

Thomas Rigauts

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Thomas graduated from Ghent University (Belgium) with a BA and MA in History. Soon afterwards, he obtained an MSc in Conservation of Monuments and Sites from the Raymond Lemaire International Centre for Conservation (RLICC) at the KU Leuven (Belgium). In 2016, he joined the UNESCO World Heritage Centre in Paris (France), where he was responsible for the follow-up of the state of conservation of World Heritage sites in a dozen countries in Europe and North America. Prior to working at the World Heritage Centre, he volunteered for the UNESCO Office in Tashkent (Uzbekistan) where he surveyed traditional dwellings to support local heritage management.

Having a strong interest in the 3D documentation and visualization of historic buildings and sites, Thomas joined the Digital Heritage Research Lab (Cyprus) in 2020 as a Marie S. Curie Research Fellow. His research will focus on the enrichment of 3D cultural heritage assets with metadata and semantics to ensure the preservation of our world's rich cultural and natural heritage for future generations.