

Seminar für reformierte Theologie  
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Fortlaufende Lesung

Children of Light and Children of Darkness<sup>7</sup> / Reinhold Niebuhr

Herzliche Einladung am 9.4., 23.4. um 18 Uhr

Moderation: Mathias Eichhorn und Milton Aylor

Der Calvin-Lektüre-Kreis wird im Verlauf des März die Lesung der Institute abschließen. Im Anschluss werden wir einen amerikanischen Theologen lesen, der eine große Bedeutung für den amerikanischen Protestantismus spielt, der nicht dem evangelikalen Lager zugerechnet wird, sondern gerade den amerikanischen politischen Liberalismus theologisch verteidigte – Reinhold Niebuhr. Wir wollen sein Buch *Children of Light and Children of Darkness* lesen, und zwar in der englischen Originalsprache. Die Besprechung der Abschnitte erfolgt in deutsch.

Wir werben für diesen Lesekreis auch unter den Mitgliedern der britischen und amerikanischen Community in Frankfurt.

Christianity in the United States is generally equated with evangelical fundamentalism, yet its contribution to the liberal self-image of American democracy is often overlooked. President Barack Obama has named Reinhold Niebuhr as the philosopher who has had the greatest influence on him. Reinhold Niebuhr was a 20th-century American theologian whose influence in the United States was comparable to that of his contemporary Karl Barth in Europe. In a time of turmoil, a reading group at the Evangelical Reformed Church in Frankfurt, the Seminar for Reformed Theology, feels it is appropriate to read and discuss one of Niebuhr's books in a *lectio continua*: *\*The Children of Light and the Children of Darkness. A Vindication of Democracy and a Critique of its Traditional Defense\** (1944).

The reading will be conducted in English and begins on April 9, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the community center of the Evangelical Reformed Congregation at Freiherr-vom-Stein-Straße 8.

The reading will then continue every two weeks.

We would like to invite all members of the English-speaking communities in Frankfurt to participate, in the hope of offering them insight into their great tradition of republican thought.

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