

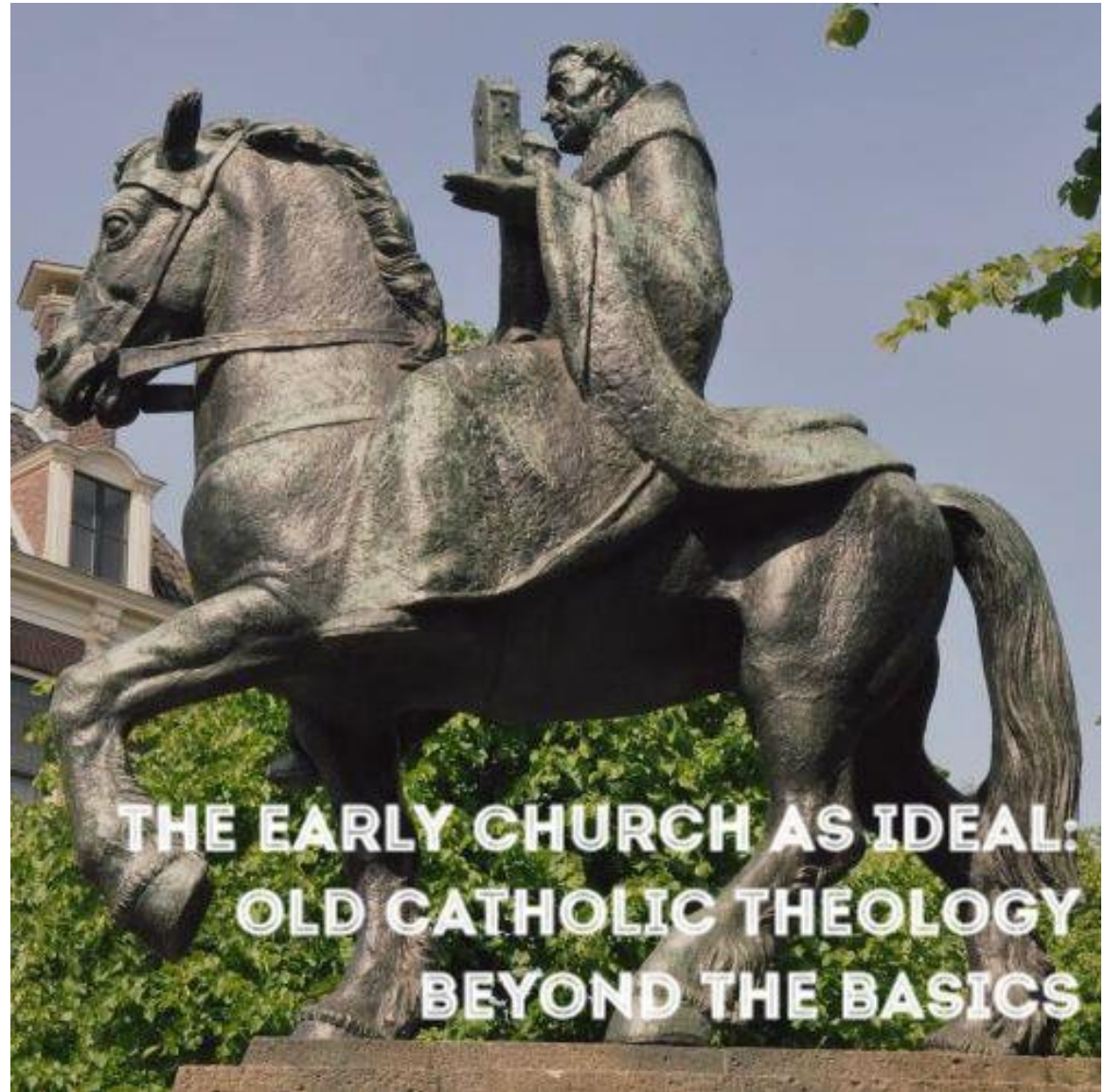
# THE EARLY CHURCH AS IDEAL: OLD CATHOLIC THEOLOGY BEYOND THE BASICS

## PROGRAMME\*

11 July 2021 – 17 July 2021

Old Catholic Seminary at Utrecht University

\* Tentative



# WELCOME



Prof. Dr. Peter-Ben Smit  
Course director

Dear visitor!

I'm happy to welcome you to the summer school in Old Catholic theology. Since 2012, we have been welcoming students to Utrecht to explore Old Catholic theology together. More than a course, the experience has been a real feast for all participants, students and professors alike. Such a good experience can be valuable in times of crisis, therefore we are offering the courses again in 2021! We've opted for an online format, to make sure that it can take place. In my own experience, studying theology in good company can strengthen resilience and help to find inspiration in uncertain times. We are even offering an advanced course this year in addition to the classic introductory course.

Therefore, I'd like to invite you to join us online in Utrecht in 2021! Become part of our community of learners in Old Catholic theology. Learn more about systematic theology, liturgy, history, spirituality, ecumenical relations, canon law, and praxis. I am glad that faculty members of the Old Catholic Seminary in Utrecht are offering their time and talent again. They include some of the brightest minds in Old Catholicism, such as Dr. Mattijs Ploeger in the field of liturgy and systematic theology, Prof. Andreas Krebs from the Old Catholic Institute in Bonn in dogmatics, Dr. Dick Schoon, Bishop of Haarlem in church history, and newly appointed practical theologian Rev. Jutta Eilander on spirituality and praxis. As always, we'll

cooperate with the prime museum of religious art in the Netherlands, the Catharijneconvent, and explore the ancient episcopal city of Utrecht. Yes, we will do that online as well!

Feel free to explore the two course offerings at the Utrecht Summer School website, [here](#) for the classic introductory course "Old Catholic Theology in Its Ecumenical Context" and [here](#) for the bright new advanced course, "The Early Church as Ideal: Old Catholic Theology Beyond the Basics". – And are you feeling ambitious? The two courses can be combined in the [track](#) "Old Catholic Theology: The Early Church as Charism and Challenge" (with a discount!)

Is this for me? Yes it is! Courses are suitable for theologians, clergy and interested lay persons alike. For any questions about how to participate, please be in touch with Ms. Rieneke Brand, at [rieneke.brand@okkn.nl](mailto:rieneke.brand@okkn.nl) should you have any questions.

With every good wish,

Prof. Dr. Peter-Ben Smit, course director

# LECTURERS (a.o.)



The Rev. prof. dr. Peter-  
Ben Smit

Ecumenism



The Rev. dr. Mattijs  
Ploeger

Systematic Theology



Prof. dr. Andreas Krebs

Old Catholic and  
Ecumenical theology



Mr. Adriaan Snijders,  
LL.M.

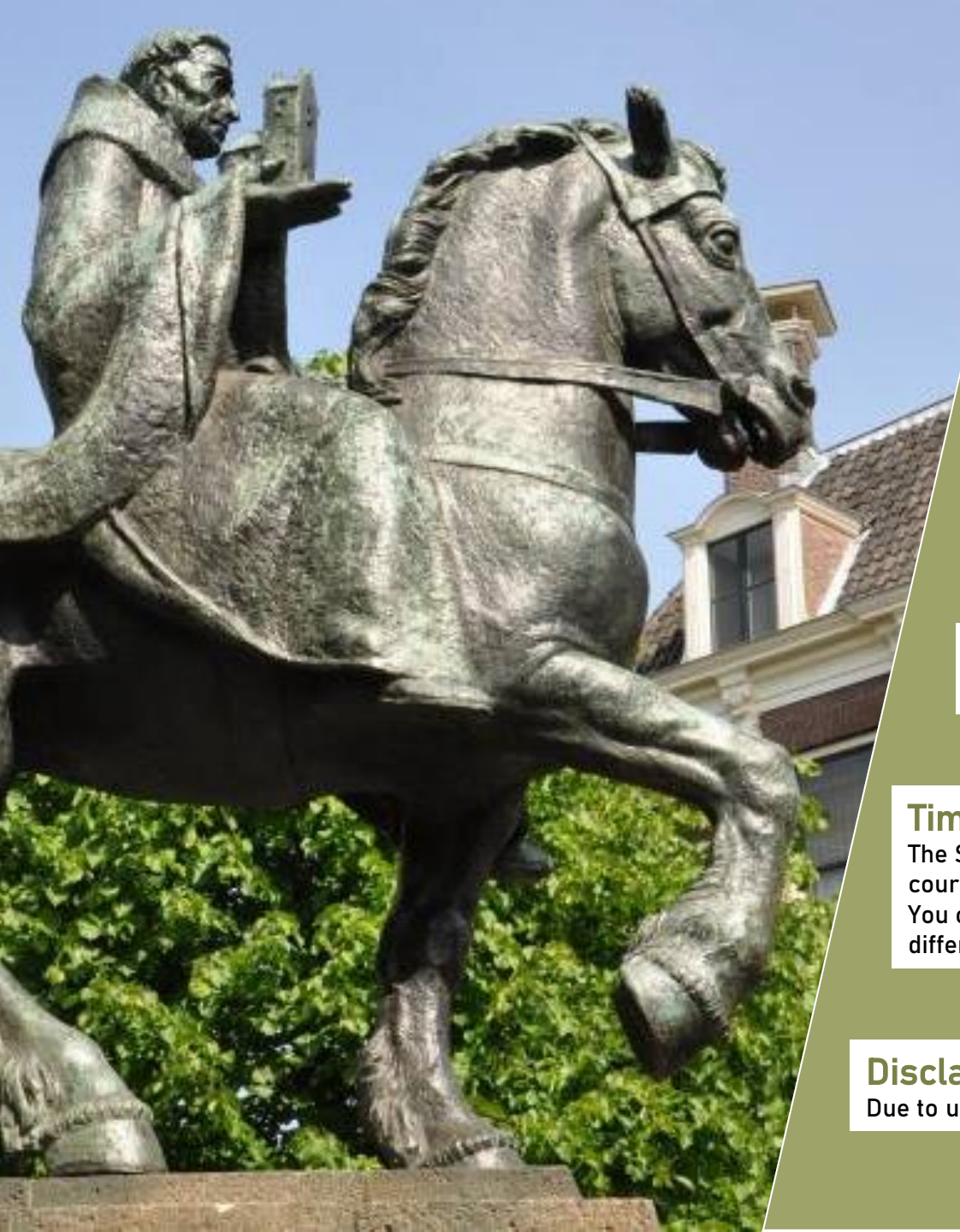
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# PROGRAMME PART I

Time (CEST)	Activity	Description	Lecturer
<b>Sunday, 11 July</b>			
10.00	Mass	(Virtual) Attendance of Mass at St. Gertrud's Cathedral	
<b>Monday, 12 July</b>			
16.30-18.30	Introduction	Introduction: The Appeal to the Early Church: Inspiration and Problem	Prof. dr. Peter-Ben Smit
19:00-21:00	Seminar	Spirituality and Structure: The Old Catholic Eucharistic Prayers and Patristic Inspiration - Case study I	Dr. Mattijs Ploeger
<b>Tuesday 13 July</b>			
16.30-18.30	Lecture	Old Catholics in Search of God in A Secular Age: The Early Church as Help and Hindrance	Prof. dr. Andreas Krebs
19.00-21.00	Seminar	Ancient Marriage in Search of Modern Meaning - Case Study II	Prof. dr. Andreas Krebs

# PROGRAMME PART II

Time (CEST)	Activity	Description	Lecturer
<b>Wednesday, 14 July</b>			
16.30-18.30	Lecture	A Model for All Others? The Early Church as an Inspiration for Canon Law in the 21st Century	Mr. Adriaan Snijders, LL.M.
19.00-21.00	Live virtual Excursion	Stones that Speak: The Dom Church as a Source of Spiritual Renewal in Utrecht	Ds. Hans Uytenbogaardt.
<b>Thursday, 15 July</b>			
16.30-18.30	Seminar	Renewing spirituality out of ancient sources: Cases from a Dutch Old Catholic praxis - Case Study III	Rev. Leonie van Straaten
19.00-21.00	Seminar	What has not been assumed has not been redeemed: Ancient theology for a modern church order - the ordination of women - Case Study IV	Dr. Mattijs Ploeger
<b>Friday, 16 July</b>			
16.30-18.30	Lecture	<i>Title t.b.d.</i>	Mr. Lydia Jansen
19.00-21.00	Seminar	Back to the Future? Possibilities and Impossibilities for an Appeal to the Early Church in the 21st century	Prof. dr. Peter-Ben Smit



# FURTHER INFORMATION

For more INFORMATION or to APPLY for this course check:

[The Early Church as Ideal: Old Catholic Theology beyond the Basics](#)

Not attended the FIRST course yet?

[Old Catholic Theology in its Ecumenical Context](#)

Applying for BOTH? Check the combination TRACK for discount:

[Old Catholic Theology: The Early Church as Charism and Challenge](#)

## Scholarships:

For information regarding financial assistance, please contact the course director at [P.B.A.Smit@uu.nl](mailto:P.B.A.Smit@uu.nl).

## Time Zones:

The Summer Schools will be online this year. This means that we will cover different time zones in our course. All times in the programme are in Central European Summer Time. 16.30 CEST = 10.30 EDT = 7.30 PDT  
You can use a [time converter](#) to find out what time it exact will be in your time zone. Be aware of the time differences between Winter and Summer!

## Disclaimer:

Due to unforeseen circumstances the programme could be (slightly) changed.