

Sarton Medal 2021 – Sartonmedaille 2021

On Thursday, October 21st at 4 pm.

in the Filmzaal of the Faculty of Law and Criminology,
Campus Aula, 06.22 - Paddenhoek 3 - INGANG 4,
in Ghent

Prof. Dr. Robert Rubens, Chairman of the Ghent University Sarton Committee,
Prof. Dr. Michel Tison, Dean of the Faculty of Law and Criminology,
Prof. Dr. Dirk Heirbaut, Director of the Institute for Legal History,

Have the honour to invite you to the Sarton Lecture,
the laudatio and handing over of the Sarton Medal to

Prof. Dr. Jean-François Gerkens (Université de Liège)

Programme

- Welcome by the dean, Prof. Dr. Michel Tison.
- Laudatio of Prof. Dr. Jean-François Gerkens by Prof. Dr. Sebastiaan Vandenbogaerde.
- Sarton lecture by Prof. Dr. Jean-François Gerkens:

'Acquiring by Occupatio. The Graham Island Case'

- Handing over of the Sarton Medal by Prof. Dr. Robert Rubens.
- Drink offered by the Faculty of Law and Criminology.



George Sarton (1884-1956), one of the founding fathers of the history of science as an academic discipline, was an alumnus of Ghent University. In 1912, one year after his graduation in physics and mathematics, he wrote to a friend: "J'ai décidé de vouer ma vie à l'étude désintéressée de l'histoire des sciences". He established two leading journals in the field (*Isis* in 1912 and *Osiris* in 1934) and the History of Science Society. In 1984, at the centenary of Sarton's birthday, Ghent University decided to establish a Sarton Chair of History of Science. Each year the Sarton committee, consisting of representatives of the faculties of Ghent University, selects the Sarton chair holder and the Sarton medallists. The Sarton chair holder and the medallists are invited to lecture on the history of science in the faculties of the university. The lectures are published in the annual journal *Sartoniana*. (www.sartonchair.ugent.be)

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