

Jury report Theologian of the Fatherland

The organisations organising the Night of Theology are delighted that Katja Tolstoj will be the Theologian of the Fatherland for the coming year. **In the current geopolitical context, theologian Katja Tolstaja is an important ambassador of theology in the Netherlands. She is able to interpret political and religious developments in Europe and at the same time make the impact of war and peace on people's ordinary lives palpable.**

We think it is important that especially Katja Tolstoj - with her Russian background - is willing to show the relevance of theology for a year. In this way, we want to show that the Theologian of the Fatherland also stands for solidarity and humanity and for breaking through enemy thinking.

Both from her personal involvement, her history with Russia, her commitment to Ukrainian refugees and her profession, Katja Tolstaya is ideally situated to interpret developments near and far and to make connections with theology and religion.

We also know her as a warm and enthusiastic personality who, like no other, is able to show for a year that theology is a relevant discipline that makes an important contribution to building our society.

We wish Katja Tolstoj much success, inspiration and joy in fulfilling this role.