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Former Co-President of European Ecumenical Commission to Speak at King's

Edmonton... King's University College is pleased to announce that Bob Goudzwaard, professor emeritus of economics and social philosophy at the Free University of Amsterdam and a former member of the Dutch Parliament will be speaking at King's October 18 on the subject, "*Hope in Troubled Times: A New Vision for Confronting Global Crises.*"

Goudzwaard will be exploring whether there is hope in a world that news reports often describe as catastrophic. "Species destruction, climate change, heightened military and terrorist devastation, economic crises and global poverty threaten to shut down the future." It is into this context that Goudzwaard will explore "whether genuine hope, deeply rooted in reality itself, can generate realistic alternatives to the present darkness."

Goudzwaard has been deeply involved in international development issues. He is past chair of the Dutch Royal Society for Political Economics and former co-President of the European Ecumenical Commission. Recently he chaired a two-year consultation between the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, and the World Council of Churches.

Panel guests will include Hon. Doug Roche, former Conservative MP and Canada's Ambassador for Disarmament along with Dr. Jan Wesseliuss, Professor of Philosophy, University of Alberta, Augustana Campus.

Goudzwaard is the author of, among other publications, *Capitalism and Progress*, *Idols of Our Time*, and *Beyond Poverty and Affluence: Toward A Canadian Economy of Care* (with Harry de Lange). Goudzwaard is a frequent public speaker in North America. He serves as a consultant to the Center for Public Justice in Washington D.C. and Citizens for Public Justice in Toronto.

The public lecture will take place Thursday October 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Atrium.

King's offers fully-accredited Bachelor degrees in the arts, humanities, music, social sciences, natural sciences and commerce/management, as well as a Bachelor of Education after-degree. King's serves students from across Canada and abroad, representing more than 16 nations. Faculty are highly qualified, dedicated Christians committed to academic excellence, research, and bringing a Christian perspective to the classroom.

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