



# International Conference

Naarden/Amsterdam  
The Netherlands  
14-16 November 2024

Comenius:  
education,  
anthropology  
& cosmology

## THURSDAY 14 November

12.30-13.30 | Marktstraat 22

Welcome and registration of the participants in City Hall Naarden



City Hall  
Chair: Ann-Sophie Lehmann

Varieties of Educational Concepts between  
Natural Philosophy and Pansophia

- 13.30 Lucie Storchová**  
Protestant Natural Philosophy for Common Readers?  
The Case of the Bohemian Lands around 1600
- 14.05 John Exalto**  
Comenius' Latin School in Amsterdam: Expanding  
Educational Space in the 1650s
- 14.40 Vladimír Urbánek**  
“Whether it is for one man alone to sing the praises  
of Pansophia”: Jan Amos Comenius and Discussing  
Pansophia in the Learned Circles of the Republic  
of Letters



Comenius Museum, Kloosterstraat 33  
Chair: Eva Moraal

Anthropological Perspectives: Culture and Memory

- 13.30 Koen Vermeir**  
Comenius' *Cultura Ingeniorum* and the Historicity of “Culture”
- 14.05 Lenka Řezníková**  
Sense or Skill? Comenius' Conceptualization of Memory
- 14.40 Dalibor Jiří Vik**  
Manipulating Social Memory. *Labyrinth of the World*  
in Marxist-Leninist Interpretations in the 1950s

15.30 Coffee and tea in the City Hall

**16.00 Opening of the conference**

Welcome by organizers and representatives (mayor Gooise Meren; ambassador Czech Republic)

16.45 Short musical interlude by André Vrolijk, acclaimed Dutch accordionist

**16.55 Keynote lecture Ann-Sophie Lehmann: The Thinking Craft. Making and Using Comenius' *Thing Pictures***

Chair: John Exalto

17.55-19.00 Opening reception with drinks and snacks, accompanied by music by accordionist André Vrolijk

FRIDAY 15 November



Session

City Hall

Chair: Vladimír Urbánek

Natural Philosophy between Religion,  
Pansophia and Pedagogy

- 9.00 Paul Richard Blum**  
Natural Religion: Comenius Adapts Raimundus Sabundus
- 9.35 Tomáš Nejeschleba**  
Comenius' Panpsychism. From Natural Philosophy  
to Pedagogy
- 10.10 Corey Andrews**  
Lux supra et infra: The Macrocosm-Microcosm Analogy  
in Comenius' *Physicae Synopsis* (1633)



Session

Comenius Museum

Chair: Lenka Pospíšilová

Teaching Languages and Broader Pedagogical  
Implications

- 9.00 Lucie Kaennel**  
Spirituelle Bildung als Schlüssel zum pädagogischen Projekt  
von Jan Amos Comenius und dem Maharal von Prag
- 9.35 Márton Szentpéteri**  
"Alsted, You, Animal!": Herborn Methods of Teaching  
Languages in Early Modern Transylvania
- 10.10 Raúl Romo**  
*Mysterium mysteriorum hic detegitur*: Comenius' Best-Kept  
Secret on Teaching Latin

- 10.45 Coffee break  
11.15 Guided tour Naarden-Vesting (optional)  
12.15 Lunch City Hall



City Hall  
Chair: John Exalto

Reception of Comenius's Educational Concepts  
in Central Europe, Asia and America

- 13.15 Shinichi Sohma**  
Comenius between the Netherlands and Taiwan
- 13.50 Theodore Delwiche**  
The *Orbis Pictus* in an *Orbis Novus*: The Reception of Comenius Colonial New England
- 14.25 Attila Verok**  
Das *Schola-ludus*-Prinzip als lebendige Praxis.  
Das pädagogische Erbe von Comenius  
im Donau-Karpatenraum des 17. Jahrhunderts



Comenius Museum  
Chair: Tomáš Havelka

Theory and Methodology of Education

- 13.15 Věra Schifferová**  
*Nihil est in intellectu, quod non prius fuerit in sensu.*  
Zur Frage des angeblichen Sensualismus bei Comenius
- 13.50 Bayron Hernan Giral Ospina**  
Autoptical Models in Comenius' *Didactica Magna*  
and Political Education
- 14.25 Discussion

15.00 Coffee break



City Hall  
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From Pastoral Education to Theological Pedagogy

- 15.30 Tomáš Havelka**  
Johannes Amos Comenius and his Religious  
Pastoral Education
- 16.05 Johana Franková**  
Motives of *Ars Moriendi* in Comenius' Spiritual Testament  
*Unum Necessarium*
- 16.40 Discussion



Comenius Museum  
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Workshop 1: Comenius' Educational Legacy

- 15.30 Jacques Dane**  
The Rediscovery of the 'Pedagogy of the Visual'. Comenius' Ideas  
in the Collection of the Dutch National Museum of Education
- 16.05 Simon Huber**  
Typographic and Digital Strategies of Knowledge Visualization
- 16.40 Ana Cristina Borges López Monteiro Francisco**  
The Relevance of Comenius' *Didactica Magna* for Contemporary  
Education in Brazil

19.00-21:00 Conference dinner in City Hall



Session I City Hall  
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### Education and Theology

- 9.00 Petr Zemek**  
The Improvement of Humanity according to Comenius with Regard to the Theology of Divine Grace
- 9.35 Zuzana Svobodová**  
Comenius as a Philosopher of Education & Theologian of Education
- 10.10 Coffee break
- 10.30 Andrzej Borkowski**  
John Amos Comenius on the Place and Role of Authorities in Education (within the Circle of *The Labyrinth of the World* by John Amos Comenius)
- 11.05 Karel Rýdl**  
Investigating the Inspirational Wellsprings of Comenius' Cosmology: The Role of Pan-Sophy in Advancing Human Progress and World Improvement, and its Ideological Influence on 18th century 'Secret' Societies



Session J Comenius Museum  
Chair: Ann-Sophie Lehmann

### Workshop 2: Comenius' Educational Legacy

- 9.00 Eva Moraal & Madelief Feenstra**  
Comenius 2.0: Expanding and Reinventing Comenius' Educational Legacy and Image in the Current (inter)National Museological Context Through the Lens of Citizenship Education
- 9.35 Lenka Pospíšilová**  
How to Educate Czechs about Comenius?
- 10.10 Coffee break
- 10.30 Helena Kovářová**  
How to Exhibit and Teach about Comenius in a Museum - a Few Experiences from Přerov and Some Considerations for Discussion
- 11.05 Jakub Seiner**  
The Use of Comenius Pedagogical Principles in Teaching the Modern History of the 20th Century

- 12.00 Lunch and bus tour to Amsterdam, Embassy of the Free Mind  
13.00 Guided tour

**13.30 Keynote lecture Howard Hotson: Comenius in Context: General Crisis and Universal Reform**  
Chair: Vladimír Urbánek

- 14.30 Closing of the conference  
15.15 Canal cruise Amsterdam (optional)  
17.00 Pick-Up Central Station bus back to Naarden.  
It is possible to take your luggage along to Amsterdam, and not go back to Naarden.