great for facets and filters)
- ▶ **Restricted access** management
- ▶ Help of a web designer and a company specializing in Omeka in 2020



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Recherche avancée



Thèse



Position de thèse

Actualités



Journée d'étude ThENC@

L'École nationale des chartes organise une journée d'étude consacrée aux thèses d'École le 26 novembre 2021.



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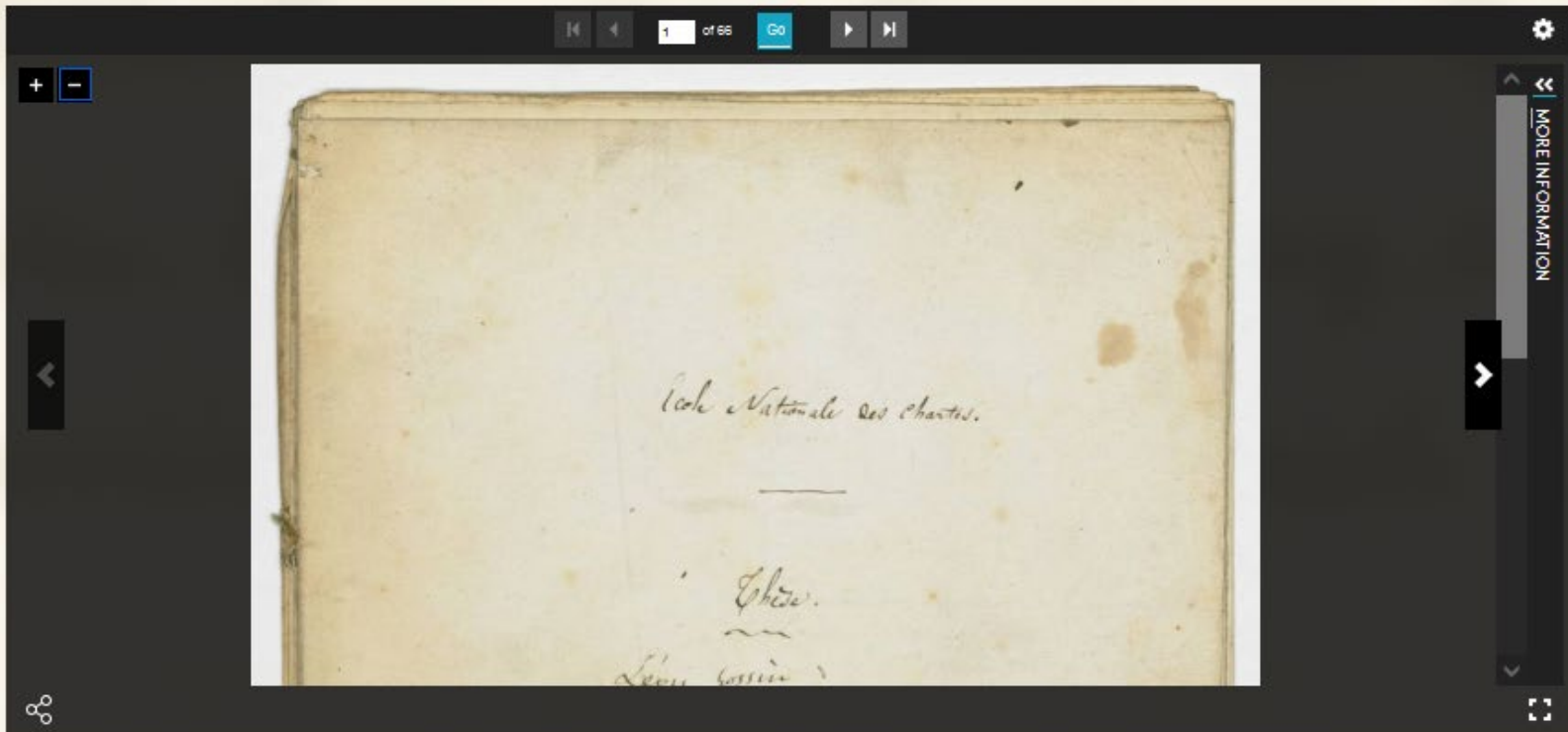
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De l'état civil et religieux des lépreux en France



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thèse d'École des chartes

Bernard de Montfaucon, mauriste et antiquaire. La tentative de l'Antiquité expliquée, 1719-1725

The screenshot displays a digital viewer for a thesis. At the top, there are navigation controls including a search bar with '6 of 727' and a 'Go' button. On the left, a sidebar shows a list of document thumbnails, with the current page highlighted. The main content area shows a page titled 'REMERCIEMENTS' with the following text:

Je suis heureux d'exprimer ici toute ma reconnaissance à :

M. Pierre Petitjean, pour ses indispensables et précieuses conseils actuels et ses inestimables renseignements bibliographiques.

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M. Kyawsoo Ujatti, ancien directeur de la bibliothèque du Warburg Institute, pour m'avoir invité à y faire une communication, ce qui m'a permis de consulter les ressources de cette belle bibliothèque et celles du British Museum.

Madame Maillet, directrice du Cabinet des estampes de la Bibliothèque nationale, pour la liberté avec laquelle elle m'a laissé chercher dans le département.

On the right side of the viewer, there is a vertical bar labeled 'MORE INFORMATION' and a search icon.

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La France et les "différends palatins". L'intervention de Louis XIV dans la querelle du droit de Wildfang en Allemagne, 1660-1674

The screenshot shows a digital viewer interface for a HAL document. At the top, there are navigation controls including a search bar with '1 of 529' and a 'Go' button. The central content area displays the HAL logo and the title 'La France et les "différends palatins" Nicolas Baud'. Below the title, there is a 'To cite this version:' section with a citation: 'Nicolas Baud. La France et les "différends palatins": L'intervention de Louis XIV dans la querelle du droit de Wildfang en Allemagne, 1660-1674. Histoire. Ecole nationale des chartes, 1986. Français. hal-02477082'. The HAL ID 'hal-02477082' and the URL 'https://hal-enc.archives-ouvertes.fr/hal-02477082' are also provided. At the bottom, there is a small text block explaining the HAL mission: 'HAL is a multi-disciplinary open access archive for the deposit and dissemination of scientific research documents, whether they are published or not. The documents may come from teaching and research institutions in France or abroad, or from public or private research centers.' The interface includes zoom controls on the left, a 'MORE INFORMATION' sidebar on the right, and a share icon at the bottom left.

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WHERE ARE WE NOW?

- ▶ + **450** digitized theses
- ▶ **OCR** (except handwritten theses)
- ▶ Database with **bibliographic records** for all the theses
- ▶ Still an **ongoing project**: contact with authors, new digitizations, metadata to clean



BEYOND THE LIBRARY COLLECTIONS

- ▶ Multi-layered project, that involved all library staff
- ▶ Documents strongly related to the institution and its students, but which are not kept in the library
- ▶ Role of libraries in accessing old and recent academic works online.

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Thank you!

<https://bibnum.chartes.psl.eu/s/thenca>