

MEDIEVAL AND EARLY MODERN STUDIES SPRING SCHOOL 2026

MATERIALITY, MATERIAL CULTURE AND MATERIALIST APPROACHES

1-5 JUNE 2026

@ GHENT UNIVERSITY & HOTEL DEN BRIEL

IMAGE: Een kunstkamer (detail), Frans Francken II (KMSKA)

PROGRAMME: Walk through Ghent: **Urban Archaeology** with Geert Vermeiren (City of Ghent) • **Materialist Thought and Approaches** with Laura Georgescu (University of Groningen) & Adam Hansen (Northumbria University) • **The Materiality of Cultural Objects** with Marieke Hendriksen (Huygens Instituut Amsterdam), Maximiliaan Martens (Ghent University) & Youri Desplenter (Ghent University) • **Material Culture** with Maxime Poulain (University of Tübingen) & Maïka De Keyzer (KU Leuven) • **Natural Environment and Sustainability** with Marjolijn Bol (Utrecht University) & Sander Govaerts (Ghent University)

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