



The European Godly Play Conference

The Conference will begin on Friday September 16 at 12:30, starting with lunch (the registration desk will open at 11:00) and will end on Monday September 19 at 12:30 (ending with lunch).

English will be the main spoken language. For certain sessions, we will split up into language or regional groups.

The Conference and the Academic Symposium will be hosted at the Diocesan Pastoral Center. The Center is housed in the former seminary, a historical building in the heart of Mechelen, easily accessible by train or by bus and only half an hour's drive from Brussels airport.

Please visit our site for more information:
www.godlyplayconference2022.be

Accommodation suggestions

<https://visit.mechelen.be/en/logies>



Academic Symposium Practical information

**Thursday 15 September at 14:00 -
Friday 16 September at 12:30.**

Symposium fees

€ 120 includes handouts, coffee breaks, dinner, lunch/ € 80 for students.

Accommodation and breakfast are not included in these fees.

Combined with the Conference € 380.



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Academic Symposium of the 6th European Godly Play Conference



**15-16 September
2022
Mechelen**





Like a mustard seed Godly Play, Trust and Transformation

Godly Play in Europe is steadily growing and is playing a significant role in a great number of churches and countries. But do you ever wonder about the sowers... about the seed... about how it germinates... about how we encourage it to grow? Come along and get to know our beautiful Godly Play community tree.



In September 2022, Godly Play story-tellers and friends will meet up in Belgium for the 6th European Godly Play Conference.

Academic Symposium “Theology, Trust and Transformation”

The optional Academic Symposium of the European Godly Play Conference 2022 will be held on 15 and 16 September. Researchers and Godly Play practitioners from across the world will share their insights, research, reflections on Godly Play.

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We welcome proposals for papers or posters related to the topic of the conference. Please send to the attention of annemie.dillen@kuleuven.be before the 1st of March 2022.

Main lectures

Lecture 1

Listening to the bible: performance criticism, narrativity and Godly Play

Geert Van Oyen, Professor of New Testament at the UC Louvain, Belgium

Lecture 2

Performing the final act: Godly Play and the Normativity of the Future

Armin Kummer, Researcher at the Unit of Pastoral and Empirical Theology at KU Leuven, Belgium

Lecture 3

Godly Play in the light of vulnerability and hospitality

Marianne Moyaert, Professor of Comparative Theology and Hermeneutics of the Interreligious Dialogue at the University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Lecture 4

Power, nurturing the spiritual life of children and Godly Play

Annemie Dillen, Professor of Pastoral Theology and Empirical Theology at KU Leuven, Belgium & Elaine Champagne, Lay Dominican and Associate Professor in Spiritual Theology and Spiritualities at the Faculty of Theology and of Religious Sciences at the Université Laval in Québec, Canada

Lecture 5

The silence of modernity: Maria Montessori, play and the soundscape of progressive education

Pieter Verstraete, Associate Professor in History of Education at the Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences at the KU Leuven, Belgium