

Karla Boersma

Short Bio and Statement

My name is Karla Boersma, and I am operational director of Refo500 Foundation. This foundation is offering and facilitating the Reformation Research Consortium REFORC, an international association of universities, research institutions, companies, societies, and individuals focusing on Early Modern Christianity (ca. 1400-ca. 1700). I am also contributing to the work that has been done and is being done to create a European research infrastructure for Religious Studies, currently the project RESILIENCE. For RESILIENCE I am responsible for communication and dissemination. I have been involved in the European Academy of Religion from the start, where I bring in my experience in maintaining an international platform and working on an international level with various partners from all over the world. The conviction that shared knowledge on religion – and how to deal with it in our times – based on interdisciplinary and international academic research forms a common thread in these activities and also my motivation. I am a member of the Executive Board of EuARe for 4 years and would like to contribute to this in the future as well, bringing in my experience and my ability to implement policies.



Curriculum Vitae Karla Boersma (1960)

Education

1973-1979	VWO (Pre-university education) Ichthuscollege, Enschede
1979-1980	Secretary Education TSO
2001-2005	Godsdienstpastoraal werk (Bachelor Theology), Gereformeerde Hogeschool, Zwolle
2005-2006	Preparatory Education Theological University of Kampen (Greek)

Work Experience

1980-2001	Management Assistant Gebr. Kooy BV, Enschede
2001-2005	Internships: religious teacher, catechist, pastor, etc.
2005-2010	Freelance work for Steunpunt Gemeenteopbouw/Centrum G: development of Website Gemeente Vandaag, educational materials, trainer, training developer, advisor
2006	Management Assistant Woonbeheer Borne
2006-2007	Teacher Gereformeerde Hogeschool, Zwolle
2008-2009	Freelance work for the Institute for Reformation Research in Apeldoorn: development of the international exhibition <i>Calvin & Us</i>
2008-2010	Self-employed entrepreneur: product developer and trainer for churches, advisor for universities and churches, etc.
2009-2010	Theological University of Kampen: project leader of AKZ+, a knowledge platform for churches

2009	Stichting Refo500 established, a foundation that is facilitating and coordinating an international platform dealing with the sixteenth century Reformations
2010 up to now	Operational Director of Stichting Refo500
2011-2013	Coordination and development of the international exhibition project <i>450 Years of Heidelberg Catechism</i>
2015	Coordination and development of the Refo500 Bible Year 2016
2016-2017	Coordination and development of the Refo500 Reformation Year 2017
2015-2017	Preparations for ReReS, Research Infrastructure on Religious Studies
2017 up to now	Board Member of the EuARe Executive Committee
2018-2021	Workpackage Leader of the EU funded project ReReS (communication/dissemination/exploitation/training)
2022 up to now	Operational Director of REFORC, the Reformation Research Consortium, dealing with Early Modern Christianity (ca. 1400-ca. 1700). REFORC is an initiative of Stichting Refo500
2019 up to now	Workpackage Leader of the EU funded project/ESFRI Project RESILIENCE, Research Infrastructure for Religious Studies (communication/dissemination/exploitation)