



## BA/MA PRACTICUM

Royal Netherlands Institute in Rome

30 November - 7 December 2020



# *Mining Library Treasures KNIR's Rare Books Collection*

Hidden in the basement of the KNIR is a treasure waiting to be explored: a collection of over 500 rare books, mostly from the sixteenth to the early nineteenth centuries and covering a wide array of topics related mainly to Italy and Rome.

In this KNIR-practicum, an intensive course for BA and MA students in history of the book, (art)history, archaeology and related disciplines, participants will gain hands-on experience in exploring this thus far largely unstudied collection.

The course combines lectures and practical workshops with excursions to famous libraries in Rome such as the Biblioteca Angelica and the Biblioteca Casanatense, as well as a book restoration workshop. It offers wide-ranging insights on the history of book production and on present prospects and challenges of special library collections. Participants will choose a specific topic for individual study from the KNIR's collection of folio formats, such as atlases and other topographical works, albums with reproductions of artworks, heraldica, architecture treatises, collections of cityscapes, *vedute* of ancient monuments, travel accounts, monumental histories, memorial books and many others.

The course culminates in a digital exposition of some highlights of the KNIR collection, curated by the participants. This course is taught in conjunction with the course *The Coming of the Printed Book*, at the University of Amsterdam. BA and MA Students from other Dutch universities can also enroll in this course.



### CREDITS

3 ECTS

### MORE INFO

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### APPLY BEFORE:

1 October 2020

### TEACHING STAFF

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