

# Neo-Calvinism and Capitalism

## *6<sup>th</sup> European Neo-Calvinism Conference 2024*

29-30 August 2024, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, the Netherlands

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### Conference Schedule

#### *Thursday 29 August*

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| 9:00-9:15   | devotional, hymn  |
| 9.15-9.30   | Opening address   |
| 9.30-10.15  | Paper 1 Erik de Boer (TU Utrecht), John Calvin's Advice on Financial-Economical Question Regarding the Legitimacy of Interest of 1545: How Groundbreaking was it Really?  |
| 10.15-10.45 | Paper 2 Gertjan Schutte (TU Utrecht) The European debate on financial capitalism and Neo-Calvinism: The thin boundaries between social critique, academic analysis and conspiracies, ca. 1878-1945              |
| 10.45-11.15 | Coffee break  |
| 11.15-11.45 | Paper 3 Matthijs van der Stoep (TU Utrecht), Improvement along 'the socialist road'? The historical cause and the consequences of Kuypers address at the first Christian Social Congress                        |
| 11.45-12.15 | Paper 4 Roel Kuiper (TU Utrecht), The Economics of Abraham Kuiper's <i>Antirevolutionaire Staatskunde</i>   |
| 12.15-12.45 | Paper 5 George Harinck (TU Utrecht), Herman Bavinck's social-economic thought   |
| 12.45-14.00 | Lunch (not included)  |
| 14.00-14:30 | Paper 6 Marinus de Jong (TU Utrecht) Auguste Lecerf on Capitalism   |
| 14.30-15.00 | Paper 7 Michiel van Diggelen (independent), Piet van der Kooy on Capitalism   |
| 15.00-15.30 | Paper 8 Anke Teeuw (Erasmus University) Stewardship: Goudzwaard and the norm of economy   |
| 15.30-16.00 | Coffee break  |
| 16.00-16.30 | Paper 9 Joost Hengstmengel (VU) Updating the Neo Calvinist Heritage for a Capitalist Age: A Progressive Reading of Bob Goudzwaards Capitalism and Progress  |
| 16.30-17.00 | Paper 10 Frederike van Oorschot (Heidelberg University), Capitalism, Public Theology and Common Grace. Max Stackhouse's understanding of Global Capitalism as Actualization of Kuiper's "Lectures on Calvinism" |
| 17.00       | Drinks and Refreshments   |

Dinner (not included)

20:00-22:00 Public Debate 'Limited Growth? Christian Perspectives on Capitalism and Progress'  
Govert Buijs, Paul Schenderling and Jan Boersema, chaired by Marianne Thieme

### *Friday 30 August*

9.00-9.15 devotional, hymn

9.15-9.45 paper 11 Pim Boven (TU Utrecht), Constructive Contributions from a Neo-Calvinist perspective?

9.45-10.15 paper 12 Kees van der Kooi (Erasmus University), Theological and Economical critique on the Creational motive in Neo-Calvinis.

10.15-10.45 paper 13 Jan-Henry Wanink (Osnabrück) Witnesses of a new gospel of credit: Calvin and Kuyper in the context of the evolution of modern money.

10.45-11.15 Coffee break

11.15-12.15 paper 14, Brant Himes (Los Angeles Pacific University), Kuyper's "Ethical Policy" as a Check on Unbridled Capitalism

12.15-12.45 paper 15 Justin Adour (Fuller Theological Seminary), Neo-Calvinism, Integral Mission, & the Problem of Poverty: A Theological Conversation between Abraham Kuyper & Orlando E. Costas

12.45-14.00 Lunch (not included)

14.00-14.30 paper 16 Cheol-Dong Park (TU Utrecht) Neo-Calvinism in Democratization, Industrialization, and Globalization in the Korean Context: A Theological Perspective

14.30-15.00 paper 17 Abel Tikasz (Budapest) Viktor Orbán as a Neo-Calvinist politician?

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee break

15.30-16.00 paper 18 Jan van der Stoep (TU Utrecht), 'Human vocation and the future of work. A reformational-philosophical perspective'.

16.00-16.30 paper 19 Kevin Reynold (Fuller Theological Seminary), J.H. Bavinck on Business as Mission

16.30-17.00 Closing discussion

17.00 Drinks and refreshments

18.00 Closing dinner (optional)

### **Practical Recommendations**

The VU has several options for lunch. The Restaurant Foodplaza in the basement of the main building (10 am – 7.30 pm). In the court outside there is a supermarket, Spar (8 am- 8 pm). On the west side of the same court is Grand Café Living (open 9 am - 9.30 pm).

## Previous Conferences

2010 Edinburgh  
2012 Paris Neo-calvinism and the French Revolution  
2014 Rome Neo-calvinism and Roman-Catholicism  
2016 Istanbul Kampen Neo-calvinism and Islam  
2018 Leuven: Neo-calvinism and Europe

## Previous Conference Publications

James Eglinton and George Harinck (eds.), Neo-Calvinism and the French Revolution (T&T Clark, 2014)

James Eglinton and George Harinck (eds.), Neo-Calvinism and Roman Catholicism (Brill, 2023)

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