

Call for Abstracts

International Conference

Wonder, Education, and Human Flourishing

**Friday 5 April to Saturday 6 April 2019
Amsterdam, The Netherlands**

Keynote speakers:

Yannis Hadzigeorgiou, Todd Kashdan, Genevieve Lloyd

Submissions are invited for the conference *Wonder, Education, and Human Flourishing*. The main theme of the conference is the role of wonder in education and children's development, and its relation to children's (present or future) flourishing. It is an explicit purpose of the conference to bring together educational theorists, education scientists, philosophers, psychologists and members of other disciplines interested in wonder (or closely related topics) and its relation to education and/or human flourishing. Conceptual, normative, and empirical papers are all welcome. Contributors are expected to discuss wonder or closely related topics, preferably in relation to children's education, development, and/or flourishing. Possible topics for contributions are:

- The educational importance of wonder
- Wonder and educational policy
- (How) does wonder contribute to human flourishing?
- The distinction between wonder and curiosity
- Different types of wonder (and their diverse roles in education and/or human flourishing)
- Wonder's relation to (other) emotions (e.g. awe, fear, aesthetic emotions)
- Wonder and imagination
- Should we and (how) can we stimulate children's sense of wonder?
- Wonder and intrinsic motivation to learn
- Wonder's role in particular types of education, such as science education, moral education, political education, art education

Extended submission deadline: Thursday 31 January 2019

Submission guidelines

Please read the following guidelines carefully before you make your submission.

What should be submitted

Please submit **two abstracts**, one *short* (max. 200 words) and one *long* (max. 500 words, excluding references). The long abstract is for review purposes, the short abstracts of accepted contributions will be included in the conference materials.

Both abstracts should be in English. The long abstract should be fully anonymized, i.e. include no author-identifying references. The file with the short abstract should include your name, affiliation, and contact details.

How to submit

The abstracts must be submitted via e-mail. Include both abstracts as separate attachments to a *single* e-mail addressed to info@wonderfuleducation.nl. Use 'Abstract submission Wonder, education, and human flourishing' as the subject line of your message.

If you do not receive a confirmation of receipt of your submission within one week, please contact Eline Rusman: e.m.rusman@vu.nl.

Further information

Submitted abstracts are for either theoretical (conceptual or normative) or empirical papers to be presented during parallel sessions. The total time for presentation and discussion of theoretical papers is 45 minutes per paper, for empirical papers this is 30 minutes.

Only one submission per conference participant will be accepted.

Submissions sent after Thursday 31 January 2019 (23:59) will not be accepted.

Abstracts will undergo blind review by the conference review panel. Decisions will be communicated to applicants by Friday 15 February 2019 and, in the case of rejection, will include a brief explanation of the decision. We will not enter into further correspondence about our decision.

Further information on the conference (venue, registration, programme, et cetera) can be found on the website: <https://wonderfuleducation.eu/>.

Please address any questions about practical matters pertaining to the conference to Eline Rusman (e.m.rusman@vu.nl); for other questions contact Anders Schinkel (a.schinkel@vu.nl).