The Many Lives of the New Testament Text
Liturgy, History, and Conjectural Emendation

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12.45–15.00 Symposium
15.30–16.45 Thesis defence by Bart Kamphuis

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Over the past six years at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam a research group funded by NWO studied the history of New Testament Conjectural Emendation. The scholars involved are: Silvia Castelli, Bart Kamphuis, Jan Krans, Bert Jan Lietaert Peerbolte, and Karin Neutel. On the 19th of June, Kamphuis will defend his doctoral dissertation on Jan Hendrik Holwerda, titled: Against All Authorities: The New Testament Conjectural Emendation of Jan Hendrik Holwerda (1805–1886).

To commemorate the final stage of the project—the Amsterdam Database of New Testament Conjectural Emendation has been made available through the NT.VMR of INTF Münster, Kamphuis’ dissertation is finished, Castelli’s dissertation is soon to follow, Krans’ monograph will be sent to the publisher this fall, and Lietaert Peerbolte’s and Neutel’s publications are on their way—a symposium will be held preceding the PhD ceremony.

The programme of this symposium is as follows:

12.45 hrs Welcome and introduction – Prof. Bert Jan Lietaert Peerbolte (VU)
13.00 hrs “Will Not Be Found”: The Previous History of the ECM Conjecture on 2 Pet 3:10 – Bart Kamphuis (VU)
13.40 hrs The Wondrous World of Critical Conjecture – Dr. Jan Krans (VU/PThU)
14.00 hrs The Liturgical Annotations to Codex Bezae and the History of Textual Scholarship – Prof. Jennifer Knust (Boston University)
14.20 hrs The New Testament in Modern Times – Prof. George Harinck (VU/TUA)
14.40 hrs Discussion and closing remarks – Prof. Bert Jan Lietaert Peerbolte (VU)
15.00 hrs End

15.30–16.45 Thesis defence by Bart Kamphuis – Hoofdgebouw Vrije Universiteit, Aula

The PhD defence will be held in the Aula of the Vrije Universiteit, and begins at 15.45 hrs. Visitors are expected to gather in the Aula at around 15.30; members of the Doctoral Committee gather in the Forumzaal of the Vrije Universiteit at the same time.

You are hereby kindly invited to attend both this symposium and the PhD defence ceremony.

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For some background on the NWO project, see two articles by Rianne Lindhout in VU Magazine:
Het levensverhaal van het Nieuwe Testament
Enfant terrible van de bijbelwetenschap: Jan Hendrik Holwerda