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Research Unit “Synoptic Gospels”
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Programme for the 2026 Annual Conference in Leuven
(20th–23rd July 2026)

Synoptic Gospels (1): Narrative Comparisons and Diachronic Approaches

Presider: David Cielontko, Charles University, Prague

Narrated Spaces and Narrative Identity: Jericho and the fig tree as literary features shaping characterization in Luke 19

Paulus de Jong, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

The Wilderness in Mark 1 within Early Jewish Frameworks

Serhii Smahlo, Saxon Academy of Sciences and Humanities in Leipzig (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

The Settings of the Questions in Mark’s Gospel

Felipe Agudelo-Olarte, Universität Tübingen (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Break (30 min)

God’s Potential Shamelessness: Reinterpreting the Midnight Responder (Luke 11:5–8)

Jason Borges, Asia Minor Research Center (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Exorcisms as the Fulfilment of Messianic Prophecies in Matthew and Luke

Hector Patmore, KU Leuven (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Assessing the Minor Agreements: Classification and Philological Analysis

Sofia Mancini, Università degli Studi di Milano (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Synoptic Gospels (2): Narrated Space and Open Session

Presider: Markus Lau, University of Wuerzburg

Narrating the Anointed One: The Function of Χριστός in Mark and Matthew
Jonathan Reichel, Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nürnberg (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

The Gospel of Mark and the Life of Aesop: A Comparative Study of Language and Narratology in non-Elite Greek Storytelling
Hans Johan Sagrusten, MF Norwegian School of Theology, Religion and Society (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

“Make for Yourself a Mentor, Acquire for Yourself a Friend” (Avot 1:6): The Emmaus Narrative as Read through the Eyes of Chavrusa
Augustinus Aerssens, Independent Scholar (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Break (30 min)

Woes, Prophets, and Bloodshed: αἷμα προφητῶν in Matt 23:30; Luke 11:50; and Rev 18:24
Irene Barbotti, Trinity College Dublin (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

“Brood of Vipers!” (Matt 3:7). An Internal Cross-Reference between John the Baptist and Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew
Erica Leonardi, Università di Modena e Reggio, Università Ca' Foscari Venezia (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)