

RESEARCH CLINIC

General information

Supervisor:	Dr. Jacqueline Hylkema
Title of clinic:	The Value of Forgery
Number of students:	Max. 2
Major (<i>if applicable and approved by the Major Convener</i>):	Elective for all majors
(Pre)requisites (<i>if applicable</i>):	Reading knowledge of one or more of the following languages is useful: Dutch, French, Italian, Spanish, German, Danish, Norwegian, Swedish, Finnish and Polish. Prior knowledge of forgery and forgery studies is not necessary but an interest in cultural history is a requirement.

Research context

This RC is intended to prepare the ground for a major new interdisciplinary and collaborative research project on forgery and related kinds of deception from the 1500s to the present. The RC involves two major tasks: the first is to assist in the preparation of an international online symposium, which will take place in late June or early July, on the subject of forgery in various fields and periods, the second is to help prepare a major survey on the subject and process the results.

Students' tasks and activities

This is a very practical research clinic and will give students the opportunity to gain experience in a number of activities that are key to academia, such as organizing a Call for Papers, communicating with speakers, running the symposium administration and assisting in the symposium itself, for instance by moderating panels. The research clinic also trains a number of research skills, such as identifying and mapping previous studies, creating a survey and processing its results.

We will meet eight times in blocks 3 and 4, starting – if regulations allow - with a special session at the Special Collections at Leiden University Library where we will examine several forgeries and discuss the key concepts of the field and discuss the project. The other meetings will mainly take place online - students who will not be in The Hague/Leiden during the second semester should note that it will be possible for them too to participate and that they are very welcome to apply.