

THE INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH SPEAKING ROMAN CATHOLIC
CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

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THE  S ACADEMY

Programme

October – December 2017

17/10

JAN DE JONG*Spirituality and Effective Relations*

Jan de Jong has had a long international career working as an executive for Shell, a capacity in which he developed a strong interest in theories of leadership, relationships and their spirituality. After his career Jan de Jong started giving clinics on these topics, mainly to students of the TU Delft. Together with his wife he is also one of the coordinators of the COS Marriage Preparation Group.

31/10

LELIA SPADA*Old Age, Mortality and Grief in Modern Society*

After a career in the corporate world, Lelia Spada completely changed the course of her professional life and started out as a mindfulness teacher, giving courses to a wide array of audiences, both in Holland and abroad. She is currently involved in a project about (coping with) mortality, a very topical issue in today's society.

13/11

DIANNE LUPING*Justice and Peace: Legal and Spiritual Tenets*

Dianne Luping is a trial lawyer within the Office of the Prosecutor at the International Criminal Court (ICC) in The Hague, where she has been working since 2004. Very committed to the issues of Justice and Peace, she also tries to put these more on the forefront within the COS Parish, where she serves as chair of the Justice and Peace Group.

27/11

ROWAN WILLIAMS*Faith in the Public Square (DeZinnen)*

In this lecture, organized by Catholic network DeZinnen and hosted in the nearby Christus Triumfatorkerk (at 20.00), former Anglican Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams will reflect upon the critical importance of the 'religious voice' in public society. Tickets also cost €10 – for registration and more information, please mail to info@dezinnen.nl or have a look at their website, www.dezinnen.nl.

28/11

PAUL VAN GEEST*500 Years Reformation and the Legacy of St. Augustine*

Working as a Professor of Church History at the University of Tilburg, Paul van Geest is specialized in the theology of St. Augustine, the topic on which he got promoted at the Gregoriana University in Rome. In Holland he is also widely known for his media appearances, in which he attempts to represent a genuinely open yet critical Catholic perspective on modern society.

AND UPCOMING...*another series of Academy lectures, starting in January:*

With contributions from Mgr. Ad van Luyn (former Bishop of Rotterdam), Michiel Heere (Parish Secretary and Knight of Malta), and many others!

The Academy evenings will be held on Tuesdays (17/10, 31/10, 28/11) or Monday (13/11) from 7 till 8.30 p.m. – comprising 30 min. of lecture, 30 min. of Q&A and 30 min. of informal reception.

All evenings will be hosted in the COS Loft (entrance at the Helenastraat). Mind that the lecture by Rowan Williams is NOT a part of the Academy series and requires a separate registration, through Catholic network DeZinnen.

You can either subscribe for all 4 evenings (€25), or buy loose entrance tickets at a €10 rate.

In order to register – whether for one evening or for all 4 – please send an email with your request to office@parish.nl, and transfer the due registration fee to parish account NL34 ABNA 059.93.46.264, with a clear mention of the COS Academy and your name. (In case of a cancellation on your part, there will be no refunds.)

Loose entrance tickets can of course also be bought on the evening of the lecture itself, by cash payment.

The Academy's profits, next to covering its costs, will be spent mainly on the maintenance of the church buildings and the COS Hand in Hand Refugee Project.

If you require more information, please contact the parish office, or have a look at the parish website (www.parish.nl/internal/cos-academy).

Also, we are still looking for people to help out with the organization and logistics of the Academy evenings. If you are interested, please let us know by mailing to office@parish.nl.

“Evangelization also involves the path of dialogue, to promote full human development and to pursue the common good: dialogue with states, dialogue with society – the cultures and the sciences – and dialogue with other believers. In each case, “the Church speaks from the light which faith offers”, contributing her two thousand year experience. This light transcends human reason, yet it can also prove meaningful and enriching to those who are not believers and it stimulates reason to broaden its perspectives.”

POPE FRANCIS in *Evangelii Gaudium* (nr. 238)