

Call for Contributions/Abstracts/Papers for the 11th Biennial Froebel Conference 2025



University of Erfurt, Thuringia/Germany

Title: Froebelian Pasts, Present & Futures

Date: July 31, 2025, to August 2, 2025

Due date for contributions & abstracts: December 9, 2024

Due date for papers to be included in the conference proceedings volume: September 12, 2025

The Biennial Froebel Conference 2025 in Erfurt/Thuringia, the birthplace of Froebelian pedagogy, invites scholars, practitioners, and interested individuals to submit their research and contributions on a central theme of the conference: "Froebelian Pasts, Present & Futures."

Friedrich Froebel is celebrated as a pioneer of early childhood education, and his approaches continue to have a lasting impact on pedagogy around the globe. In our dynamic educational landscape, it is crucial to not only preserve Froebel's ideas but also to integrate and develop them within contemporary contexts.

Conference Goals:

This conference aims to foster interdisciplinary exchange and illuminate the connections between the history of Froebelian pedagogy, current developments, and future perspectives. We invite contributions that cover the following subtopics:

1. Forms of Life, Beauty & Knowledge:

- Exploring the interconnectedness of these fundamental concepts in Froebelian education and their implications for today's learners.
- The aesthetic experience in fostering cognitive and emotional development.

2. Froebel's Gifts & Occupations in Today's Childhood:

- Practical applications of Froebel's educational gifts and occupations in contemporary early childhood settings.
- The relevance of hands-on, experiential learning in modern education.

3. The Central Importance of Play:

- The significance of play as a core element of Froebelian pedagogy and its impact on child development.
- Current research and practices that highlight play as a crucial learning tool.

4. AI, Technology Change & Classroom Future:

- Examining the implications of artificial intelligence and technology on Froebelian educational practices.
- Innovative approaches to integrating technology while maintaining Froebel's core education principles.

5. Other topics that are related to Froebel's pedagogy

Submission of Contributions:

We warmly welcome submissions in the form of:

- Papers
- Practice reports
- Workshops
- Panel discussions

Please submit your proposals by December 9, 2024. All contributions should be made in English and adhere to the specific requirements for abstracts of up to 300 words.

Review Process:

All submitted contributions will be reviewed by a panel of experts in the field of education. Accepted contributions will be published in a conference proceedings volume.

Conference Details:

The conference will take place in Erfurt, a historically rich location with a longstanding tradition in education and culture. Take the opportunity to engage with colleagues, gain new perspectives, and collaboratively advance Froebelian pedagogy.

Information regarding the conference fee and accommodation will be provided shortly.

Contact Information:

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We look forward to your contributions and to an inspiring conference!

Organizers of the Biennial Froebel Conference 2025
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