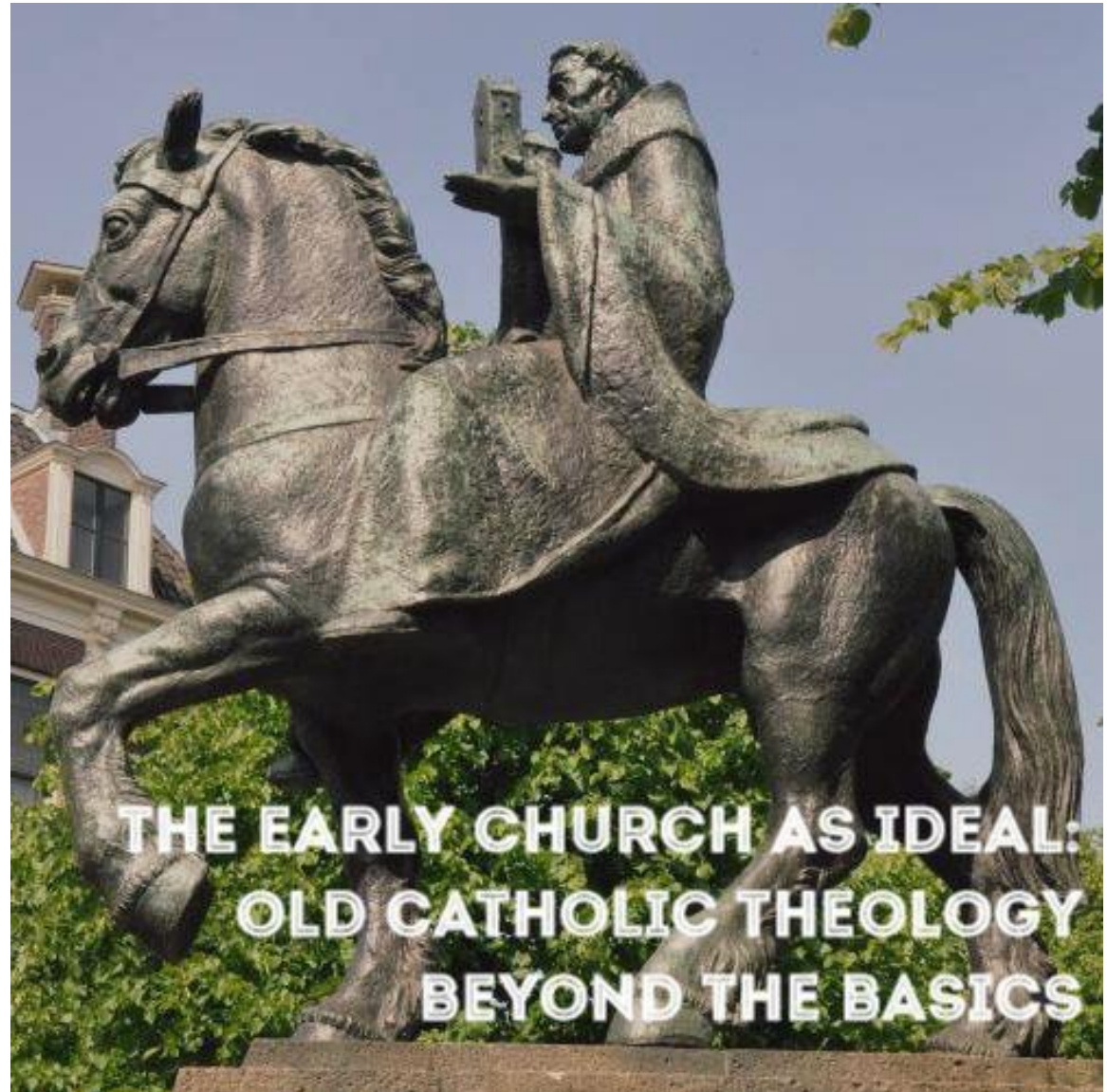


THE EARLY CHURCH AS IDEAL: OLD CATHOLIC THEOLOGY BEYOND THE BASICS

PROGRAMME

11 July 2021 – 16 July 2021

Old Catholic Seminary at Utrecht University



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 should you have any questions.

With every good wish,

Prof. Dr. Peter-Ben Smit, course director

PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

This course offers the possibility to deepen your knowledge of Old Catholic theology by thematic and in-depth case-driven classes, linked to a key starting point of Old Catholic theology: the faith and order of the Early Church. How can a modern church be so 'traditional' at the same time? This apparent tension and paradox will be the core theme of this weeklong, intensive course. In 2021, this course will be offered online for the first time.

The topics and disciplines covered by the course include: fundamental and liturgical theology, spirituality, and ecumenism. Case studies that will be explored cover topics such as marriage, the ordination of women and mission. The course will also engage with Old Catholic worship as it is being celebrated today.

At the end of the course, students will have a deepened knowledge of, and insight in Old Catholic theology and her appeal on the Early Church and will be able to apply this knowledge in theological reflexion and research. The course is at the advanced level of a MA curriculum. Students may be expected to do advance reading for the course.

Entry requirements for this course are having attended the course 'Old Catholic Theology in an Ecumenical context', advanced knowledge of theology or a similar qualification. The course '[Old Catholic Theology in an Ecumenical context](#)' is offered in immediate connection with this advanced course. Are you interested in participating in both courses? You can apply for the combination track here: [Old Catholic Theology: The Early Church as Charism and Challenge](#).

Old Catholic theology is understood as the theological discourse within the Old Catholic Churches of the Union of Utrecht.

Target audience

- Students who attended the course: '[Old Catholic Theology in its Ecumenical Context](#)';
- Students of theology interested in Old Catholicism and ecumenism;
- Clergy and theologians interested in Old Catholicism and ecumenism;
- Laypersons with formal or informal theological training interesting in Old Catholicism and ecumenism.

The course is of specific interest for students with Anglican, Orthodox, Lutheran, Old Catholic, and ecumenical backgrounds.

Aim of the course

The goals of the course are, the following;

1. The student will have a deepened knowledge of and insight in Old Catholic theology and her appeal on the Early Church;
2. The student will be able apply this knowledge in theological reflection and research;
3. The student will be able to undertake further independent study of aspects of Old Catholic theology.

Study load

4 contact hours/day; about 40 hours or preparatory self-study will be required.

Costs

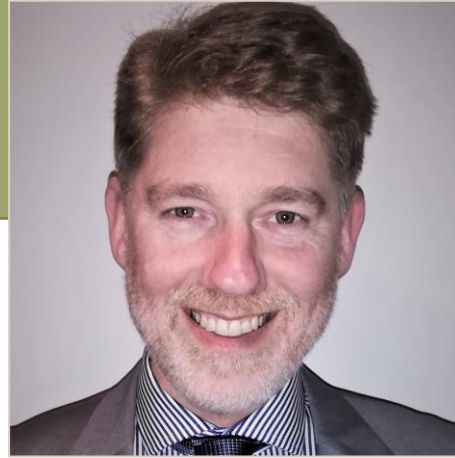
Course fee: € 375

Registration

Application deadline:

01 May 2021

LECTURERS (a.o.)



The Rev. prof. dr. Peter-
Ben Smit

Prof. dr. Andreas Krebs

The Rev. dr. Mattijs
Ploeger

Rev. Leonie van
Straaten

Mr. Adriaan Snijders,
LL.M.

Ecumenism

Old Catholic and
Ecumenical theology

Systematic Theology

Spirituality

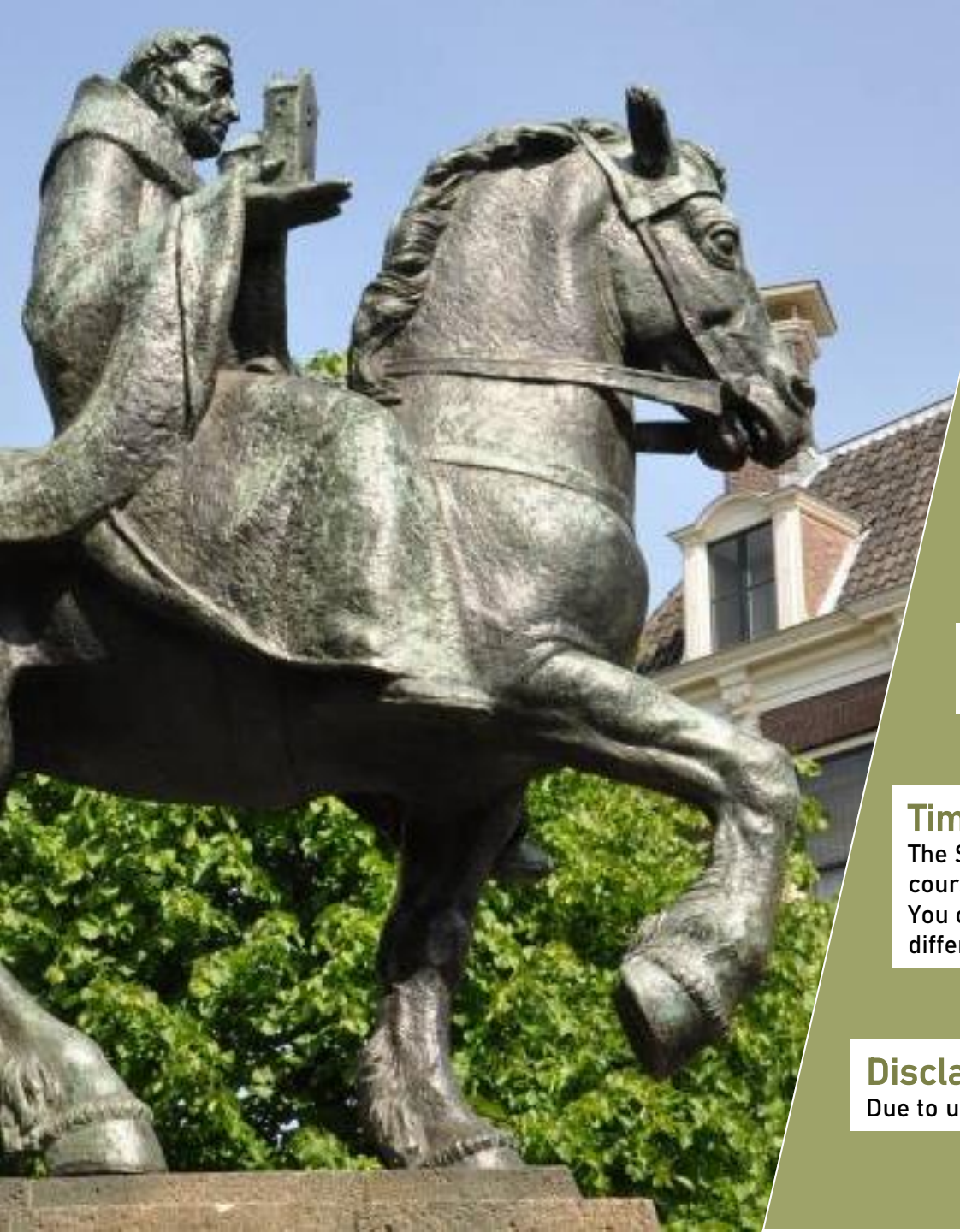
Canon Law

PROGRAMME PART I

| Time (CEST) | Activity | Description | Lecturer |
|------------------------|--------------|---|--------------------------|
| Sunday, 11 July | | | |
| 10.00 | Mass | (Virtual) Attendance of Mass at St. Gertrud's Cathedral | |
| Monday, 12 July | | | |
| 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 |
| Tuesday 13 July | | | |
| 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 |
|---------------------------|------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Wednesday, 14 July | | | |
| 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. |
| Thursday, 15 July | | | |
| 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 |
| Friday, 16 July | | | |
| 16.30-18.30 | Lecture | Embodied Ressourcement: Antonius Jan Glazemaker as Archbishop of Utrecht | 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.

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.