



# Cathar or Catholic? Profiling Identity Through Polemics

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Radboud University



## Second International Conference of the Leuven-Nijmegen Research Centre Polemikos

The Second International Conference of the Leuven-Nijmegen Research Centre Polemikos will be dedicated to the harsh debates between Catholic and Cathar Christians in the Middle Ages. We will examine the self-perception of the Cathars – those Christians branded as heretics – as a church, and the changes in this perception as it developed in opposition to the Catholic church. Special attention will be given to the methods and effects of this polemical confrontation and its role in (re-)defining the religious identity of both sides.

The conference will take place via Zoom. Attendance is free and registration is required. For more information and to register, please visit [www.ru.nl/theology](http://www.ru.nl/theology)

## Programme

9.30 - 9.45 Welcome (by Daniela Müller and Joseph Verheyden)

9.45 - 10.30 'Ignaz von Döllingers "Sektengeschichte des Mittelalters"' (by Angela Berlis, University of Bern) (in German)

10.30 - 11.15 'Games with Names: Polemics over the "Invention" of Catharism' (by David Zbiral, Masaryk University)

11.15 - 12.00 'A Family Affair: Eckbert and Elisabeth of Schönau in the Fight Against the Cathars of Cologne' (by Daniela Müller, Radboud University)

12.00 - 13.00 BREAK

13.00 - 13.45 'In principio erat Verbum: Some Peculiarities of Cathar Exegesis and the Cathar Conceptual "Workshop" on the Example of Ezekiel 23' (by Bojana Radovanovic, Radboud University)

13.45 - 14.30 'Le faux débat d'idée entre hérétique et inquisiteur dans le texte littéraire de Las Novas del heretje' (by Marjolaine Raguin, Radboud University) (in French)

14.30-14.45 BREAK

14.45 - 16.15 'Orthodox Identity and Doubt in Southern French Treatises Against Heresy' (by John Arnold, University of Cambridge)

16.15 - 16.30 Closing

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