

Utrecht University - Faculty of Humanities

Old Catholic Theology in its Ecumenical Context - C23

The course offers an introduction to Old Catholic theology in an ecumenical context. Old Catholic theology is understood as the main theological currents as they exist in Union of Utrecht of Old Catholic Churches. The topics covered by the course include the following aspects of Old Catholic theology and tradition: the history of Old Catholicism, spirituality, ecumenism, canon law and ecclesiology, liturgy, and systematic theology. The course includes excursions to a major collection of related religious art (Museum Catharijneconvent), to a liturgical celebration (Utrecht), and to the traces of Catholic presence and history in the episcopal city of Utrecht.

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Students will be taught by experts in Old Catholic theology on the faculty of the Old Catholic Seminary, Utrecht. The topics covered by the course include the following: History of Old Catholicism, Old Catholic spirituality, Ecumenism and Old Catholicism, Old Catholic canon law and ecclesiology, Old Catholic liturgy, and Old Catholic systematic theology. The reading of key texts will be a central component of the course and students may be expected to do advance reading for the course. The course will also include an excursion to a major collection of related religious art (Museum Catherijneconvent), an excursion to an Old Catholic liturgical celebration (Utrecht), and to the traces of Catholic presence and history in the episcopal city of Utrecht. The course concludes in the historic buildings of the Old Catholic charity of Utrecht.

The goals of the course are, the following; upon completing the course:

- The student will be familiar with central aspects of Old Catholic identity and theology.
- The student will be able to contextualize Old Catholic theology within the broader spectrum of theology and religious studies.
- The student will be able to undertake further independent study of aspects of Old Catholic theology

COURSE DIRECTOR Prof. dr. Peter-Ben Smit

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CREDITS 2.0 ECTS

COURSE FEE € 625 Course + course materials + housing







