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Theology in the Flesh

Exploring the corporeal turn from a southern African perspective

Defense & promotion of Doctor in Theology Jacob Meiring,  
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Jacob Johannes Smit Meiring was born on May 19th 1966. He matriculated in 1983 from Hoërskool Staatspresident C.R. Swart in Brandfort. He obtained a BA from the University of the Free State in 1986, a BD degree from the University of Pretoria in 1992 and a MTh (with specialisation in practical theology) in 2009 with distinction from the same university. He has been practising as a narrative theologian since 2010 while completing his joint PhD as part of the Desmond Tutu Scholarship Programme with the Free University (VU) in Amsterdam.

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In his thesis, *Theology in the Flesh: exploring the corporeal turn from a southern African perspective*, the promovendus investigates the corporeal-linguistic turn in various disciplines and within theology specifically from a southern African perspective. He further explores perceptions of the body in the history of the church till the Reformation, how the body was perceived in pre-colonial and post-colonial southern Africa as well as during apartheid in South Africa and in apartheid theology. He further evaluates the body theology of James B. Nelson and the theology of the body of Pope John Paul II and explores various contemporary theological anthropologies that take the body and its experiences seriously. Using his research he proposes a model for theological anthropology as embodied sensing that functions within the intimate and intricate relationship between the living body, experiencing in a concrete life-world and language with an openness to the "more than".

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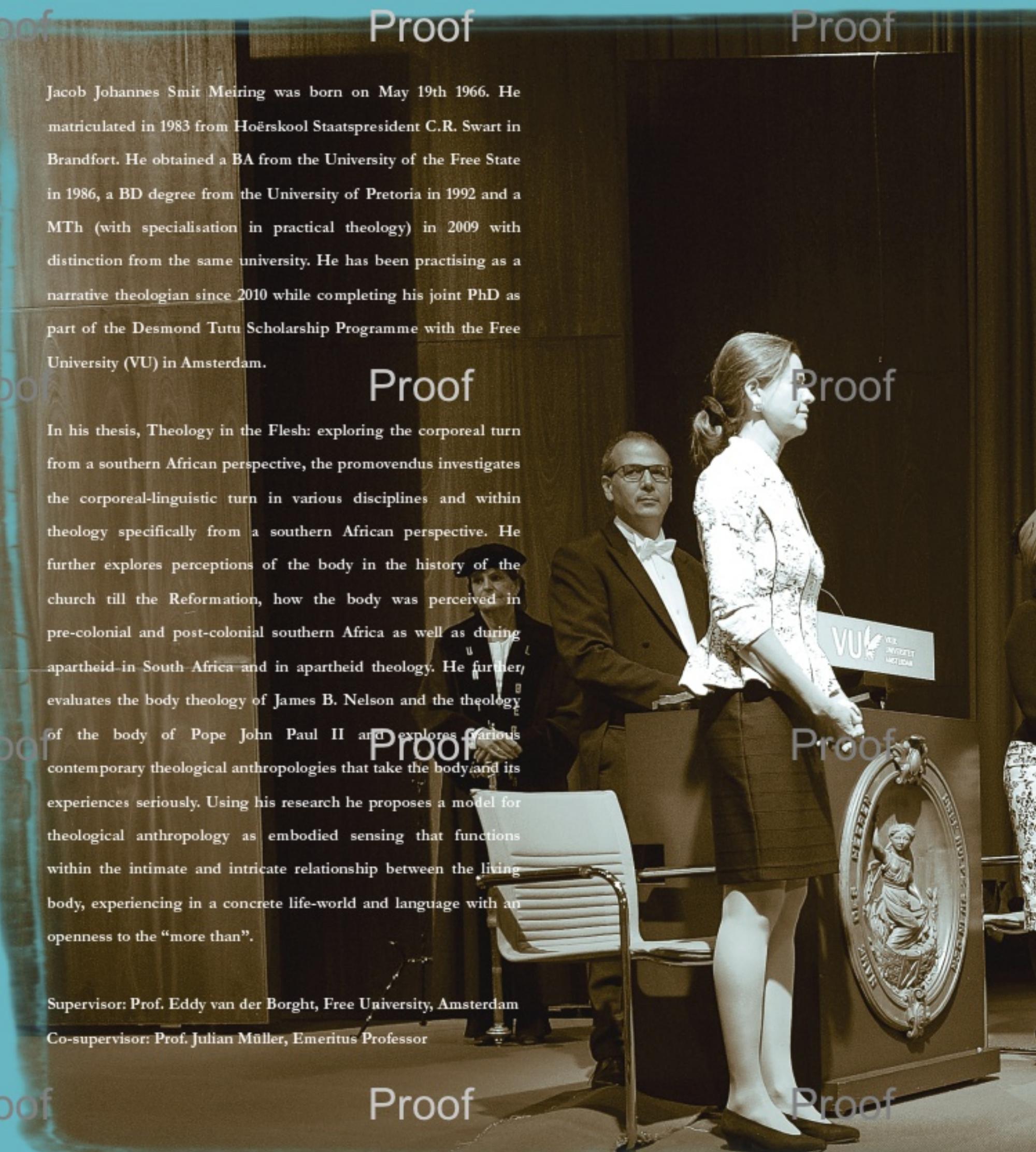
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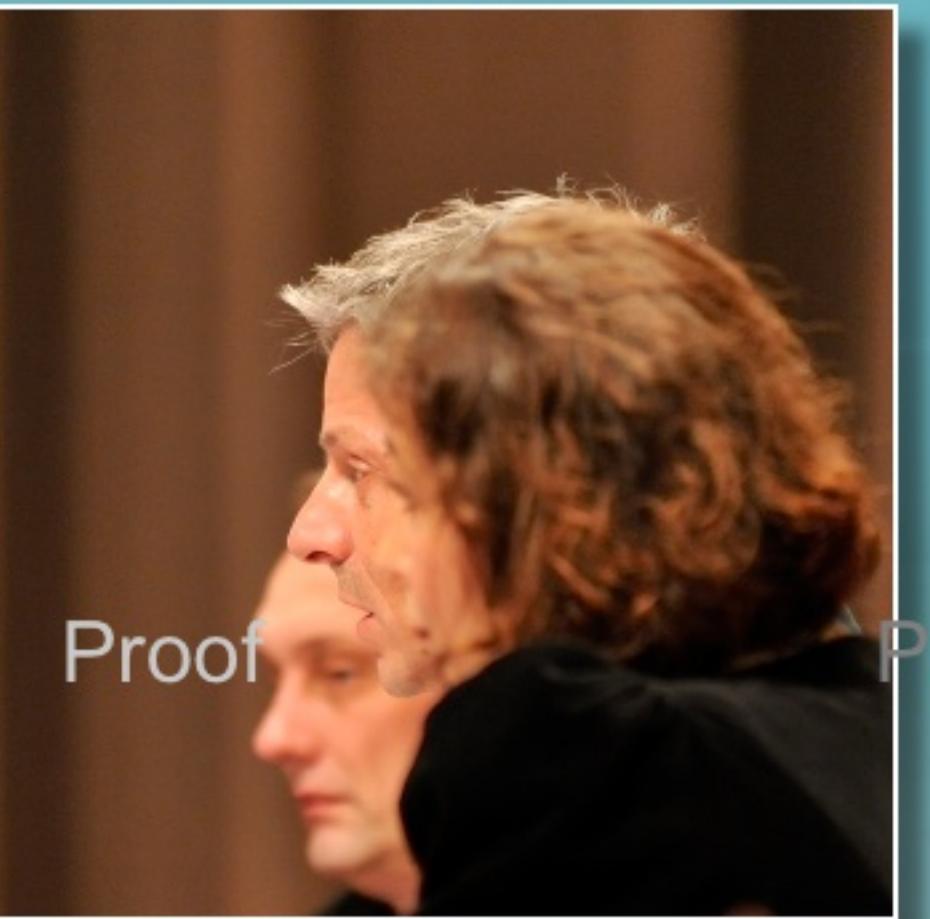
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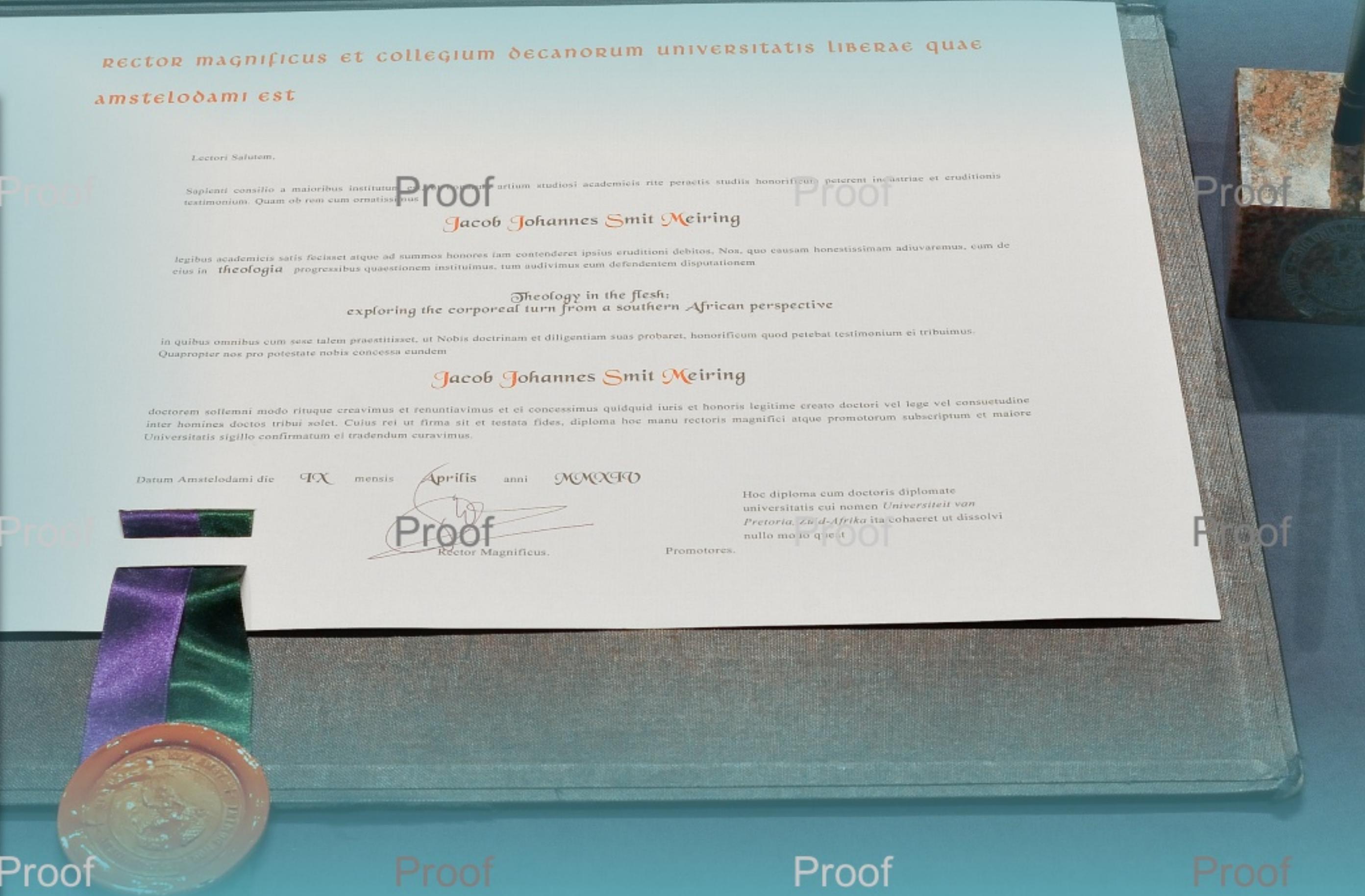
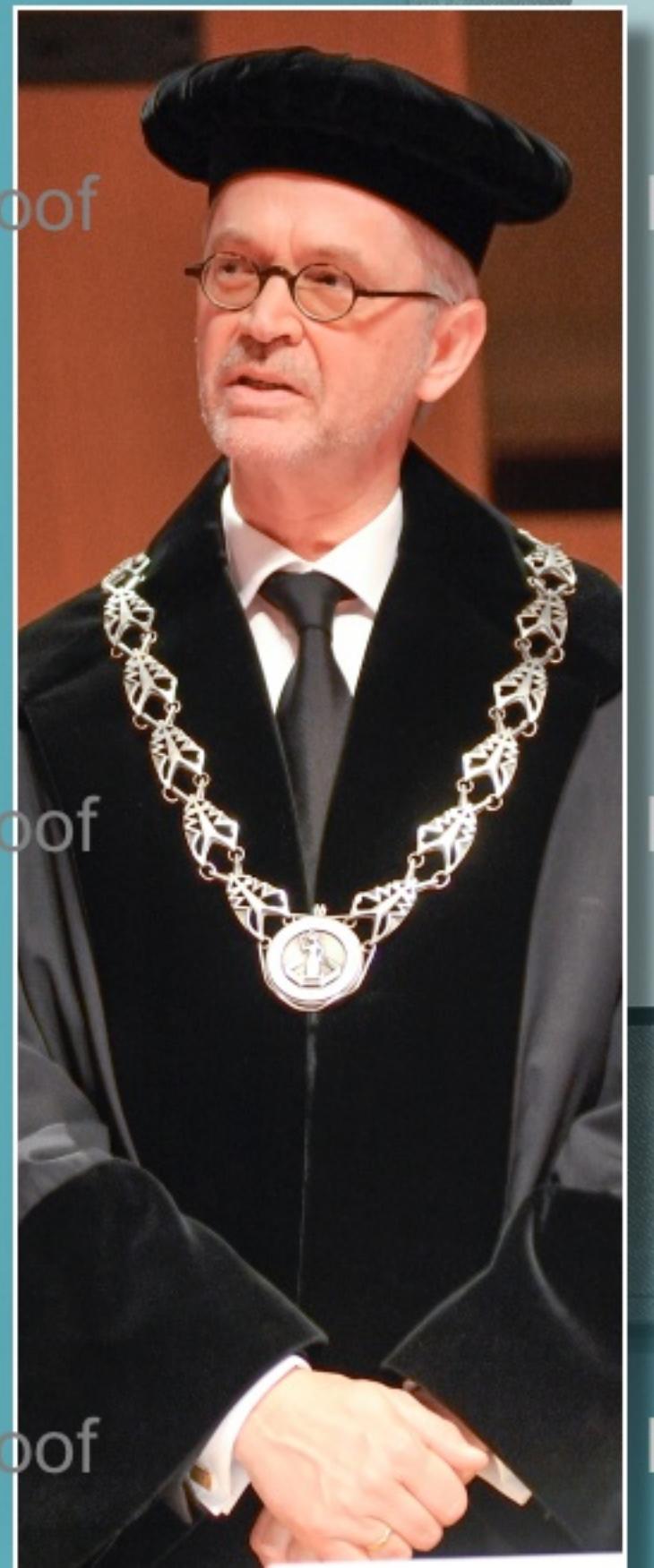
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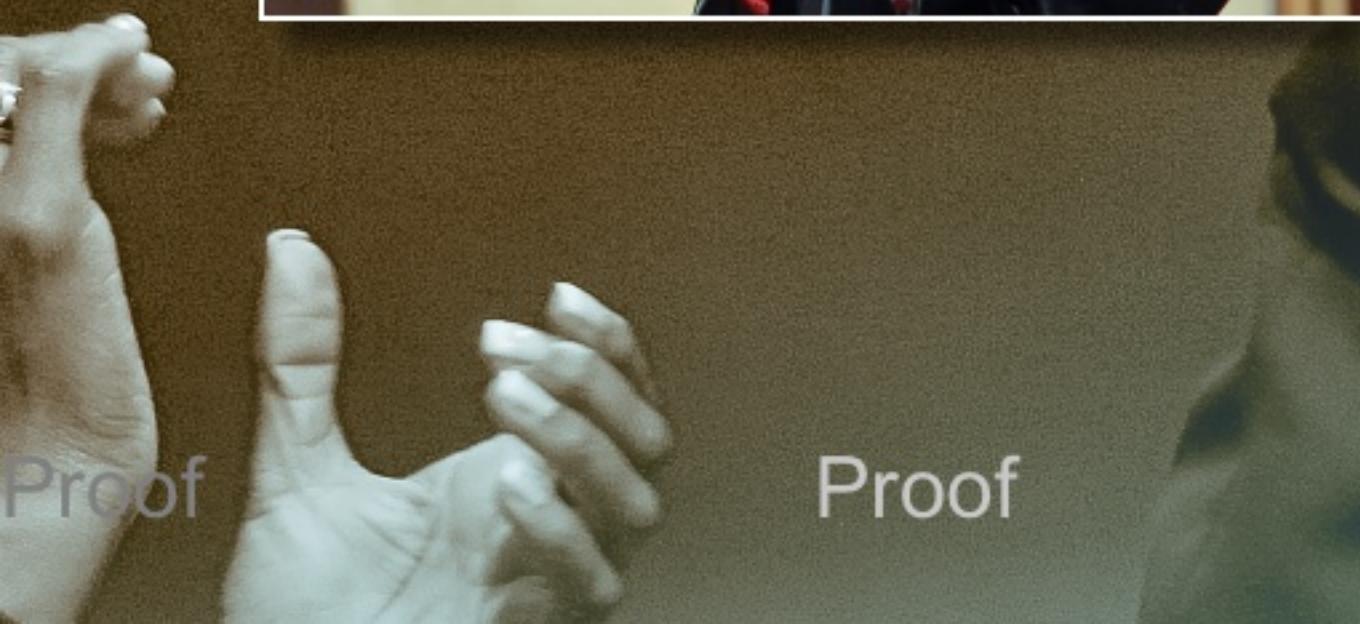
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