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CALVINISM ON THE PERIPHERIES: RELIGION AND CIVIL SOCIETY ON THE PERIPHERIES OF EUROPE

című angol nyelvű konferenciára

23–24 APRIL, 2008, REFORMED COLLEGE OF DEBRECEN, KISTANÁCSTEREM





PROGRAM

23 APRIL, 2008 (WEDNESDAY)

- 9.00 Moderator: *Kovács, Ábrabám*
Welcome: *Fazakas, Sándor*
(rector, Debrecen Reformed Theological University, Hungary)
Welcome: *Gaál, Botond and Hörsik, Richárd*
(Debrecen Reformed Theological University, Hungary)
- 9.15 OPENING LECTURE: *Brown, J. Stewart*
(University of Edinburgh, Scotland):
Sentiment, Toleration and the Reformed Churches during the Age of Reason
- 10.00 COFFEE BREAK
- 10.15 I. CALVINISM AND MINORITY
Moderator: *Békési, Sándor*
(Károli Gáspár Reformed University, Hungary)
Torrance, Iain (Princeton Theological Seminary, USA):
The Reformed Theology of Baptism and the Identity of a Minority Church
Gaál, Botond (Debrecen Reformed Theological University, Hungary):
The Role of Calvinist Minorities in the Cultural Life of Hungary – Discussion
- 11.15 II. CALVINISM, RELIGIOUS PLURALISM AND TOLERANCE
IN PRUSSIA AND HUNGARY
Moderator: *Murdock, Graeme* (University of Birmingham, England)
Barta, János (University of Debrecen, Hungary):
Tolerance and Indifference: Religions and Ecclesiastical Policy
of Prussia in the 17–18th Centuries
Pásztori-Kupán, István (Protestant Theological Institute
Kolozsvár-Cluj, Romania): *The Spirit of Religious Tolerance –*
Transylvanian “extra Calvinisticum” – Discussion
- 12.15 LUNCH
- 14.30 III. THE ROLE OF CALVINISM IN EDUCATION AND RELIGIOUS
PRACTICE IN HUNGARY
Moderator: *Brown, J. Stewart* (University of Edinburgh, Scotland)
Péter, Katalin (Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Institute
of History, Budapest): *The Intellectual Resurgence of Transylvania:*
the School Policy of Princes
Murdock, Graeme (University of Birmingham, England):
The Practice of Prayer in Reformed Hungary – Discussion

- 15.30 COFFEE BREAK
- 15.45 IV. CALVINISM AND MISSION
 Moderator: *Szűcs, Ferenc*
 (Károli Gáspár Reformed University, Hungary)
Walls, F. Andrew (University of Edinburgh, Scotland):
From the Periphery to Beyond the Periphery: Calvinism in the Early Protestant Missionary Movement
Gonda, László (Debrecen Reformed Theological University, Hungary):
Unconnected Peripheries. The Unrealized Dutch-Hungarian Reformed Missionary Plans in Indonesia, 1946–1949 – Discussion
- 16.45 CLOSING WORDS – *Péter, Katalin*
 (Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Institute of History)
- 17.00 TOUR IN THE REFORMED COLLEGE OF DEBRECEN (*guide Fekete, Csaba*)
- 18.30 WELCOME AND RECEPTION – *Bölcskei, Gusztáv*
 (*presiding bishop of the Reformed Church of Hungary*)

24 APRIL, 2008 (THURSDAY)

- 9.00 V. CALVINISM AND THE FORMATION OF IDENTITY
 IN THE PAST AND PRESENT
 Moderator: *Barta, János* (University of Debrecen, Hungary)
Kestutis Daugirdas (Johannes Gutenberg University,
 Germany, Lithuania): *The Origins of the Reformed Church in Grand Duchy
 Lithuania and its Struggle for Theological Identity*
Mizgala, J. Joanna (Polish Academy of Sciences, Institute of Political
 Studies, Warsaw): *Calvinism in Poland: Managing Constructed Identity
 in a Post-Peripheral Society – Discussion*
- 10.00 COFFEE BREAK
- 10.15 VI. APOCALYPTIC IDEAS AND MARTIROLOGY IN CALVINISM
 Moderator: *Fekete, Csaba* (Reformed College of Debrecen, Hungary)
Lévai, Csaba (University of Debrecen, Hungary):
*Calvinist History on the Peripheries: Apocalyptic History in Hungary
 and Colonial North America in the 16–17th Centuries*
Tóth, Zsombor (Babes-Bolyai University, Romania): *The Homiletics of
 Political Discourse – Martirology as a (Re)Invented Tradition in
 the Paradigm of Early Modern Hungarian Calvinism – Discussion*



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- 11.15 VII. CALVINISM IN THE EASTERN PERIPHERIES OF EUROPE
Moderator: *Péter, Katalin* (Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Institute of History, Budapest)
Buzogány, Dezső (Babes-Bolyai University, Romania):
The Impact of Calvinist Ethics on the Management of Economy of Transylvanian Churches
Meller, Katarzyna (Adam Mickiewicz University, Poland):
Calvinist Humanitas in the 16th Century Literature in Poland
Discussion
- 15.15 LUNCH
- 14.00 VIII. ECCLESIASTICAL AND CULTURAL HISTORY –
INTERCONTINENTAL CALVINISM: HUNGARY AND HER POLISH,
CZECH, AND SCOTTISH RELATIONS
Moderator: *Pásztori-Kupán, István*
(Protestant Theological Institute Kolozsvár-Cluj, Romania)
D. Molnár, István (University of Debrecen, Hungary):
On the Contacts of Polish and Hungarian Calvinism in Poland
Horváth, Erzsébet (Károli Gáspár University, Hungary):
Calvin and his contacts with the Czech diaspora
Hörösik, Richárd (Debrecen Reformed Theological University,
Hungary): *The Meeting of Peripheries in the second half of 19th century:*
Scotland and Hungary
Discussion
- 15.00 CLOSING WORDS – *Brown, S. J.* (University of Edinburgh, Scotland)
- 16.00 Sightseeing (City of Debrecen)
- 19.00 CULTURAL EVENING

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The conference seeks to bring together scholars from the already existing network between Debrecen and Edinburgh, Princeton, Birmingham as well as Mainz, Poznan, Budapest, Warsaw, Kolozsvár (Cluj-Napoca) and other places of research in order to share their research results, enrich and deepen the scholarly discussions on the topic of how Calvinism influenced civil society, especially in the peripheral areas of Europe, or within a European country where Calvinism was on the margins.

Therefore, the conference aims at dealing with the impact of European Calvinism emerging from the research results of church, social, and intellectual history, theology, literary criticism, cultural studies, and ethnography starting from the Reformation era up to the 20th century. A special emphasis is laid on countries which are situated in the peripheries of Western European civilisation and had experienced the impact of Calvinism such as Scotland, Hungary, Transylvania, Poland, Lithuania or exist on the margins of societies as Calvinist communities like the German Reformed churches.

The presentations focus on how Calvinism interacted with local culture, how Calvinists understood their stance across centuries in relation to society, and what Calvinism as a 'worldview' gave to society, whether or not it fostered secularisation, how Calvinism facilitated democratic developments, and shaped political thinking. Furthermore what kind of responses Calvinist theology and political thinking produced to the challenge of the emerging of Natural Sciences.

The conference is a preparation for the Calvin Jubilee in 2009 to celebrate the life and work of John Calvin in Reformed communities across the world. The public lectures will be published in a separate volume to commemorate the special event.

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