

*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 5<sup>th</sup>–10<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

**Program**

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