The Dutch Legacy: Radical Thinkers of the 17th Century and the Enlightenment

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While Spinoza’s impact on the early Enlightenment has always found due attention of historians of philosophy, several 17th-century Dutch thinkers who were active before Spinoza’s *Tractatus theologico-politicus* was published have been largely neglected: in particular Spinoza’s teacher, Franciscus van den Enden (*Vrye Politiue Stellinghen, 1665*), Johan and Pieter de la Court (*Consideratiuen van Staet, 1660, Politike discoursen, 1662*), Lodewijk Meyer (*Philosophia S. Scripturae Interpres, 1666*), the anonymous *De Jure Ecclesiasticorum* (1665), and Adriaan Koerbagh (*Een Bloemhof van allerley lieflijkheyd, 1668, Een Ligt schynende in duystere plaatsen, 1668*). The articles of this volume focus on their political philosophy as well as their philosophy of religion in order to assess their contributions to the development of radical movements (republicanism / anti-monarchism, critique of religion, atheism) in the Enlightenment.

**Readership:**
All interested in Early Modern and Enlightenment philosophy and political thought, as well as Dutch philosophy and intellectual history and anyone concerned with Spinoza and his circle.