

Neo-Calvinism and Capitalism

6th European Neo-Calvinism Conference 2024

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

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Conference Schedule

Thursday 29 August

location: Zaal 02A65, Nieuw Universiteits Gebouw, VU University (De Boelelaan 1111)

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| 9:00-9:15 | Devotional, hymn by rev. dr. Justin Adour (Redeemer East-Harlem, PCA) |
| 9.15-9.20 | Welcome by prof. dr. Frank van de Duijn Schouten, interim-dean of the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies at VU University |
| 9:20-9:30 | Opening address by rev. dr. Marinus de Jong (TU Utrecht) |
| 9.30-10.00 | Paper 1 em. prof. dr. 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? |
| 10.00-10.30 | Paper 2 dr. 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 |
| 10.30-11.00 | Coffee break |
| 11.00-11.30 | Paper 3 Matthijs van der Stoep MA (TU Utrecht), Improvement along 'the socialist road'? The historical cause and the consequences of Kuypers address at the first Christian Social Congress |
| 11.30-12.00 | Paper 4 prof. dr. Roel Kuiper (TU Utrecht), The postliberal legacy of Kuyper's political economics |
| 12.00-14:00 | Lunch (not included) |
| 14.00-14.30 | Paper 5 prof. dr. George Harinck (TU Utrecht), Herman Bavinck's social-economic thought |
| 14:30-15.00 | Paper 6 Michiel van Diggelen (independent), Piet van der Kooy on Capitalism |
| 15.00-15.30 | Coffee break |
| 15.30-16.00 | Paper 7 Anke Teeuw LLM MSc (Erasmus University) Stewardship: Goudzwaard and the norm of economy |
| 16.00-16.30 | Paper 8 dr. Joost Hengstmengel (VU) Updating the Neo Calvinist Heritage for a Capitalist Age: Lessons from Goudzwaard's Capitalism and Progress |
| 16:30-17.00 | Closing discussion led by prof. dr. Jan van der Stoep |
| 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

location: Theaterzaal 5, Nieuw Universiteits Gebouw, VU Univeristy (De Boelelaan 1111)

Friday 30 August

location: Forum 2, Hoofdgebouw, VU University (De Boelelaan 1105)

9.00-9.15 devotional, hymn by. rev. Jan-Henry Wanink (Evangelisch-Reformierte Gemeinde Osnabrück)

9.15-9.30 Retrospective by prof. dr. George Harinck

9.30-10.00 Paper 9 PD dr. Frederike van Oorschot (Heidelberg University), Capitalism, Public Theology and Common Grace. Max Stackhouse's understanding of Global Capitalism as Actualization of Kuyper's "Lectures on Calvinism"

10.00-10.30 paper 10 Pim Boven MSc (TU Utrecht), Constructive Contributions from a Neo-Calvinist perspective?

10.30-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-11:30 paper 11 em. prof. dr. Kees van der Kooi (Erasmus University), Theological and Economical critique on the Creational Motive in Neo-Calvinism.

11.30-12.00 paper 12 rev. Jan-Henry Wanink (Osnabrück) Witnesses of a new gospel of credit: Calvin and Kuyper in the context of the evolution of modern money.

12:00-12:30 paper 13 rev. dr. Justin Adour (Fuller Theological Seminary), Neo-Calvinism, Integral Mission, & the Problem of Poverty: A Theological Conversation between Abraham Kuyper & Orlando E. Costas

12.30-14.00 Lunch (not included)

14.00-14.30 paper 14 dr. Cheol-Dong Park (TU Utrecht) Neo-Calvinism in Democratization, Industrialization, and Globalization in the Korean Context: A Theological Perspective

14.30-15.00 paper 15 rev. Abel Tikasz (Budapest) Viktor Orbán as a Neo-Calvinist politician?

15.00-15.30 Coffee break

15.30-16.00 paper 16 prof. dr. Jan van der Stoep (TU Utrecht), 'Human vocation and the future of work. A reformational-philosophical perspective'.

16.00-16.30 paper 17 Kevin Reynold (Fuller Theological Seminary), J.H. Bavinck on Business as Mission

16.30-17.00 Closing discussion led by dr. Joost Hengstmengel

17.30 Closing dinner (Loetje)

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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