

Divine Leadership?! Politics, Spirituality and the Bible

Summer School of the Centre for Contextual Biblical Interpretation at the Protestant Theological University and the School of Religion and Theology of Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, IN UTRECHT 5th–10th July 2026

Program

| | Sunday 5 July | Monday 6 July | Tuesday 7 July | Wednesday 8 July | Thursday 9 July | Friday 10 July |
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| 9:30 | Visiting local communities & activities [self-responsible] | Session 1: Welcome, introduction to the week, getting to know each other An-Ting Yi | Session 4: Moral leadership and charisma Elco van Burg | Exposure 1 (10:00–11:30) Catharijneconvent Rianneke van der Houwen | Session 7: Reading Against Racism: Contextual Biblical Interpretation of Church Leadership Kirsten van der Ham | Session 10: Conservative religious leaders' use of the Bible: Constructing meaning and group identity Tobias Cinjee |
| 11:00 | | Coffee & Tea break | Coffee & Tea break | | Coffee & Tea break | Coffee & Tea break |
| 11:30 | | Session 2: Framing Divine Leadership through Contextual Theology Dorottya Nagy | Session 5: The "stolen Bible" and the "stolen land"? Some tentative reflections on the decolonising of biblical studies Dion Forster | | Session 8: Leadership in Acts 15 Paul Sanders & Haposan Cornelius Sinaga | Session 11: Drawing the lines together Dorottya Nagy & An-Ting Yi |
| 13:00 | | Lunch break | Lunch break | | Lunch break | |
| 14:30 | | Session 3: Biblical Masculinities and Leadership: Cases and Questions Peter-Ben Smit | Session 6: Conversation and Reflection on Leadership with Rhoïnde Mijns-Doth | Exposure 2 (13:00–16:00) Utrecht centrum and the Dom Gert van Klinken | Session 9: Moses as an (anti)model. Salvation history, progress, civilization and the Dutch nation Janneke Stegeman | Wrapping up, handing certificate, lunch together (13:00–14:30) |
| 16:00 | | Free times and social activities | Free times and social activities *Grand Opening! (17:00–19:00; optional) | Free times and social activities | Free times and social activities | Farewell |

Webpage: <https://utrechtsummerschool.nl/courses/humanities/divine-leadership-politics-spirituality-and-the-bible>

Venue: Jansdam 14, Utrecht (PThU B1.02 van Schurman)

Mesuem Catharijneconvent: Lange Nieuwstraat 38, 3512 PH, Utrecht

USS Opening Ceremony 2026 on Tuesday evening (optional, *not* obligatory): <https://utrechtsummerschool.nl/product/1465>