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(Double room/single room)

80/100 € if you present a paper.

**100/120 €** if you present a research poster.

**120/140** € if you attend as an active listener.

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# European Perspectives on Godly Play Research

A symposium in conjuction with the 5th European Godly Play-Conference SEPT. 15TH - 16TH 2016 JURMALA, LATVIA



We would like to invite Godly Players to our first European Research Symposium. This will take place the day before the main European Godly Play Cconference (EGPC). The Symposium aims to bring together people who are conducting research and people with an interest in Godly Play research findings and methods. Together we hope to find themes and challenges from different a c a d e m i c d i s c i p l i n e s a n d methodologies to increase our understanding of what is happening when Godly Play is used.

#### WELCOME TO JURMALA!

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## European Perspectives on Godly Play Research - A symposium

This symposium is for anyone with an interest in the research and academic aspects of Godly Play - theological, psychological, pedagogical etc. You don't have to present a paper or a poster to participate. You are most welcome if you are simply interested in listening to the presentation of the main papers, and the academic response to those, and you would like to engage with the discussions of poster-style research outlines. Sessions will all be in English.

If you would like to share a 'poster' of a project or other research you are involved with, for further details please contact (Rune/Martin/Rebecca?)

The plan is publish the papers and other proceedings from this symposium. This publication will be bilingual (German and English). Publication will be some time after the conference to allow contributors time to edit their work in the light of discussions at the symposium. We would like this to contain both formal and informal contributions to research, to offer a collection of both scholarly findings and enlightening stories that provide us with more evidence to understand Godly Play.

Mirjam Zimmermann, Professor of Religious Education at the University of Siegen/ Germany, will be our first keynote speaker. She is one of the most productive and respected researchers in the area of childrens theology in Germany with special emphasis on methodological questions and ethical standards of childrens research.



Prof. Zimmermann and she will address the ethical issues affecting research into Godly Play. In addition, we are inviting approximately 5 main papers from well gualified Godly Play researchers around Europe. These papers will provide

opportunities to become more aware of the range of work already completed, and to inspire further research. Further details of this program will be available nearer the time <u>in Spring2016</u>. There will also be a more informal 'poster session' in which participants can display brief outlines (not a whole paper) of research they have conducted or are planning, and invite discussion.