

**Open Universiteit Nederland,
procedure for defence ceremony and conferral of doctorate**

- Conferral of doctorate on: M. Kalz
Friday 16 Octobre 2009 at 4.00 p.m. precisely
- Dissertation: "Placement Support of Learners in Learning Networks"
- Place: Pretoria Building at Open Universiteit Nederland,
Valkenburgerweg 177, Heerlen, The Netherlands
- General: The members of the Doctorate Board on September are as follows:
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| Prof. dr. J. van Marle (chairman) | Open Universiteit Nederland |
| Prof. dr. E.J.R. Koper (supervisor) | Open Universiteit Nederland |
| Dr. J.M. van Bruggen (associate supervisor) | Open Universiteit Nederland |
| Prof. dr. P. Baumgartner | Donau-Universität Krems |
| Prof. dr. Ph. Dessus | Université Pierre-Mendès-
France, Grenoble |
| Prof. dr. E. Postma | Universiteit van Tilburg |
| Prof. dr. P.B. Sloep | Open Universiteit Nederland |
| Dr. ir. F.J.M. Mofers | Open Universiteit Nederland |
- Beadle: Eveline Vinken
- Assistants to candidate: Tim de Jong en Christian Glahn
- Assembly point for procession: Meeting room 'Togakamer' in Pretoria Building (ground floor, left-hand side) at 3.30 p.m. precisely
- Reception: University restaurant in the Bologna building

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Course of the ceremony:

- 3.30 p.m. Auditorium opened.
Tables on platform for chairman and members of Doctorate Board.
Seats reserved in body of Auditorium for family and friends of the candidate.
- 3.30p.m. Members of the Doctorate Board congregate in 'Togakamer'.
Arrangements made for order of opposing questions and discussion of questions to be put.
The candidate has by now arrived at the building.
- 3.55 p.m. The candidate and his assistants take their places in the Auditorium.
- 3.59 p.m. The beadle leads the Doctorate Board to the Auditorium.
The supervisor walks to the right of the chairman.
- 4.00 p.m. Arrival of procession at the Auditorium.
Once the members of the Board have taken their seats, the chairman indicates that everyone present can also be seated. Wearing his academic cap, the chairman opens the ceremony, welcomes those present (in particular the guest members of the Doctorate Board) and speaks the opening form of words:

"Esteemed candidate, the Doctorate Board of Open Universiteit Nederland, represented by this Board, has taken note of your dissertation and accompanying propositions and is ready to hear you defend them. Please take your place on the platform, together with your assistants, and let us have a short summary of your dissertation."

The candidate, accompanied by any assistants, takes his place on the platform. Everyone present sits down (with the exception of the chairman, the members of the Doctorate Board remove their academic caps).
- 4.05 – 4.15 p.m. At the invitation of the chairman, the candidate then gives a short summary of his dissertation.

If a projection screen is used during the presentation, one of the assistants will return it to its place at the end.

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4.15 – 5.00 p.m.

The opposing questions are put (under the supervision of the chairman).

The following forms of address are used:

- most honorable chairman (chairman/chairlady)
- most scholarly supervisor (supervisor)
- most scholarly opponent (professor)
- scholarly opponent (other members of the Board who ask opposing questions)
- esteemed candidate (candidate)

When putting his opposing question, each member of the Board wears his academic cap.

5.00 p.m.

The beadle enters and calls out the words:

“Hora est”

Chairman

“Esteemed candidate, the Doctorate Board of Open Universiteit Nederland, represented by this Board, thanks you for your explanation and for your defence of your dissertation and the accompanying propositions. Please take your seat in the Auditorium, together with your assistants. On behalf of the Doctorate Board, I would like to thank all those who put questions to the candidate. The Doctorate Board will now retire for a short time to consider its decision.”

The members of the Board put on their caps and proceed to meeting room number 5, where they consider their decision on the award of the doctorate.

The candidate remains in the Auditorium.

The technician removes the lectern from the podium.

Deliberations and signing of doctorate certificate.

After their deliberations, the members of the Doctorate Board are led back to the Auditorium by the beadle.

With the exception of the chairman, all sit and remove their academic caps.

Chairman

The chairman reopens the session, standing behind the table. He invites the candidate and any assistants to take their places on the podium (the candidate and his supporters remain standing) and says:

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“Esteemed candidate, the Doctorate Board of Open Universiteit Nederland, represented by this Board, has decided to confer on you the degree of Doctor. Your supervisor, prof. dr. E.J.R. (Rob) Koper, is empowered to invest you with that honour.”

All present then stand (the members of the Doctorate Board put on their academic caps).

Supervisor

The supervisor speaks the following words:

“By the power invested in us by law and in accordance with the decision of the Doctorate Board, I declare that you, Marco Kalz, are advanced to the degree of Doctor at Open Universiteit Nederland and that you hereby receive all rights associated with the degree of Doctor either by law or custom.

“As evidence there of, I present you with the doctorate certificate, signed by the chair of the Doctorate Board and your supervisor.”

Supervisor

The supervisor presents the certificate.
Opportunity for applause (and photographs?).
With the exception of the supervisor, all present follow the example of the chairman and take their seats (removing their academic caps).

Supervisor

“Now that I have carried out my official task, let me be the first to congratulate you on receiving your doctorate. I would like to say a few words of a more personal nature.”

Supervisor

The supervisor (standing behind the table) gives his laudatory address.
The candidate, accompanied by any assistants, stands on the platform.

Chairman

When the laudatory address is finished, all stand (with the members of the Board putting on their academic caps). The chairman congratulates the new doctor and concludes the session.

“Esteemed candidate, on behalf of the Doctorate Board of Open Universiteit Nederland and myself, it is my pleasant duty to congratulate you on the award of your doctorate. I also wish to thank the members of the Doctorate Board, in particular our guests.”

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Remarks regarding the remaining proceedings.

“I wish to thank all of you for being present here today. I invite you to proceed to the Reception which will take place in the university restaurant in the Bologna building. We will walk together to the restaurant. First the beadle, then the chairman, the supervisor and the new doctor (with partner), followed by the other members of the Doctorate Board. I kindly request you to take your coat before we leave this building and join the cortège. I would suggest that once we are in the restaurant, you do not all immediately join the reception line but find your place somewhere in the restaurant. You can then choose a suitable moment to congratulate dr. Kalz

I hereby declare this ceremony to be ended.”

5.30 p.m.

The beadle leads the Doctorate Board out of the Auditorium to the Bologna building.
Next the chairman, the supervisor and the new doctor (with partner), followed by the other members of the Doctorate Board. The other persons present follow.

Immediately following

Reception in university restaurant in the Bologna building.