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2023 Annual Conference
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Take Off Your Shoes: Hospitality & Practical Theology

Call for Papers

The theme of this year's conference invites engagement from a wide variety of perspectives and in a wide variety of styles and genres. The following list is intended to be indicative of possible topics and approaches, rather than prescriptive. Feel free to offer other topics and titles!

- How has moving many of our interactions with others online since the COVID-19 pandemic impacted our view of ourselves or our faith community as host or guest?
- What insights into hospitality do various cultures and faiths offer?
- How do the power relations between host and guest affect our search for a more just practice of hospitality
- How have Brexit, and the cost-of-living crisis impacted attitudes towards hospitality and the welcoming of the outsider?
- What insights from scriptures and/or traditions may be helpful in informing our understanding of hospitality?
- What does a faith-informed concept of hospitality tell us about society's practice of incarceration?
- As faith communities become more involved in the hospitality industry how is this impacting their theology of hospitality?
- What can be learned from the conception of pastoral counselling as hospitality?
- How can BIAPT become a more welcoming community?

We welcome 200 – 300 word abstracts for 20 minute papers, from a range of disciplines and religious and spiritual traditions and emerging themes in non-religion.

The conference is committed to ensuring an inclusive environment for discussion and the dissemination of work.

Please submit your abstract as a Word document and include your name, institution, geographical location (so we know your time-zone)**, title of paper, and email address, and send to papers@biapt.org**

Deadline for submissions: 1 March 2023 by 5pm GMT.
Notifications by 1 April.

We will ask accepted presenters to provide a back-up to mitigate against wi-fi/internet failure, ideally in a form close to the actual delivery of the paper. For example, if you plan to speak to slides, please provide slides with a voice-over or separate recorded audio; if you intend simply to read your paper, with or without copies of the paper for participants, then record it as an audio or video file and provide the text as a Word or pdf document. If for any reason, technical or otherwise, it is not possible for you to record your paper, please provide a summary text which can be shared in the group in the eventuality of technical failure.