

de vrijzinnige LEZING

Theo Hobson presents De Vrijzinnige Lezing

Can liberal christianity be revived?

The remarkable British theologian Theo Hobson (1972) presents De Vrijzinnige Lezing in the Geertekerk in Utrecht on Friday March 15. The day after, on Saturday March 16, he will be speaking during a masterclass on “The Minister in the Public Space.”

Hobson drew attention with his books *Reinventing Liberal Christianity* (2013) and *God Created Humanism* (2017). Otherwise he mostly participates in the public space with articles in newspapers and magazines. In De Vrijzinnige Lezing with the title “Can Liberal Christianity be Revived?” Hobson will be giving an overview of his career. He discussed the religious influences that affected him, his change from academic theology to journalism, his difficult relationship with the Church of England and his recent work as an artist. He will explain the three core aspects of his work – faith, theopolitics and ritual. All three aspects are connected with his revision of liberal Christianity, a tradition which was lost at the end of the twentieth century and is in need of rebuilding. Religious art can revive liberal Christian culture, and during the lecture Hobson will be speaking about a number of current projects.

On Saturday morning March 16, Hobson will also be speaking during a masterclass by De Vrijzinnige Lezing and Op Goed Gerucht. He will be talking about pioneering and the minister who operates outside the walls of the church.

The masterclass will be held at the PThU in Amsterdam from 10:30 till 12:30. De Vrijzinnige Lezing will be in the Geertekerk in Utrecht on Friday evening from 20:00 till 21:30. You can sign up for both activities on the website www.devrijzinnigelezing.nl. The entrée is € 10 for both activities. The Masterclass is free for the people who attended the lecture.

Practical information:

De Vrijzinnige Lezing

Date: March 15, 2019

Location: Geertekerk Utrecht

Time: the lecture starts at 20.00; the church will be open at 19.30

Costs: € 10,-

Signup: On the website: www.devrijzinnigelezing.nl

Masterclass

Date: March 16, 2019

Location PThU Amsterdam

Time: 10.30

Costs: € 10 (free for people who attended De Vrijzinnige Lezing)

Signup: On the website: www.devrijzinnigelezing.nl
