

## CIHEC

*[Commission Internationale d'Histoire et d'etudes du Christianisme]*

**British-Dutch Colloquium, Canterbury, 10-13 April 2008**

### **'Religious Leadership'**

#### **Main speakers:**

Katy Cubitt (University of York), *Bishops as Leaders in Tenth- and Eleventh-Century England: Prophecy, Penance and Politics*

Steven Vanderputten (University of Ghent), *Episcopal Leadership and Monastic Reform in Twelfth-Century northern France: Merging the Politics of Regionalism and Centralization*

Graeme Murdock (University of Birmingham), *Leadership in Reformed Communities in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries*

Joris van Eijnatten (Free University of Amsterdam), *Perception of Leadership in oral Media Culture in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries*

Marit Monteiro (University of Nijmegen), *Contested Clerical Authority and Prophetic Alternatives in the Twentieth Century*

David Maxwell (University of Keele), *Church Leadership in Post-Colonial Africa*

Religious leadership has been a contentious issue within the Christian church ever since its inception. Current debates over the direction in which Pope Benedict XVI is taking the Roman Catholic Church, or the ability of Archbishop Rowan Williams to keep the Anglican Communion united, are in a long tradition which can be traced back at least to the New Testament confrontation between Peter and Paul. Over the centuries leadership has been expressed and contested in many ways. The activities of saints, heresiarchs, sectarian leaders, and founders of religious movements focus attention on individuals. The contests of papalism and conciliarism in the Middle Ages, arguments over the best form of ecclesiastical governance in the post-Reformation churches, the more modern focus on ecumenicalism, raise general issues about what kind of leadership is actually appropriate within the Christian religion. The moral challenges which Church leaders have offered to secular rulers and politicians over the centuries also merit consideration. Leadership can be expressed from the international level down to the parochial, by men and women, within and against institutional structures, as a conservative or progressive force, offering a multi-faceted field for investigation.

Offers of Communications (to be delivered in 20 minutes) are invited on any aspect of the theme within the history of the Christian Church. Please submit the form below no later than 1 November 2008.

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