

Public lecture by Prof. Dr. Patrick Nullens

## Hope as an Incentive: Economics and Theology in Dialogue

Hope is a driving force for transformation, innovation, economic growth, and wellbeing, and an important virtue in the Judeo-Christian tradition. Hope, often articulated as trust and expectations, has a clear economic significance, as do the unfortunate opposites such as anxiety and inertness. Since 2016, the Institute of Leadership and Social Ethics and Erasmus University Rotterdam have developed and tested the “Hope Barometer 1.0” (funded by the Goldschmeding Foundation).

This lecture will report on their experiences of the dialogue between theology, philosophy, positive psychology and economics. Dr. Nullens will also look into the implementation of hope in current leadership studies, especially in Servant Leadership and Transformational Leadership.

Dr. Patrick Nullens is professor of Systematic Theology and Ethics and Rector of the Evangelische Theologische Faculteit in Leuven, Belgium. An important focus of his research is on the ethics of leadership in the context of corporate social responsibility.



The lecture will take place at:

**Stuenterhus Aarhus University, Mødelokale 2**  
Fredrik Nielsens Vej 2-4 (bdg. 1420) - 8000 Aarhus C

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Followed by a small reception

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