

## Call for papers

Theologische Universiteit  Apeldoorn



Theologische Universiteit Kampen

Dear colleagues,

We kindly invite you to the biannual academic conference organised by the research group *Reformed Traditions in Secular Europe* (RTSE), connected to the Theological University Apeldoorn and the Theological University Kampen. This year's conference is entitled 'Education, Formation, and the Church'.

The conference will be held on the **30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2018** at Theological University Kampen, Broederweg 15, 8261 GS Kampen, The Netherlands.

Changes in society bring uncertainty and anxiety in churches, schools and families. Certain Christian communities seek to restrain their members from perceived negative influences of the post-Christian age. They try to equip them to become virtuous disciples in modern society. However, research has demonstrated that measures that oppose secularization in churches lack considerable impact. To improve this impact it is essential to have a framework with a clear vision on formation. In this conference, we will discuss the role education and formation have in church, both from conceptual and empirical perspectives. We strive to approach the topic interdisciplinary. Therefore, we do not only welcome practical theological contributions but also Biblical, systematic, historical and ethical proposals. Furthermore, because formation is not merely a theological topic, we also welcome philosophical, psychological and educational approaches.

The following international speakers will deliver a lecture:

- Professor David Smith (Calvin College, USA)
- Professor Trevor Cooling (Christ Church University, Canterbury, UK)
- Professor Ferdi Kruger (North West University, Potchefstroom, RSA)
- Professor Bernd Wannewetsch (Freie Theologische Hochschule Gießen, DE)

We invite you to submit proposals for short papers (to be held in sessions in which the speaker has 20 minutes + 10 minutes for discussion). Papers may contain conceptual work but also reports of empirical studies. We emphatically encourage PhD students to present parts of their studies.

Please submit your proposal (up to 150 words, plus short CV) **not later than the 21<sup>st</sup> of March 2018** to Petronelle Baarda, member of the preparation committee ([P.D.Baarda@driestar-educatief.nl](mailto:P.D.Baarda@driestar-educatief.nl)).

If more information is needed, feel free to connect with one of the members of the committee.

The conference will be held in English. We will consider publishing the lectures and a selection of short papers in a volume with congress proceedings. Booking opens April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018.

Kind regards,  
Prof. Bram de Muynck  
Prof. Roel Kuiper  
Prof. Maarten Kater  
Dr. Hans Schaeffer  
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