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The KADOC research fellowship on religion, culture and society 2021 was granted to Dr. Paul Glen Grant of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. During his research stay in May–July 2022 he will valorize the rich archival collections of KADOC to study the ways European and North American missionaries, especially those active in Congo between 1960 and 1965, learned to receive Christian teaching and charitable care from Congolese Christians.

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Submitted applications will be closely evaluated and ranked by the Scientific Committee of KADOC.

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WE OFFER

- A unique opportunity to pursue research while living and working for two to max. three months in Leuven.
- A monthly stipend of € 500, covering all necessary administrative and logistical support.
- Easy access to the Leuven collections and research infrastructure, the Centre's collections and expertise of the Centre.

WE EXPECT

- Motivated candidates with proven research expertise on the topic.
- Applicants should have obtained their first doctoral degree not more than 10 years before the deadline.
- A well-considered plan for your research stay, linked to tangible and measurable goals. This plan should reflect how your fellowship links with KADOC’s collections and can impact its research activities.
- Candidates will work at the Centre in Leuven and actively participate in the Centre’s research activities and networks, for instance by hosting a seminar or contribute to its publications.

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