



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 Conference (EGPC). The symposium will bring together people with an interest in Godly Play research, findings and methods. Together we hope to find themes and challenges from different academic disciplines and methodologies to increase our understanding of what is happening when Godly Play is used.

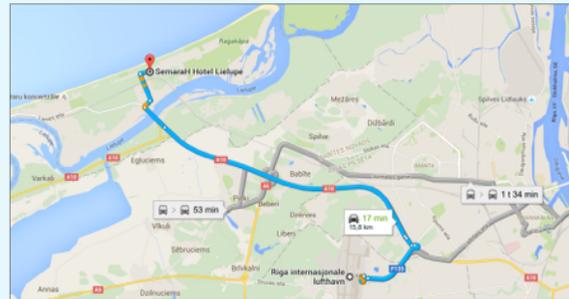
Welcome to Jurmula!

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LOCATION AND VENUE



Semarah hotel Lielupe, a recently completely renovated spa hotel, is situated only a short walking distance from the magnificent Baltic Sea beach, Bay of Riga. The hotel can be easily reached by bus or train, and is only half an hour from the airport.

FEES FOR THIS SYMPOSIUM:

(Double room/single room)

100/120 € if you present a research poster.

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

All fees must be paid in full before 1.July 2016.

TO REGISTER ONLINE FOR THE
ACADEMIC SYMPOSIUM, PLEASE
USE REGISTRATION SITE OF THE
EUROPEAN GODLY PLAY
CONFERENCE

WWW.GODLYPLAY.NO

European Perspectives on Godly Play Research

A symposium in
conjunction with the 5th
European Godly Play-
Conference

SEPT. 15TH - 16TH 2016
JURMALA, LATVIA





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, or would like to engage with the discussions of poster-style research outlines. Sessions will all be in English.

We are inviting 4 main papers from well qualified Godly Players from Belgium, Germany, Holland and Ireland . These papers will provide opportunities to

become more aware of the range of work already completed, and to inspire further research. 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.

Further details of this program will be available during Spring 2016. The plan is to publish the papers and other proceedings from this symposium. This publication will include contributions in English and German. Our aim is to offer a collection of both scholarly findings and enlightening stories that will provide us with more evidence to understand Godly Play.

If you would like to share a 'poster' of a project or other research you are involved with, please contact Rune, Martin or Rebecca for further details. We must know about it before the 1st of June.

Thursday, Sept. 15th

12.00	Registration - Building the circle
13.00	Lunch
14.00	Welcome and keynote lecture - Mirjam Zimmermann - The ethics of doing research with children.
16.00	Invited paper
17.00	Invited paper
18.00	Dinner
19.00	Poster Evening
21.30	Evening - GP story

Friday, Sept. 16th

7.30	Breakfast
8.30	Paper
9.45	Paper
11.00	Where do we go from here? Plenary discussion
12.00	The Academic Symposium ends and the conference starts

Mirjam Zimmermann, Professor of Religious Education at the University of Siegen/ Germany, will be our 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 of research with childrens.

Prof. Zimmermann will address the ethical issues affecting research into Godly Play.