

6th Interuniversity research seminar

Construction History in Belgium

May 16, 2025
University of Antwerp,
Antwerp



09:30 Welcome & introduction.

Inge Bertels (UAntwerpen)

09:45 Els De Vos (UAntwerpen): Bronnengids Interieurontwerp België, 1945-2000

10:00 Emma Bekaert (KU Leuven): URBAN-DELTA: Innovation in Delta Building Technology in Venice and the Veneto

10:15 Vincent Vanhamme (KU Leuven): URBAN-DELTA: Historical Innovations in Marshland Construction in the Low Countries

10:30 Matthijs Degraeve (VUB): Right to repair? Plumbers and regulations for the repair of domestic water supplies (Brussels, London, and Paris, 1850-1940)

11:00 Break

11:30 Lara Reyniers (VUB): Tracing demolition materials, interpreting the silence

11:45 Jelle Angillis (UAntwerpen): Construction in Conflict: Perspectives on Regulation, Economic Collaboration and Labour in Belgium's Wartime Construction Industry (1940-1945)

12:00 Sarah Melsens (CNRS-EHESS/FLAME University): Watching, Listening, and Reading between the Lines: Retrieving the Construction Workers of Shivaji Bridge, British India

12:30 Lunch

13:30 Elise Enthoven (UAntwerpen): Colonial Impact on Built Heritage: the case of the Institute of Tropical Medicine in Antwerp

13:45 Astrid Schreurs (ULiège/UAntwerpen): Building the University at the End of the 19th Century: Goals and methodology of research on the Trassenster Institutes of Liège

14:00 Mariana Moura (UAntwerpen): Nowhere to be seen? Women builders in construction history and the quest for visual evidence

14:30 Break

15:00 Lore Van Meerbeek (KU Leuven): 3DCastles: Opening up Lost Medieval Fortifications in the Low Countries digitally.

15:15 Excy Hansda (University of Liverpool): Middle Class Dwellings, Domestic Spaces and Suburbanization in Colonial Bombay (1910s-40s)

15:30 Katie Lloyd Thomas (Newcastle University): When Architects became Product Brokers: A Case for a Production Studies Approach to Construction History

16:00 Round table

17:00 End