

ANNUAL REPORT 2007

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1. Study and research at the *Thomas Instituut te Utrecht*

On 29 June 2007, the *Thomas Instituut te Utrecht* organised a morning of studies on the occasion of the publication of a book by a member of the institute, Pim Valkenberg, affiliate professor at the Faculty of Theology at Loyola College, Baltimore (USA): *Sharing Lights on the Way tot God - Muslim-Christian Dialogue and Theology in the Context of Abrahamic Partnership* (Rodopi: Amsterdam/New York 2006). The author gave a presentation about central ideas of his book, where he seeks to give form to a theology that hyphenates two traditions that have not only been in constant conflict during most of their historical encounters but are also presented as opposite blocks in the threatening ‘clash of civilizations’ at the beginning of the third millennium: Islam and Christianity. Based on experiences of dialogue between the three Abrahamic faiths, Valkenberg analyzes historical and contemporary processes of interreligious dialogue between Christians and Muslims in order to arrive at a concept of dialogue as ‘mutual emulation’. He develops a model in which comparative theology and interreligious dialogue are connected by studying the theological and spiritual sources of his Muslim dialogue partners.

Gerrit Steunebrink (Faculty of Philosophy at Radboud University Nijmegen) answered first with a lecture about the philosophy of an ethics-centered dialogue between Islam and Christianity. Then Henk Schoot (*Thomas Instituut te Utrecht*)

gave a reaction on Valkenberg's book: "Towards an Islamic-Christian theology", in which he situates Valkenberg's second great book in his theological authorship, and discusses some major aspects of it. Twenty people attended the morning of studies.

Members of the research group *Onderzoeksgroep Thomas van Aquino* convened eight times in 2007, each time on the first Monday of the month to discuss parts of dissertations by junior research fellows and to read texts by Thomas Aquinas.

On 2 July the research group spent a day away discussing Gavin d'Costa's *Theology and the Public Square: Church, University and Nation* (Oxford, 2005).

2. Chair for Theology of Thomas Aquinas

Henk Schoot, who in 2006 had been appointed extraordinary professor to the Chair for Theology of Thomas Aquinas, held his inaugural lecture on 26 January 2007 entitled: *Heilig, heilig, heilig. Pleidooi voor de heiligheid van de theologie* ("Holy, Holy, Holy. A plea for the holiness of theology"; English translation published in *Jaarboek 2006 Thomas Instituut te Utrecht*). There has been quite some public interest around his inaugural lecture, resulting in interviews in two Dutch daily newspapers. During the year under review further research at the chair concentrated around the subject of Christ's Satisfaction and Passion.

3. The Board of the Institute and the Foundation

The Board of the Institute convened on 20 February, 27 March and 15 May. Among other issues the situation of the *Thomas Instituut te Utrecht* as part of the new Faculty of Catholic Theology (Tilburg University) has been discussed during these meetings. There were no changes to the composition of the Board of the Institute.

The Board of the Thomas Foundation convened on 3 April and on 11 November. The Board discussed the authorisation of the regulation of the Chair extraordinary for Theology of Thomas Aquinas and the position of the *Thomas Instituut te Utrecht* as part of the Faculty of Catholic Theology (Tilburg University). During the meeting on 11 November the Board of the Foundation said good-bye to prof. A.G. Weiler as chairman. The Thomas Foundation and the *Thomas Instituut te Utrecht* owe him many thanks for presiding the Board of the Foundation since 1993. At the end of the meeting prof. Weiler handed the chairmanship on to the new chairman, prof. dr. J.H.A. Lokin, professor for Legal History – especially Roman law and its history – at Groningen University.

4. *Jaarboek Thomas Instituut te Utrecht*

The *Jaarboek Thomas Instituut te Utrecht 2006* was timely published in 2007. The Editorial Board convened on 16 January and 24 April. There were no personnel changes in the Editorial Board.

5. Series of Publications

In the year under review the twelfth volume was published in the series of the institute: Fáinche Ryan, *Formation in Holiness. Thomas Aquinas on Sacra doctrina*, Publications of the Thomas Instituut te Utrecht, Volume XII, xii + 217 pp.

6. Translation Series

The Editorial Board of the Translation Series convened on 29 August. During this meeting the manuscript of the forthcoming fourth volume of the series was discussed: Carlo Leget's Dutch translation of parts of *quaestiones* 10, 11, 40, 64, 124 and 188 of the *STh* II-II, presented with Latin texts as well.

7. Members of the *Thomas Instituut te Utrecht*

31 December 2007

Faculty of Catholic Theology (Tilburg University)

Staff

Prof. dr. P. van Geest

Dr. H.J.M.J. Goris

Prof. dr. H.W.M. Rikhof

Prof. dr. H.J.M. Schoot

Prof. dr. R.A. te Velde

(University of Amsterdam,
Philosophy)

Prof. dr. J.B.M. Wissink

Candidates for a Doctorate

Drs. S. Mangnus

Drs. F.A. Steijger

Drs. S. Wiersma

*Tilburg University (Department of Religious Studies and
Theology)*

Prof. dr. F.J.H. Vosman

Radboud University Nijmegen

Dr. P.J.J.M. Bakker

(Philosophy)

Prof. dr. H.A.G. Braakhuis

(Philosophy)

Prof.dr. M.J.F.M. Hoenen

(Philosophy)

Dr. C.J.W. Leget (UMC St.

Radboud, Ethics)

Prof. dr. P.G.J.M. Raedts

(History)

Prof. dr. P.J.M. van Tongeren

(Philosophy)

Dr. A.C.M. Vennix

(Philosophy)

Prof. dr. B.P.M. Vermeulen

(Law)

<i>Utrecht University</i>	Dr. A. Vos (Theology) Prof. dr. A. Orbán (Arts/Late Latin)
<i>Other members of the institute</i>	Prof. dr. F.J.A. de Grijns (Catholic Theological University of Utrecht, emeritus) Dr. S. Gradl Dr. M.-R. Hoogland c.p. Drs. Tj. Jansen s.j. Dr. F.G.B. Luijten Prof. dr. K.W. Merks (Tilburg University, emeritus) Dr. W.G.B.M. Valkenberg (Loyola College in Maryland, Baltimore, USA) Drs. P.L. van Veldhuijsen

8. Research programmes and research projects in 2007

The projects referred to are carried out by members of the institute. The research programmes consist of several projects.

The hidden presence of God in Scripture and Sacrament seen in the light of Thomas Aquinas

(Faculty of Catholic Theology, Tilburg University)

The research at the *Thomas Instituut te Utrecht* is being carried out within a program under the title: 'The hidden presence of God in Scripture and Sacrament in the context of Thomas Aquinas', which concentrates on Thomas Aquinas and on the subjects of scripture and sacrament. The guiding principle is systematic theological in character. The overall theme of the hidden presence of God is studied in several

related projects and is related to the methodical features that have become characteristic of the ‘Utrecht’ approach: attention to language, to negative theology of Thomas, to the biblical nature of his thought and to the *nexus mysteriorum*.

As from 2008, because of developments related to the foundation of the new Faculty of Catholic Theology – to which the *Thomas Institute te Utrecht* belongs – the research of the institute will be carried out within a program of a wider scope.

The God of the Medieval Arabic Philosophers

-H.J.M.J. Goris

“Ut credentes vitam habeatis”. Faith in Thomas Aquinas’

In Ioannem

-S. Mangnus

The Mystery of the Trinity

-H.W.M. Rikhof

Christ-Revelation and the Religions

(Chair for Theology of Thomas Aquinas)

-H.J.M. Schoot

God’s Hidden Presence in the Sacrament

-F.A.Steijger

Metaphysics in Aquinas and the Thomist tradition

-R.A. te Velde

The Pugio Fidei by Raimundus Martini (1220-1284)

-S. Wiersma

Tilburg University (Department of Religious Studies and Theology)

The meaning of the term ‘passion’ (and its connotations) in handbooks of moral theology

-F.J.H. Vosman

Individual projects

Gabriel Biel, a devout theologian. Research into the interrelatedness of spirituality of the Devotio Moderna and academic theology in the work of Gabriel Biel

-P. van Geest

Den Tod im Leben sehen. Martin Luthers Beitrag zu einem erneuerten Umgang mit Tod und Sterben

-S. Gradl

Spirituality in palliative care

-C.J.W. Leget

Current meaning of Aquinas' ethics

-K.-W. Merks

Subject and normativity (programme)

-P.J.M. van Tongeren

Theology and Christian-Muslim relations

-W.G.B.M. Valkenberg

The question of the eternity of the world in Thomas Aquinas, Bonaventure, Siger of Brabant and Boethius of Dacia

-P.L. van Veldhuijsen

The Project of a hermeneutic philosophy

-A.C.M. Vennix

Design of a Practical Ecclesiology

-J.B.M. Wissink

9. Publications in 2007

This list contains all publications by members of the *Thomas Instituut te Utrecht* in so far as they include Thomas Aquinas as a topic or a topic in relation to his life and works. It also contains all publications by members whose research has been located at the Institute.

Scientific publications

- Geest, P.J.J. van - Stellig maar onzeker. Augustinus' benadering van God - Damon/Budel (2007)
- Geest, P.J.J. van - Ethik - V.H. Drecol (Hrsg.), Augustin-Handbuch - Mohr Siebeck/Tübingen (2007) 526-539
- Geest, P.J.J. van - Aquinas or Augustine? On the sources of Gabriel Biels *Canonis Missae Expositio* - Zeitschrift für antikes Christentum/Journal of Ancient Christianity 11 (2007) 73-95
- Geest, P.J.J. van - [with W. van Asselt, D. Müller, T. Salemink] Iconoclasm. Struggle for Religious Identity. An Introduction - W. v. Asselt, P. van Geest, D. Müller, Th. Salemink (eds.), Iconoclasm and Iconoclasm. Struggle for Religious Identity - Brill/Leiden-Boston-Köln (2007) 1-29
- Geest, P.J.J. van - Augustine's Thoughts On How God May Be Represented - W. v. Asselt, P. van Geest, D. Müller, Th. Salemink (eds.), Iconoclasm and Iconoclasm. Struggle for Religious Identity - Brill/Leiden-Boston-Köln (2007) 179-200
- Goris, H.J.M.J. - Steering Clear of Charybdis: Some Directions for Avoiding 'Grace Extrinsicism' in Aquinas - Nova et Vetera (English Edition) 5/1 (2007) 67-79
- Goris, H.J.M.J. - Theology and Theory of the Word in Aquinas: Understanding Augustine by Innovating Aristotle - Michael Dauphinais, Barry David, Matthew Levering (eds.), Aquinas the Augustinian - Washington DC/Catholic University of America Press (2007) 62-78

- Leget, C.J.W. - [with M. Pijnenburg] Who wants to live forever? Three arguments against extending the human life span - *Journal of Medical Ethics* 33 (2007) 585-587
- Leget, C.J.W. - [with F. Vosman] De moraaltheologie gestrand - *Tijdschrift voor Theologie* 47 (2007) 233-244
- Rikhof, H.W.M. - Das gemeinsame Priestertum der Gläubigen und das Priestertum des Dienstes. Wie liest man *Lumen Gentium* 10? - *Theologisch-praktische Quartalschrift* 155 (2007) 79-89
- Rikhof, H.W.M. - A contribution - A. Ghisalberti, A. Petagine, R. Rizzello (eds.), *Lecture e Interpretazioni di Tommaso d'Aquino Oggi: Cantieri Aperti*, Atti del Convegno Internazionale di Studio (Milano 12-13 settembre 2005), Torino: L'Istituto di Filosofia San Tommaso d'Aquino - *Annali Chieresi* (2007) 325-331
- Schoot, H.J.M. - Heilig, heilig, heilig. Een pleidooi voor de heiligheid van de theologie – Tilburg University/Tilburg (2007)
- Schoot, H.J.M. - Holy, Holy, Holy. A plea for the holiness of theology - *Jaarboek 2006 Thomas Instituut te Utrecht* 26 (2007) 7-33
- Schoot, H.J.M. - Naar een islamitisch-christelijke theologie - *Jaarboek 2006 Thomas Instituut te Utrecht* 26 (2007) 141-153
- Valkenberg, W.G.B.M. - Nicholas of Cusa and the Relation between Learned Ignorance and a Faithful Christian Interpretation of the Qur'ān - *Jaarboek 2006 Thomas Instituut te Utrecht* 26 (2007) 35-61

Valkenberg, W.G.B.M. - [with Gurkan Celik] Gülen's Approach to Dialogue and Peace. Its Theoretical Background and Some Practical Perspectives - The International Journal of Diversity in Organisations, Communities and Nations 7/1 (2007) 29-38

Velde, R.A. te - Over God als persoon. Kuitert, De Dijn en Thomas van Aquino - Jaarboek 2006 Thomas Instituut te Utrecht 26 (2007) 81-104

Velde, R.A. te - Metaphysics and the Question of Creation: Thomas Aquinas, Duns Scotus and Us - P.M. Candler, C. Cunningham (eds.), Belief and Metaphysics - SCM Press/London (2007) 73-99

Veldhuijsen, P.R. van - Transcendentale noties van werkelijkheid. Giovanni Crisostomo Javelli over transcendentia - Jaarboek 2006 Thomas Instituut te Utrecht 26 (2007) 105-139

Vosman, F.J.H. - Religio als Zuwendung. Thomas von Aquins *Religio*-Begriff und die Spätmoderne - Jaarboek 2006 Thomas Instituut te Utrecht 26 (2007) 63-79

Professional and/or popular publications

Geest, P.J.J. van - Dat wordt nog wat met jou. Zintuiglijkheid en godskennis bij Augustinus - Herademing. Tijdschrift voor spiritualiteit en mystiek 15 (2007) 8-13

Geest, P.J.J. van - [with J. Prij] De actualiteit van Augustinus (Thagaste 355-Hippo 430). Over oorlog en vrede - Th. Jansen, J. Nijman, J. W. Sap (eds.), Burgers en barbaren. Oorlog tussen macht en recht - Boom/Amsterdam (2007) 341-345

- Geest, P.J.J. van - Kerstpreken uit Noord-Afrika. De *parvuli* in het denken van Augustinus - Interpretatie. Tijdschrift voor bijbelse theologie 17/8 (2007) 10-14
- Geest, P.J.J. van - De Regel van St. Augustinus vandaag - Abdijleven 51/1 (2007) 6-12
- Leget, C.J.W. - Het christelijk sterven - M. Pijnenburg and C. Leget, Intercultureel sterven: een professioneel ethische uitdaging - Damon/Best (2006) 46-54
- Rikhof, H.W.M. - Het geheim van God - A. Denaux e.a., God ter Sprake. Publiekspresentatie van de Faculteit Katholieke Theologie van de Universiteit van Tilburg - Heeswijk/Abdij van Berne (2007) 11-23
- Rikhof, H.W.M. - Doop en doopsel. Bouwstenen voor een lekenspiritualiteit - Riddertijdingen 38 (2007) 2-4
- Rikhof, H.W.M. - Geest en geest - Open Deur. Oecumenisch Maandblad 9/31 (2007) 2-4
- Schoot, H.J.M. - R.A. te Velde: Thomas van Aquino: Over waarheid (*Q.d. de veritate*, q.1), Vertaling en essays - Thomistica 2006. An International Yearbook of Thomistic Bibliography - Nova & Vetera/Bonn (2007) 37-38
- Valkenberg, W.G.B.M. - David Burrell: Faith and Freedom. An Interfaith Perspective (Malden MA / Oxford 2004) - Modern Theology 23/1 (2007) 137-139
- Valkenberg, W.G.B.M. - Kenneth Cragg, The Qur'an and the West (Washington D.C.: Georgetown University Press, 2006) - Modern Theology 23/4 (2007) 648-50

Academic lectures

- Geest, P.J.J. van - Stellig maar onzeker. Augustinus over de wereld en God - Inaugural lecture at the Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, 8 June 2007
- Geest, P.J.J. van - Augustine on representing God - Communication and workshop at the Fifteenth International Conference on Patristic Studies Oxford, 12-14 August 2007
- Geest, P.J.J. van - Over Livius, *Ab Urbe condita* en Augustinus' *De Civitate Dei* - Lecture at the Nederlandse School for Advanced Studies in Theology and Religion (NOSTER), 17 October 2007
- Geest, P.J.J. van - Negatieve Theologie in de preken van Augustinus - Lecture at the 'Stichting voor Oudchristelijke Studiën', Amersfoort, 20 October 2007
- Geest, P.J.J. van - De Katholieke identiteit in de vroege kerk - Lecture for members of staff of the Dutch broadcasting societies KRO and RKK, Hilversum, 8 November 2007
- Geest, P.J.J. van - Augustinus in gevecht met God - Lecture during a day of studies of Luce (Institute for Postacademic Education, FKT), Utrecht, 16 November 2007
- Goris, H.J.M.J. - Thomas Aquinas on the history of philosophy - Lecture at the XII International Congress of Medieval Philosophy, Palermo, 16-22 September 2007
- Hoogland, M.-R. - Thomas' denken: nieuw in zijn tijd, vernieuwend in onze tijd? - Lecture at the House of Studies (Dominican Order), Zwolle, 12 oktober 2007

- Leget, C.J.W. - [with W. Dekkers] On the significance of moral argumentation - Lecture in the Erasmus Mundus Master of Bioethics, UMC St Radboud, Nijmegen, 6 March 2007
- Rikhof, H.W.M. - Adoptive Sonship. Developments in the Thinking of St. Thomas Aquinas. St Thomas Aquinas and Contemporary Philosophy - Lecture at the University of San Tomas, Manilla, 18 January 2007
- Rikhof, H.W.M. - The theology of St Thomas Aquinas - Guestlectures at the University of San Tomas, Manilla, 11-17 January 2007
- Rikhof, H.W.M. - Doop en Doopsel - Lecture for the Order of the Holy Grave, Dijnselburg, 1 April 2007
- Rikhof, H.W.M. - History and developments of the RC Church and Theology in the Netherlands - Lecture, Bovendonk, 19 May 2007
- Rikhof, H.W.M. - God ter sprake; Het geheim van God - Symposium 'God ter Sprake' - Faculty of Catholic Theology (Tilburg University), Utrecht, 13 June 2007
- Rikhof, H.W.M. - De liturgie van sacramentsdag - Presentation at the Diocesan Council of Priests, Den Bosch, 5 September 2007
- Rikhof, H.W.M. - Thomas van Aquino - Three lectures at the days of study about spirituality of the Diocese Den Bosch, Helvoirt, 8 October 2007
- Rikhof, H.W.M. - Thomas van Aquino - Three lectures during the lecture series 'God waar moet ik dat van denken', Bellem (Belgium), 9 October 2007

- Schoot, H.J.M. - Naar een Islamitisch-Christelijke Theologie -
Lecture at the day of studies of the Thomas Instituut te
Utrecht, Utrecht, 29 June 2007
- Valkenberg, W.G.B.M. - Islam: submission and responsibility
- Lecture at the first conference of the European Society
for Intercultural Theology and Interreligious Studies,
Birmingham (UK), 13 April 2007
- Valkenberg, W.G.B.M. - Towards 'Abrahamic Learning
Communities' - Lecture at the conference 'Religion on
the Borders', Stockholm, 19 April 2007
- Valkenberg, W.G.B.M. - Nicholas of Cusa and the Relation
between Learned Ignorance and a Faithful Christian
Interpretation of the Qur'an - Lecture at the Triologue
conference, Tantur/Jerusalem, 20 June 2007
- Valkenberg, W.G.B.M. - Presentations of *Sharing Lights on
the Way to God* at the Thomas Instituut te Utrecht and
the Islamic University in Rotterdam, Utrecht/Rotterdam,
29 June 2007
- Valkenberg, W.G.B.M. - De dialoog tussen moslims en
christenen: een theologisch perspectief - Lecture at a
conference on Bible and Koran, Katholieke Universiteit
Leuven, Leuven, 21-22 August 2007
- Vosman, F.J.H. - Reflecties op het innerlijk gesprek aan de
vooravond van het feest van St. Thomas van Aquino.
Een hedendaagse interpretatie van Thomas' leer over de
gemoedsbewegingen - Lecture for the 'Thomas-
gezelschap' at the Ariënskonvikt, Utrecht, 25 January
2007