

RERUM NOVARUM

Neo-Calvinism and Roman Catholicism

Rome, Italy

4th-5th September, 2014



Conference

The Archive and Documentation Centre, the Historical Documentation Centre at VU University, New College at University of Edinburgh and Kampen Theological University invite you to a two-day conference on neo-Calvinism (Abraham Kuyper, Herman Bavinck, Gerrit Berkouwer *et al*) and Roman Catholicism.

Plenary Speakers

Prof. George Harinck (VU University Amsterdam)

Prof. Eduardo J. Echeverria (Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit)

Prof. Richard Mouw (Fuller Theological Seminary)

Dr. James Eglinton (New College, University of Edinburgh)

Prof. Kees van der Kooi (VU University Amsterdam)

Theme

Roman Catholicism was a world player when neo-Calvinism began to develop from the second half of the nineteenth century onwards. At that time, both Catholicism and Protestantism went through substantial changes. For the neo-Calvinists, Catholicism functioned as both an antagonist and an ally in their struggle to uphold religion in the modern age of *'rerum novarum'*. The neo-Calvinists were the first Protestants to cooperate openly with Roman Catholics in politics and on social issues. Theologically they were particularly interested in neo-Thomism, but remained critical of Roman Catholicism until after the Second World War and the Second Vatican Council.

The conference will focus on the theological, ecclesial, philosophical, political, social and cultural interactions between the two traditions: in what ways did they influence and approach each other, on which aspects did they continue to differ and why, and how could their relationship over a century and a half best be described?

Call for Papers

The conference organisers welcome proposals for short papers. Proposals (approximately 300 words) should be sent to g.harinck@vu.nl by March 30th, 2014. Conference papers will be in English.

Registration

The conference registration fee is €90, which includes a warm lunch and drinks. Conference places must be reserved by email (g.harinck@vu.nl) by May 30th, 2014.

Location and Accommodation

The conference will be held at:

The Lay Centre at Foyer Unitas Institute
Largo della Sanità Militare, 60 (close to the Colosseum)
00184 Rome
Italy

Participants are responsible for finding their own accommodation. The organisers suggest Foresteria del Monastero di San Gregorio al Celio (contact: Mrs. Loretta, forgreg@tiscali.it) as a well-priced, comfortable and close-by option.

Host Institutions



VU University, Amsterdam



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