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Unearthing polarisation and theological challenges are facing faith communities, the academy, and their respective societies all over the world, not only in their everyday relations to and interaction with each other, but especially in their viewpoints on (religious) truth. It is precisely in what is considered as “true” – or not – that give rise in multi-various ways to (religious) radical thinking and to all kinds of extremism. If you passionately share in the quest for (religious) truth, courageous to self-critically delve deeper into these contemporary deep challenges, and to carefully and responsibly look for ways that offer opportunities for dialogue and tolerance, then this international conference is for you. The conference is presented by the Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Pretoria, South Africa in close collaboration with the United Protestant Church in Belgium.

See programme for the feast of international participants (Belgium, Brazil, Germany, Hungary, Indonesia, Italy, Romania, South Africa, USA, and Zimbabwe) from different Christian faith communities and the academy, focusing – with (historical) examples, in their presentations on radical thinking as positive/negative factors in church and society as well as the deeper philosophical questions on truth. Ample time will be allocated for questions and discussion

Where: Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Pretoria

When: 22-23 April 2026

Cost: In person (registration cost: R250/€ 25/\$30/£20) or online (free)

Get in Touch: [Mr Thabiso Thoka](#) & [Prof Danie Veldsman](#)

Accommodation: *List can be provided on request*

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1. [Background Of The Conference](#)
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