

Neo-Calvinism and Barthianism: Controversies and Convergences in Dogmatics and Public Theology

7th European Neo-Calvinism Conference
26-28 August 2026, Theologische Fakultät, Universität Basel, Switzerland

Parallel sessions run simultaneously in two rooms. Each presentation is 30 minutes including discussion. Keynotes are indicated in bold; the public lecture on Wednesday evening is open to all.

Wednesday 26 August		
13:00	Registration and coffee	
13:30	Welcome address by prof. dr. Georg Pfeleiderer	
13:40	Opening address	
14:00	Opening Lecture – Kees van der Kooi The Sovereignty of God	
15:00	Coffee break	
Parallel Sessions A [15:15–16:15]		
	Track 1 — Barth, God and humans	Track 2 — Munus Triplex in Barth and Bavinck
15:15–15:45	Bavinck and Barth on Christology Bryan Selby	The Prophetic Office of Christ in Barth and Bavinck Daniel Hill
15:45–16:15	A Neo-Calvinist Reading of Barth's Die Menschlichkeit Gottes Marinus de Jong	Barth and Bavinck on the Munus Triplex John Vissers
Parallel Sessions B [16:15–17:15]		
	Track 1 - Barth and Kuyper	Track 2 — Bavinck and Barth on War
16:15–16:45	Barth and Kuyper on Language James Eglinton	Bavinck and Barth: Christianity and War Gerard den Hertog
16:45–17:15	Church History in the Line of Kuyper Hans-Georg Ulrichs	Bavinck and Barth on War Ethic Anders Liman
17:15	End of afternoon programme	
19:30	Public Keynote – Johan Snel Vom Abgrund und vom Erhabenen -- Mit Kuyper und Nietzsche in den Alpen. [Open to the public]	
Thursday 27 August		
09:00	Keynote – Kai-Ole Eberhardt Barth and Kuyper	
10:00	Coffee break (30 min)	
Parallel Sessions C [10:30–12:00]		
	Track 1 — Providence	Track 2 — Barth and Reformed Philosophy
10:30–11:00	Providence, Ferguson, Barth and Bavinck Axel Steeger	Free Will and Fatalism in Plantinga, Hanafi and Barth Mody Yacoub
11:00–11:30	Barth and Berkouwer on Concursus Divinus Jeong Hoon Lee	Dooyeweerd between Przywara and Barth Israel Costa
11:30–12:00	Noordmans and Neo-Calvinism on Creation and Providence Gijsbert van den Brink	Kuyper and Barth on Truth René van Woudenberg
12:00	Lunch Optional Barth House Excursion [13:00–15:00]	

Parallel Sessions D [15:00–16:30]		
	Track 1 — Public Theology I	Track 2 — Barth and Bavinck on Metaphysics
15:00–15:30	Kuyper and Barth on Public Theology Timothy Jones	Metaphysics in Barth and Bavinck Joshua Kira
15:30–16:00	Worldview and Education in Brazil Pedro Alcantara	Barth and Bavinck on Structural Evil Daniel-Avram Pop
16:00–16:30	AI, Kuyper and Bonhoeffer Brant Himes	Barth, Bavinck and Beauty Alistair Reid
Parallel Sessions E [16:30–18:00]		
	Track 1 — Public Theology II	Track 2 — JH Bavinck and Barth
16:30–17:00	Kuyper and Barth on South Africa Diane Ziegler	JH Bavinck and Barth on Translation in Mission Mairi MacPherson
17:00–17:30	Should There Be a Christian State? Kuyper and Barth on Church, Government, and Public Order Yago Martins	JH Bavinck and Barth on Epistemology and Church Rein den Hertog
17:30–18:00	Barth, Bavinck and Black Epistemology Moses Hoole	JH Bavinck and Barth on Revelation and Mission Ragaai Atia
18:00	Collective Dinner	

Friday 28 August		
09:00	Keynote – Gray Sutanto Karl Barth and General Revelation	
10:00	Coffee break (30 min)	
Parallel Sessions F [10:30–12:00]		
	Track 1 — Barth and Schilder	Track 2 — Barth and Neo-Calvinism on Dogmatics
10:30–11:00	Barth's Credo Lectures in Utrecht in 1935 George Harinck	Faith and Theology in Barth and Kuyper Tyler McNally
11:00–11:30	Schilder, Barth and Bavinck on Suffering Gayle Doombos	Sacramentology in Bavinck and Barth Jan Martijn Abrahamse
11:30–12:00	Barth and Schilder on Reformed Orthodoxy Henk van den Belt	Runia and Barth on Scripture Davide Ibrahim
12:00	Lunch Optional Barth House Excursion [13:00–15:00]	
Parallel Sessions G [15:00–16:30]		
	Track 1 — Revelation in Barth and Bavinck + philosophy bonus	Track 2 — Covenant theology and Forgiveness
15:00–15:30	Heilsgeschiede and Historia Revelationis: Bavinck, Barth and Veenhof Greg Parker	Covenant and Eschatology of Karl Barth and Geerhardus Vos Joo Young Kang
15:30–16:00	Revelation and Nature in Bavinck and Barth Sun-young Kim	Adoption in Bavinck's Soteriology Andry Saputra Ligawan
16:00–16:30	Dooyeweerd and Karl Barth on societal relationships Arthur Loureiro	Divine Incomprehensibility and Forgiveness in Herman Bavinck and Karl Barth Song-Han Chung
16:30	Closing Panel	
17:30	End of conference	
18:00	Dinner	

Practical Recommendations

The conference will take place in the buildings of the Theological Faculty of the University of Basel, Nadelberg 10 Basel. This is in the medieval town center of the city. There are many excellent hotels in the vicinity. Lower prices can be found more outside of town, particularly in the German part to the north.

Meals are not included in the conference programme. There are many options for lunch and dinner in town close to the conference venue. Coffee and tea will be provided during breaks.

Basel has an international airport and an international railway station. We encourage travelling by rail where possible. Zurich airport is a good alternative for overseas travel with good rail connections to Basel. Do check the visa requirements for Switzerland that apply to your nationality. Switzerland is not in the EU nor in the Schengen zone and different conditions may apply compared to other European countries.

Previous Conferences

2010 Edinburgh

2012 Paris Neo-Calvinism and the French Revolution

2014 Rome Neo-Calvinism and Roman-Catholicism

2016 Istanbul Kampen Neo-Calvinism and Islam

2018 Leuven: Neo-Calvinism and Europe

2020: Wittenberg: Neo-Calvinism and Lutheranism

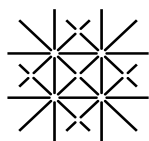
2022:

2024 Amsterdam: Neo-Calvinism and Capitalism

Previous Conference Publications

- James Eglinton and George Harinck (eds.), *Neo-Calvinism and the French Revolution* (T&T Clark, 2014).
- James Eglinton and George Harinck (eds.), *Neo-Calvinism and Roman Catholicism* (Brill, 2023).
- Joost Hengstmengel and Marinus de Jong (eds.), *Neo-Calvinism and Capitalism* (Routledge, forthcoming)

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