

# *Neo-Calvinism and the French Revolution*

Paris, France – August 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 2012



## **Conference**

*Kampen Theological University, the Archive and Documentation Centre and the Historical Documentation Centre at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam* invite you to a two-day conference on neo-Calvinism (Abraham Kuyper, Herman Bavinck, Groen van Prinsterer *et al*) and the French Revolution.



## **Plenary Speakers**

Prof. George Harinck (VU Amsterdam, TU Kampen)

Prof. James Bratt (Calvin College)

Dr. Mark Elliott (St Andrews)

Dr. James Eglinton (TU Kampen)

Robert Covolo (Fuller)

Alissa Wilkinson (The King's College)



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## Theme

The French Revolution was the scene of much intellectual and social upheaval. Its impact touched a wide range of subjects: the relationship of the church to the state, social relationships, science, literature, fashion, philosophy and theology. Although the French Revolution's momentum was felt across Europe and North America, it met a particularly interesting response in the Netherlands, at that time the scene of a burgeoning neo-Calvinist movement. In that context, the likes of Groen van Prinsterer, Abraham Kuyper and Herman Bavinck responded to the French Revolution's ideals and influence in a variety of intellectual and practical ways.

This conference will focus on the historical and theological aspects of this neo-Calvinist response to the French Revolution.

## Registration and Conference Fee

Attendance must be confirmed by email ([jeglinton@tukampen.nl](mailto:jeglinton@tukampen.nl)) before June 30<sup>th</sup>. As seating space is limited, you are strongly encouraged to reserve your place as soon as possible. The conference fee is €40.

## Location and Accommodation

The conference will be held at:

The Library  
The American Church in Paris  
65 quai d'Orsay  
75007 Paris  
France

Participants are responsible for finding their own accommodation. The organisers suggest the Adveniat Youth Hostel (<http://www.adveniat-paris.org/>) as a well-priced, comfortable and convenient option.



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## Plenary Speakers and Topics

Prof. George Harinck (VU Amsterdam, TU Kampen), *Herman Bavinck's View of the French Revolution*

Prof. Jim Bratt (Calvin College), *Abraham Kuyper and the French Revolution: Religion, Culture and Politics*

Dr. Mark Elliott (St. Andrews), *The Reformed and the Revolution: Learning from History*

Dr. James Eglinton (TU Kampen), *From Babel to Pentecost via Paris and Amsterdam: Multilingualism in Revolutionary and neo-Calvinist Thought*

Robert Covolo (Fuller), *The Theo-Politics of Fashion: Groen van Prinsterer and the "Terror" of French Revolutionary Dress*

Alissa Wilkinson (The King's College), *Neo-Calvinism and Kieślowski's Three Colours Trilogy*

## Short Paper Speakers and Topics

Dr. Ewout Klei (Kampen), *Dutch Orthodox Protestant Parties and the Ghost of the French Revolution*

Matthew Kaemingk (Fuller), *The Revolution and the Hijab: A Reformed Analysis and Critique of French Laïcité*

Emilie Noteboom (Oxford), *Groen van Prinsterer and Cultural Engagement*

Dr. Hans Burger (TU Kampen), *An Anti-Revolutionary Doctrine of Scripture: Abraham Kuyper's Lecture on 'Contemporary Biblical Criticism'*

Shaun Price (Aberdeen), *The Effects of the French Revolution on Dutch neo-Calvinist Educational Schemes*

Wolter Huttinga (TU Kampen), *Theology as Queen of the Sciences: John Millbank and Herman Bavinck on the revival of a bold statement*

Dr. Willem de Wit (ETS Cairo), *Herman Bavinck, the Egyptian Revolution and Christian Participation in Society*

Gérald Pech (Toulouse), *Kuyper's Epistemological Perspective in Relation to Science*

Cory Willson (Fuller), *Some lessons from Herman Bavinck for the Contemporary Crisis of Religious Pluralism in France*

Hugo den Boer (TU Kampen), *From Old to Neo-Calvinism: A Revolutionary Road through the Twentieth Century*

## Conference Schedule

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August      *History*

- 9.00            Registration
- 9.30            Welcome and Opening Address
- 9.40            Plenary Session (1): **George Harinck**
- 10.40          Short Papers: **Ewout Klei, Shaun Price**
- 11.40          Plenary Session (2): **James Bratt**
- 12.40          Lunch
- 14.40          Short Papers: **Hans Burger, Hugo den Boer**
- 15.40          Plenary Session (3): **Mark Elliott**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August      *Theology and Culture*

- 9.00            Plenary Session (4): **Robert Covolo**
- 10.00          Short Papers: **Matthew Kaemingk, Gérald Pech**
- 11.00          Plenary Session (5): **James Eglinton**
- 12.00          Short Papers: **Cory Willson, Willem de Wit**
- 12.50          Lunch
- 14.50          Short Papers: **Emilie Noteboom, Wolter Huttinga**
- 15.50          Plenary Session (6): **Alissa Wilkinson**



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