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Challenging Catholicism

125 Years Union of Utrecht of Old Catholic Churches: Contexts and Challenges

**International Workshop and *Blockseminar*, 21 September 2014, following the International
Old Catholics' Congress, Utrecht**

Organized by

**Old Catholic Seminary at Utrecht University (The Netherlands) and
Departement für Christkatholische Theologie, University of Bern (Switzerland)**

13.30 Coffee/Tea, Registration

14.00 Opening

I. Contextualizing Old Catholicism

14.05-14.30 The Union of Utrecht among the World Christian Communion: A Comparative Perspective, Dr. Dirk Jan Schoon, Bishop of Haarlem, associated researcher Old Catholic Seminary Utrecht

14.30-14.55 A Process of Growing Together: Convergence and Conflicts in the early history of the Union of Utrecht, Prof. Dr. Angela Berlis, Professor of the History of Old Catholicism and General Church History, Department for Old Catholic Theology, Faculty of Theology, Bern

14.55-15.15 *Plenary discussion*

II. Challenging Catholicism?

15.15-15.40 Catholicity and Globalization. How could the Catholicity of the Church provide an Answer to the Challenges of Globalization?", Prof. Dr. Franz Segbers, Prof. em. of Social Ethics, Marburg University



15.40-16.05 Ecclesiology as a Political Discourse? Old Catholic Ecclesiology in its Dutch Context, Prof. Dr. Peter-Ben Smit, Professor of Ancient Catholic Church Structures, Utrecht University

16.05-16.35 *Plenary discussion* followed by *break*

III. Challenging (Old) Catholicism

16.35-16.50 Challenging (Old) Catholicism I: Challenges from a Filipino Perspective, Dr. Eleuterio J. Revollido, Dean, Aglipay Central Theological Seminary, Urdaneta City, Philippines

16.50-17.05 Challenging (Old) Catholicism II: "Challenging Old Catholicism II – Reaction, Idealism, Rousseauism: is the mix right?", Prof. Dr. Jack McDonald, Professor of Church History, Faculty of Protestant Theology, Brussels, Canon Theologian of the Diocese in Europe

17.05-17.20 Challenging (Old) Catholicism III: "The *sensus fidei* of the People of God: A Challenge to Catholic theology?", Dr. Stephan van Erp, lecturer in Fundamental and dogmatic theology, Special Faculty of Theology, Radboud University Nijmegen

17.20-17.30 Concluding Discussion

17.30: Reception

Evening: free, optional: joint dinner.

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