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##### Société de Philosophie du Québec

##### Colloque annuel de la SPQ - *Relativisme et rationalité*, 9-12 Mai, 2011

Responsables:

Xavier CORSIUS, Université d'Ottawa, Jean LEROUX, Université d'Ottawa

#### I. Description du colloque

Pour son congrès annuel de 2011, la Société de philosophie du Québec (SPQ) invite la communauté philosophique francophone à une réflexion générale sur les rapports qu'entretiennent le relativisme et la rationalité dans les différentes disciplines philosophiques. Dans les réflexions philosophiques sur le langage au 19<sup>e</sup> siècle, le relativisme a été pensé en rapport avec la diversité des langues humaines et en opposition avec le postulat d'une universalité des catégories de la pensée qui fonderait les grammaires « générales et raisonnées ». Wilhelm von Humboldt, notamment, a centré sa conception du langage sur l'idée que chaque langue constituait une propre vision du monde [Weltansicht], porteuse de schèmes qui agissent tant sur le plan perceptuel que sur le plan conceptuel. Les concepts séminaux de la relativité linguistique ont alimenté d'importants courants de la philosophie continentale tels le néokantisme et l'herméneutique transcendantale; ils sont aussi œuvrés, sans être attestés, en philosophie analytique - on pense ici à certaines thèses tractariennes de Wittgenstein concernant les limites du langage, aux « linguistic frameworks » de Carnap, et, bien sûr, à la thèse de la relativité de l'ontologie défendue par Quine. Cette diversité linguistique et culturelle force aussi l'éthique et la philosophie politique à se questionner sur le relativisme, le pluralisme et l'universalisme des valeurs et des normes. À l'instar d'Alasdair MacIntyre, qui demandait « Quelle justice? Quelle rationalité? », les philosophes doivent réfléchir à la moralité et à la justice sur fond de croyances diverses et de pluralité de valeurs. Les normes sont-elles propres à des communautés particulières ou à l'humanité toute entière? D'importantes questions d'ordre philosophique doivent nous occuper pour intervenir dans un monde social où la diversité est devenue la norme.

#### II. Programme du colloque :

Sessions :

**Lundi 9 mai 2011**

##### Conférence d'ouverture

09:00 - 10:00

Type : orale

##### Communications

09:00 - Mot de bienvenue

09:10 - Daniel WEINSTOCK, Université de Montréal - **À venir**

##### Conférence libre I

10:00 - 12:00

Type : orale

Présidence/animation : Xavier Corsius, Université d'Ottawa

**Communications:**

10:00 - Pierre-Yves ROCHEFORT, Université de Montréal - **Les arguments d'Hilary Putnam pour l'objectivité morale**

11:00 - Clayton PETERSON, Université de Montréal - **La logique déontique : deux arguments en faveur du principe d'agrégation**

**Relativisation de la rationalité : le débat autour de Spinoza à la fin du XVIIIe siècle en Allemagne**

10:00 - 17:10

Type : orale

Présidence/animation : Jean LEROUX, Université d'Ottawa

**Communications:**

10:00 - Mot de bienvenue

10:15 - Marceline MORAIS, Cégep de St-laurent - **Spinoza ou les misères du rationalisme**

10:45 - Discussion

11:00 - Pause

11:15 - Claude PICHÉ, Université de Montréal - **Mendelssohn et les derniers soubresauts du rationalisme classique**

11:45 - Discussion

12:00 - Dîner

13:30 - Joël MADORE, Collège universitaire dominicain - **La foi a ses raisons... Quatre embûches pour l'espoir kantien**

14:00 - Discussion

14:20 - Audrey GHALI-LACHAPPELLE, Université de Montréal - **Herder, un appui à Mendelssohn?**

14:50 - Discussion

15:10 - Pause

15:30 - Raphaël ZUMMO, Université Laval - **L'ascendance de Spinoza sur la science et l'éthique de Goethe**

16:00 - Discussion

16:20 - Marie-Andrée RICARD, Université Laval - **La question de la liberté et la critique de Schelling à Jacobi**

16:50 - Discussion

17:10 - Mot de clôture

**La philosophie politique de l'éducation entre relativisme et rationalité**

13:30 - 17:00

Type : Table ronde

Présidence/animation : Christian NADEAU, Université de Montréal

Participants : Andrée-Anne CORMIER, Bruce MAXELL, Jean-Mikaël GUÉDON

**Conter l'histoire : épistémologie et poétique du discours historique dans la période moderne (17e-18e siècles)**

13:30 - 17:45

Type : orale

Présidence/animation : Xavier Corsius, Université d'Ottawa

**Communications :**

13:30 - Mot de bienvenue

13:35 - Bertrand BINOCHÉ - *Le fait et la loi (ou comment écrire l'histoire en philosophe)*14:05 - Simon LORANGER - *L'histoire critique et l'interprétation de l'Écriture dans le « Traité théologico-politique » de Spinoza*14:35 - Marie-Hélène AUDY - *Écriture de l'histoire et philosophie appliquée : David Hume et l'histoire de l'Angleterre*

15:05 - Discussion

15:35 - Pause

15:50 - Jean-Pierre SCHANDELER- *La « conjecture », forme du travail savant à l'Académie des inscriptions et belles-lettres au XVIIIe siècle*16:20 - Jean-Luc FILION - *La vraisemblance de l'histoire de la philosophie en question : histoire naturelle et politique dans l'« Essai sur les règnes de Claude et de Néron » de Diderot*16:50 - Mitia RIOUX-BEAULNE, Université d'Ottawa - *Comment fait-on de l'histoire une science? Saint-Réal et Fontenelle face à leurs contemporains*

17:20 - Discussion

**Mardi 10 mai 2011****La raison figurative : l'analogie et la métaphore dans la démarche philosophique**

09:00 - 17:30

Type : orale

Présidence/animation : Adam Westra, Université de Montréal

**Communications:**

09:00 - Mot de bienvenue

09:15 - Sonia MANSOUR ROBAEY, Université Saint Paul-Ottawa - *Analogie et créativité en sciences : le cas de la sélection naturelle*09:45 - Louis VERVOORT, Université de Montréal - *L'analogie en physique*

10:15 - Pause

10:25 - Discussion

10:45 - Maxime JULIEN, UQAM - *L'analogie de l'ordinateur dans le fonctionnalisme*11:15 - Maria HOTES, Université de Montréal - *Analogie et chose en soi chez Kant*

11:45 - Discussion

12:00 - Dîner

13:30 - Olivier HUOT-BEAULIEU - *Hegel et la métaphore*

14:00 - Stéphane ROY-DESROSIERS, Université de Montréal - ***De la « métaphore morte » dans la philosophie : l'histoire d'une thèse...***

14:30 - Pause

14:40 - Discussion

15:00 - Julie TREMBLAY-DEVIRIEUX, Université de Montréal - ***L'analogie entre le sacré et le sexuel chez Bataille : le problème de la transgression***

15:30 - Filippo Palumbo PALUMBO - ***La pensée analogique chez Jung***

16:00 - Pause

16:10 - Discussion

16:30 - Catherine LAVOIE-MARCUS - ***La métaphoricité du corps dansant***

17:00 - Jennifer SPIEGEL - ***Théâtre et changement social : une mise en scène de métaphores ou bien de mouvements?***

17:30 - Discussion

**Table ronde sur l'ouvrage de Christian Nadeau - « Contre Harper. Bref traité philosophique sur la révolution conservatrice »**

10:00 - 12:00

Type : table ronde

Présidence/animation : France Giroux, Collège Montmorency

Participants : Alain NOËL, Christian NADEAU (Université de Montréal) , Dominique LEYDET

**Table ronde sur l'ouvrage de Yvan Lamonde - « L'heure de vérité. La laïcité québécoise à l'épreuve de l'histoire »**

13:30 - 16:00

Type : table ronde

Participants : Danièle LETOCHA, Yvan LAMONDE

**Normativité et relativisme. Symposium organisé par le Groupe de recherche interuniversitaire sur la normativité.**

**Première journée**

13:30 - 17:20

Type : orale

Présidence/animation : Patrick Turmel, Université Laval

**Communications:**

13:30 - Julien DELANGIE, Université Laval - ***Constructivisme, réalisme et raisons d'agir***

14:00 - Charles CÔTÉ-BOUCHARD, Université de Montréal - ***Entre réalisme et relativisme : le constructivisme métaéthique et ses limites***

14:30 - Desmons OPHELIE, Université Laval - ***Construire des normes en interprétant? Le constructivisme de Rawls et l'écueil du relativisme***

15:00 - Martin GIBERT, Université de Montréal - ***Trois théories esthétiques : esthétique de la vertu, déontologique et conséquentialiste***

15:30 - Pause

16:00 - Pléniers

16:00 - Stéphane LEMAIRE, Université de Rennes - *L'introduction de valeurs relatives : nécessité et difficultés*

**Cocktail/remise des prix aux étudiant**

17:45 - 19:30

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Type : cocktail

**Mercredi 11 mai 2011**

**Actualités du pragmatisme**

08:45 - 15:30

Type : orale

**Communications**

08:45 - Mot de bienvenue

09:00 - Plénières

09:00 - Joëlle ZASK - *Dewey et la notion d'intérêt*

09:50 - Pause

10:00 - Alain LÉTOURNEAU, Université de Sherbrooke - *Communication, interactions et organisation dans « Experience and Nature » de John Dewey*

10:25 - Robert DANISH - *La promesse du pragmatisme rhétorique*

10:50 - Pause

11:00 - Jean-Louis GÉNARD - *L'irruption du pragmatisme au sein de la sociologie francophone récente*

11:25 - James R. TAYLOR - *Une organisation est une imbrication de tiercéités*

12:00 - Dîner

13:30 - Richard LINTEAU - *Le pragmatisme de John Dewey et l'éthique appliquée*

13:55 - Martin BLANCHARD, Université de Montréal - *«Mon logement n'est pas à vendre»: les luttes sociales vues par le pragmatisme*

14:20 - Pause

14:30 - André DUHAMEL, Université de Sherbrooke - *Pragmatisme et tragédie*

14:55 - Eric RACINE, Université de Montréal - *Enquêtes pragmatiques dans le domaine de la neuroéthique : exemples et réflexions*

**Conférence libre II**

10:00 - 15:30

Type : orale

Présidence/animation : Xavier Corsius, Université d'Ottawa

**Communications:**

10:00 - Denise GENDRON, Université de Sherbrooke - *La rationalité de la vie affective chez Spinoza*

11:00 - Geneviève BARRETTE - *Jean Duns Scot, relativiste?*

13:30 - Frédéric BRUNEAULT, Université Laval - *Quel est le fondement de l'éthique de la discussion? Sur le différend entre Habermas et Apel au sujet de l'idée de fondation ultime*

14:30 - Marc-Antoine VALLÉE, Université de Montréal - *Penser sans point d'Archimède : sur l'interprétation relativiste de l'herméneutique*

**Normativité et relativisme.** Symposium organisé par le Groupe de recherche interuniversitaire sur la normativité.

#### Deuxième journée

10:00 - 15:30

Type : orale

Présidence/animation : Christine TAPPOLET, Université de Montréal

#### Communications:

10:00 - Morgane PARIS, Université de Montréal - *Psychopathie et empathie*

10:30 - Dominic CLICHE, Université Laval - *Deux thèses concernant la distinction entre internalisme et externalisme moraux*

11:00 - Antoine CORRIVEAU-DUSSAULT, Université de Montréal - *L'écocentrisme et le modèle CAD*

11:30 - Guillaume BARD, Université de Montréal - *La dimension normative du consentement : un débat entre les modèles performatif et attitudinal*

12:00 - Dîner

13:30 - Sebastien LALIBERTÉ, Université Laval - *De la normativité pratique à la normativité morale*

14:00 - Jessy GIROUX, Université de Montréal - *Intuitionnisme social et relativisme culturel*

14:30 - Bruno GUINDON, Université McGill - *Le holisme des raisons et leur sensibilité au contexte (présenté en anglais)*

15:00 - Jonathan DURAND FOLCO, Université Laval - *De l'égoïsme à l'altruisme métaphysique*

#### Conférence plénière et Assemblée générale annuelle

15:40 - 19:15

Type : orale

Présidence/animation : Jean LEROUX, Université d'Ottawa

#### Communications:

15:40 - Mot de bienvenue

15:45 - Jürgen TRABANT - *Visions du monde : relativité et universalité linguistique chez Wilhelm von Humboldt*

16:45 - Discussion

17:00 - Mot de clôture

#### Jeudi 12 mai 2011

#### Conférence de clôture

09:00 - 10:00

Type : orale

Présidence/animation : Jean LEROUX, Université d'Ottawa

#### Communication:

09:00 - André LACROIX, Université de Sherbrooke - **À venir**

**Conférence libre III**

10:00 - 12:00

Type : orale

Présidence/animation : Xavier Corsius, Université d'Ottawa

**Communications:**

10:00 - Louis CHARTRAND - *Un plaidoyer pour réhabiliter le concept d'esprit en philosophie cognitive*

11:00 - Jean LEROUX, Université d'Ottawa - *Feyerabend, critique de l'empirisme logique*

**Conférence libre IV**

13:30 - 16:30

Type : orale

Présidence/animation : Xavier Corsius, Université d'Ottawa

**Communications:**

13:30 - Jocelyne SAINT-ARNAUD, Université de Montréal - *L'éthique normative, la métaéthique et le relativisme des valeurs*

14:30 - Sophie CLOUTIER - *Une réflexion sur l'intersubjectivité du jugement politique*

15:30 - Jean-Claude SIMARD, Non applicable - *Théorie de l'évolution, relativisme et Dessein intelligent*

**Table ronde autour du livre de Benoît Dubreuil « Human Evolution and the Origins of Hierarchies »**

13:30 - 17:10

Type : table ronde

Présidence/animation : Patrick Turmel, Université Laval

Participants : Benoît DUBREUIL (UQAM), Dave ANCTIL, David ROBICHAUD (Université d'Ottawa), Frédéric BOUCHARD, Luc FAUCHER, Vincent BERGERON

**L'inscription au 79e Congrès est obligatoire pour toute personne qui participe ou qui assiste aux activités du congrès.**

Pour plus d'information voir : [http://www.acfas.net/programme/c\\_79\\_315.html](http://www.acfas.net/programme/c_79_315.html)

**CHINE**

**Institute of Philosophy, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, PRC**

**International Conferences in 2011:**

**1. GLOBALIZATION OF KNOWLEDGE: Economics, Ecology, and the Humanities**

**July 25-26, 2011, Shanghai, PRC**

**Sponsors:** State University of New York at Old Westbury [The Office of the Dean of Arts and Sciences], New York, USA Global Scholarly Publications;

Grand Valley State University Summer School in China

**Hosts:** Institute of Philosophy: Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, Shanghai, PRC

## 2. *The Role of Philosophy*

**June 28, 2011, Shanghai, P.R. China**

The goal of the discussion is to explore the role and nature of philosophy in contemporary life; its relation to the rapid development of social sciences and humanities; and how Chinese philosophers can make their own proper contribution in these global times. This will help to prepare the 2013 World Congress of Philosophy in Athens on "**Philosophy as Inquiry and Way of Life**".

**Participants** are from Poland, Thailand, Italy, Canada, Russia, America, Iran and Lebanon.

**Hosts:** Institute of Philosophy: Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, Shanghai, PRC

For Further information, contact: Professor He Xirong, Institute of Philosophy, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, Shanghai, P.R. China, [hxr@sass.org.cn](mailto:hxr@sass.org.cn).

## 3. *Philosophical Analysis Forum I: History and Thought - The Vision of Contemporary Chinese Philosophy*

**May 6-8, Hangzhou, Zhejiang, PRC**

**Host:** Philosophy Department, East China Normal University, Shanghai, PRC

Institute of Philosophy, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, Shanghai, PRC

For Further information, contact: Dr. Wei Haibo, Institute of Philosophy, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, Shanghai, P.R. China, [whb@sass.org.cn](mailto:whb@sass.org.cn)

## 4. *Philosophical Analysis Forum II: Seminar on Chen Jia Ying's Academic Thinking*

**The end of May, Beijing, PRC**

**Host:** Philosophy Department, Capital Normal University, Beijing, PRC

Institute of Philosophy, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, Shanghai, PRC

For Further information, contact: Dr. Wei Haibo, Institute of Philosophy, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, Shanghai, P.R. China, [whb@sass.org.cn](mailto:whb@sass.org.cn)

## 5. *Philosophical Analysis Forum III: Problems and Methods of Contemporary Philosophy*

**July 18-20, Shanghai, PRC**

**Host:** Institute of Philosophy, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, Shanghai, PRC

For Further information, contact: Dr. Wei Haibo, Institute of Philosophy, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, Shanghai, P.R. China, [whb@sass.org.cn](mailto:whb@sass.org.cn)

## ÉTATS-UNIS

### Charles S. Peirce Society

The Society held its annual meeting on April 21, 2011, in San Diego, California, USA, in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association. Our outgoing president, Cheryl Misak (University of Toronto), presented her presidential address, entitled "Pragmatism and Indispensability Arguments." The winner of this year's Peirce Society Essay Contest, Richard Atkins (Fordham University), presented his winning essay, entitled "This Proposition is not True: C.S. Peirce and the Liar Paradox."

A new executive committee was elected.

## INDIA

### All India Philosophy Association (Akhila Bharatiya Darshan Parishad)

Announcement:

The **56th Annual Session of the All India Philosophy Association** will be held in **December, 2011** at Veraval (Gujrat, India) under the auspices of Somnath Sanskrit University.

Prof. S.S. Negi (Sagar) will be its General President.

The theme of the session is: ***Knowledge Gives Immortality.***

The papers for the session can be submitted by **15th October, 2011.**

For details see the website of the Association: [www.adbp.co.in](http://www.adbp.co.in)

## IRAN

### Sadra Islamic Philosophy Research Institute (SIPRI)

#### The 15th Conference on Commemorating Mulla Sadra

The **15th Conference on Commemorating Mulla Sadra** was held on May 22nd 2011. The theme of Conference was Transcendent Ethics: A Look at Ethics and Philosophy of Ethics in the Transcendent Philosophy. More than 100 papers on the philosophy of ethics, its problems and issues, civil ethics, ethics in the global society, ethics in family, professional ethics, etc. were presented in this Conference in the form of speeches and posters. More than 1000 university students of various branches of philosophy and philosophy teachers of high school participated in this event.

#### Round Table of *Possibility of Establishing a Philosophy of Ethics based on Islamic Philosophy*

The Round Table of "**Possibility of Establishing a Philosophy of Ethics based on Islamic Philosophy**" was held in the 15th Conference on Commemorating Mulla Sadra.

Dr. Qasim Purhassan ('Allamah Tabataba'i University), Dr. Muhsin Jawadi (Qum University), and Dr. Tuba Kermani (Tehran University) discussed the philosophy of Islamic ethics in this round table. At the end of this event, which was audited by more than 300 university students and teachers, it was concluded that the common philosophy of ethics in Western and Islamic societies is based on Christian ethics. However, the need for localizing the sciences and bringing them into harmony with the culture of each society necessitates the development of a philosophy of ethics based on Islamic teachings in Islamic societies.

#### Conference of *Farabi and Establishing Islamic Philosophy*

The Conference of "Farabi and Establishing Islamic Philosophy" was held on 26-27 February, 2011 with the joint cooperation of the Scientific Society of the History of Philosophy and the Sadra Islamic Philosophy Research Institute. This Conference dealt with the different philosophical ideas of Abu Nasr Farabi and his influence on Islamic and Western philosophies, particularly in the Middle Ages. The related papers were presented in the form of discussion on categorized specialized topics. More than 60 papers were presented in this event, and they are now available to interested readers in the form of a book entailing a collection of papers, speeches, and posters.

#### Conference of *Ibn Sina and Islamic Philosophers: History of Islamic Philosophy from 350 to 550 AH*

The 12th Conference of "Revisiting and Studying the History of Philosophy will be held by the Scientific Society of the History of Philosophy and the Sadra Islamic Philosophy on 18-19 October 2011. The International Mulla Sadra Society suggested holding this event and will cooperate in executing it in the best way possible. This Conference will deal with the life, works, and thoughts of Muslim philosophers between 350 and 550 AH, and it will consist of four major parts:

1. History of Islamic philosophy after Farabi (Abu Hayyan Tawhidi, Abu 'Abdullah Nasafi, Abu Hatam Razi, Abu Y'aqub Sajistani, Abu Sulayman Sajistani, Abulhassan 'Amiri, Ibn Muskuwiyah, Abu Hayyan Biruni)
2. Ibn Sina's school of philosophy (philosophy, ethics, logic, natural philosophy, practical philosophy, poetry and philosophy of art in Ibn Sina, Ibn Sina's influence on Islamic and Western philosophies, and Ibn Sina from the view point of Orientologists)
3. History of Islamic philosophy after Ibn Sina and until Suhrawardi (Bahmanyar, Juzjani, Abul Abbas Lokari, Khayyam, Abu al-Barakat Baqdadi, Ibn Bajah, Ibn Tufayl, Ibn Rushd, etc.)
4. The School of Batiniyyah from the period of translation until Ibn Sina (gnosis, Ishraq, philosophy, and theology)

Interested people can send their papers to [Mullasadra@dpimail.net](mailto:Mullasadra@dpimail.net).

The Scientific-Cultural Institute of Ibn Sina will also cooperate in holding this Conference.

#### **Publication of 4 Issues of the Scientific-Research Quarterly of Kheradname-ye Sadra**

**Issues 61-64** of Kheradname-ye Sadra have been published and are now available to all readers. The table of contents of each issue is provided below:

##### **Issue 61:**

*Secret of the Evidence of the First Form of Syllogism*, Gholamreza Zakiyani.

*Intermediate World in Illuminative Philosophy and the Philosophies of the Oneness of Being*, Monireh Palangi.

*A Comparative Study of the "Perfect Man" in Ibn Arabi and Rumi*, Qudratullah Khayatyan.

*Role of self-Purity in Acquiring Knowledge in Mulla Sadra's View*, Fatima Suleymani.

*An Analytical View of the Doctrine Part of the Avicennan Argument*, Masoud Omid.

*The Relation between Concept and Referent in Mulla Sadra's Philosophy*, Seyyed Majid Mirdamadi & Fayyaz Saberi.

*A Comparative Study of Cosmological Proofs in 'Allamah Tabataba'i and Suhrawardi*, Foruzan Rasikhi.

##### **Issue 62:**

*Demonstrating Copulative Existence on the basis of an Analysis of Causal Relationship in the Transcendent Philosophy*, 'Abdulali Shukr.

*The Relationship between Speculation and Action in Mulla Sadra*, Reza Akbarian.

*Historical Development of the Interpretation of the Qur'anic Verse al-Mithaq (Pledge) and Mulla Sadra's Innovations*, Muhammed Ghafurinejad & Ahad Faramarz Qaramaliki.

*An Analysis of the Different Kinds of Priority and Posteriority in Potency and Act*, Jamshid Sadri.

*Meanings of Being in Plato with Reference to the Republic, Parmenides, and Sophist*, Muhammed Meshkat & Sa'id Binay-e Mutlaq.

*Substantial Perfection of the Human Soul in Mulla Sadra*, Muhammed Reza'i & Muhammed Qasim Eliasi.

*The Role of the Theory of the Principality of Existence in Removing Contradictions from...*, Muhammed Jawad Purmoradi.

*Transcendent Gnosis and the Gnostic View and Place of Mulla Sadra*, Muhammed Fana'i Ashkiwari.

##### **Issue 63:**

*Mental Existence*, Seyyed Mohammed Khamenei.

*Mulla Sadra and the Perception of the Universals*, Seyyed Ali Alam al-Huda.

*Theory of the Essential Difference of Existences and its Relation to the Principality of Existence or the Principality of Quiddity*, Seyyed Murtada Hussein Shahroodi and Rasul Husseinpur.

*Mulla Sadra's Psychological Approach and the Defect of Contemporary Psychology*, Reza Mahuzi.

*An Analysis of the Process and Stages of Developing an Identity in Mulla Sadra*, Muhammed Bidhendi & Reza Ali Nowruzi.

*Oneness of Being: A Gnostic or a Philosophical Problem?* Zakaria Bahamejad

*Mulla Sadra and the Theory of the Spirit of Meaning in Interpreting Qur'anic Metaphorical Single Terms*, Hamed Shivapoor.

*Conceptualization of Religious Art in Farabi's Philosophy*, Nadia Maftuni.

**Issue 64:**

*Trans-Substantial Motion, Restless Nature or Unstable Nature*, Maqsd Muhammedi.

*Ethical Consequences of the Trans-Substantial Motion*, 'Abdul'ali Shukr.

*Human Identity in Mulla Sadra's Philosophy*, Zahra Khaza'i.

*Mulla Sadra's Critical View of Peripatetics' Definition of the Soul*, Marziyah Akhlaqi.

*Fuzzy Thought in Sadrian Philosophy*, Tuba Kermani and Muhammed Hassan Y'aqubiyani.

*Demonstrating Mulla Sadra's Theory of the Principiality of Existence based on the Theories of Immanuel Kant and Max Black*, Mir Sa'id Musawi Karimi.

*Assessment of Suhrawardi's Discussions on the Principiality of Existence and Quiddity*, 'Abbas Shaykh Shu'a'i and Baqir Gorgin.

It is worth mentioning that Kheradname-ye Sadra is indexed in Philosopher's Index, and non-Iranian interested readers can have access to the English version of the published papers through its website.

**The Selection of Kheradname-ye Sadra as the Leading Journal in the Field of Islamic Philosophy by the Research Vice-Presidency of Qum Seminary**

The quarterly of Kheradname-ye Sadra was chosen as the leading journal on philosophical sciences by the Research Vice-Presidency of Qum Seminary. The head of the Qum Seminary rewarded this Journal by a commemoration tablet in the second meeting of the directors of the journals in the field of seminary sciences.

The Quarterly of Kheradname-ye Sadra was started in 1994, and 64 issues have been published so far. It received a scientific-research degree when its 45th issue was published and is indexed in Philosopher's Index.

Moreover, last year it was chosen as the second most influential philosophical journal by ISC (Islamic World Science Citation Database).

**Publication of Four Issues of the Specialized Quarterly of the History of Philosophy**

Issues 2-5 of the research-technical *Quarterly of History of Philosophy* have been published with the cooperation of International Mulla Sadra Society and are now available to interested readers. The table of contents of each issue is given below:

**Issue 2:**

*Ibn Sina*, Professor Seyyed Mohammed Khamenei.

*A Glance at the Background, Attributes, and Consequences of Isfahan's School of Philosophy*, Ali Karbasizadeh Isfahani

*Place of Practical Wisdom in the History of Islamic Philosophy*, Gholamreza Fada'i 'Araqi.

*Role of the Transcendent Philosophy in the Creation and Development of Science in Iran*, Muhammed Ali Nawidi.

*Movement of the Translation of the Scientific-Philosophical Texts of Islamic Civilization into Latin in Europe*, Hossein Kalbasi Ashtari.

*Creation in the Vedas*, Ali Naqi Baqirshahi.

*Mulla Sadra and the Second Greek Philosopher: Anaximander or Anaxagoras?* Ahmad Asgari.

**Issue 3:**

*Effect of Suhrawardi's Philosophy on the Ideas on Muslim Philosophers*, Muhammed Beheshti.

*Necessity of Revision of the History of Islamic Mysticism and Gnosis of the First Hajira Century*, Quadratullah Khayyatian

*Double Truth or a Double Interpretation of a Single Truth?* Asadullah Heydarpur.

*Dynamism in Islamic Philosophy based of the correction and Completion of Approaches to the History of Islamic Philosophy*, Mas'ud Umid.

*Imam Khomeini's Philosophical Methodology*, Reza Lakza'i.

*Iranian's Contribution to the Rise of the Mu'tazilite Philosophy and Kalam*, Hasan Alebari Beyraaq and 'Aziz Jawanpur Herawi

*Meaning of a Perfect Philosophical System in Kant*, Reza Mahuzi.

#### **Issue 4:**

*A Comparative Study of the Ancient Iranian Philosophy*, Reza Suleyman Heshmat.

*Heidegger's Interpretation of Schematism and Imagination in Kant's Transcendent Philosophy*, Parviz Zia' Shahabi/Parish Kusheshi.

*A Historical Glance at the Obstacles to the Involvement of Philosophy in Practical Fields in Some Muslim Philosophers*, Azim Hamze'ian.

*Whys and Hows of the Entry of Philosophical Problems into Theology (Kalam)*, Fazlullah Khaliqyan.

*Peraclete in John's Gospel and its Manifestation In Islamic Gnosis*, Fatimah Alipur.

*Some Deliberations over the Reasons of Ghazzali's Opposition to Philosophy or Philosophers*, Aynullah Khadimi and Muhammed Kazim Nikmaram.

*Possibility of Ontology: A Comparative Study of Mulla Sadra and Heidegger's views*, Reza Akbarian and Hossein Zamaniha

*Hermes Trismegistos: A Proposal for Comparing Religion, Mythology, and Philosophy*, Reza Amiri.

#### **Issue 5:**

*A Critique of the Famous Classification of Baghdad and Khorasan Schools of Sufism and Gnosis*, Qudratullah Khayyatian, Seyyed Hamid Delawar.

*On the Relationship between Islamic Philosophy and Islam: Conformity or Consistency*, Mas'ud Umid.

*Hegelian Dialectic: A Synthesis of Kantian and Platonic Dialectics*, Hassan Fathi, Sediqah Musazadeh.

*The Role of the Theory of the Spheres in the Philosophical Ideas of Muslim Thinkers*, Mansur Imanpur

*Subject of Philosophy and its Distinction from other Sciences in Ibn Sina and Mulla Sadra*, 'Aala Turani and Seyyed Narges 'Umranian.

*Theory of Analogy in the Middle Ages with Reference to A.J. Ashworth's Views*, Mustafa Hosseini Golkar.

*Roots and Bases of the Ethical-Gnostic School of Shi'ism in the Works and Ideas of the First Majlisi*, Ali Karbasizadeh Isfahani.

**The Quarterly of History of Philosophy** invites the professors and researchers in the field of philosophy to submit their papers to this journal. The submissions could be in Persian or English.

#### **Publication of Four Issues of the Specialized Journal of *Philosophy and Children***

The 4<sup>th</sup> issue of the specialized Journal of *Philosophy and Children* was published on the central theme of critical thinking. Some of the papers published in this issue are as follows:

1. "Features of Critical Thinking" by Muhammed Reza Neyestani and Davood Imamverdi
2. "Why Schools without Philosophy?" by Hamed Safayipur
3. "Children and the Potential for Perceiving Philosophical Concepts" by Salih Hassanzadeh

#### 4. "Philosophical Training, Goals, and Methods" by Ali Allah Bedashti

For more information about the activities of the Sadra Islamic Philosophy Research Institute in the field of philosophy for children, refer to [www.pac.org.ir](http://www.pac.org.ir).

#### **Commendation for Professor Seyyed Mohammed Khamenei in the International Kharazmi Festival**

Professor Seyyed Mohammed Khamenei, the President of Mulla Sadra International Society and the Sadra Islamic Philosophy Research Institute, was honoured with commendation in the 14th International Kharazmi Festival.

This Festival is held by the Iranian Research, Technology, and Sciences Ministry in order to appreciate the leading researchers in different fields of humanities, Islamic sciences, and Iranology.

In addition to writing 36 books and more than 100 papers in the field of Islamic philosophy, Professor Seyyed Mohammed Khamenei has been involved in executive and administrative service in different Iranian philosophical centers for over 20 years.

In this Festival, the late Dr. Muhammed Khwansari, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Sadra Islamic Philosophy Research Institute, was also praised for his lifelong scientific achievements and service.

#### **Active Presence in International Press, Book, and Research Achievements Exhibitions**

During the last year three international, national, and cultural exhibitions were held in Tehran: the 17th International Press Exhibition in October 2010, the 11th Exhibition of Research Achievements of Universities, Scientific Centers and Societies, and Research Institutes in December 2010, and the 24th International Book Fair in Tehran in May 2011. The Sadra Islamic Philosophy Research Institute and its affiliated societies had an active presence in the above exhibitions with two research- scientific journals, one specialized journal, and more than 200 books. The stand of the Institute was greatly welcomed by the visitors in all the three exhibitions.

#### **Regular and Continuous Meetings of the Members of the Iranian House of Wisdom and Philosophy**

As a professional assembly for the philosophy professors and researchers of the country, the Iranian House of Wisdom and Philosophy is one of the active organizations affiliated with the Sadra Islamic Philosophy Research Institute. Its purpose is to promote the status of philosophical and scientific discussions with the cooperation of Mulla Sadra International Society. During the last year, this professional assembly has expanded its activities and tried to take useful steps in conducting research, publishing books and papers, providing for the welfare of its members, and devising some recreational programs for their free time. In order to accomplish these tasks, the House regularly holds a general meeting for its members consisting of about 100 professors and researchers residing in Tehran every two months. Here, the members present their suggestions in different areas and discuss some new strategies.

The Iranian House of Wisdom and Philosophy intends to extend its activities to all the cities in Iran in the near future.

#### **New Publications of the Sadra Islamic Philosophy Research Institute**

##### **1. Kanz al-hikmat (2 volumes)**

Writer: Shams ad-Din Shahrzuri

Translator: Zia ad-Din Durri

Language: Persian, ISBN: 978-600-5051-14

##### **2. Collection of Philosophical Treatises (2 volumes)**

Writer: Mulla Sadra

Editor and researcher: Volume 1 by Hamed Naji Isfahani;

Volume 2 by a group of editors

Supervised by: Professor Seyyed Mohammed Khamenei

Language: Arabic, ISBN: 978-600-5051-27-0 (vol. 1), ISBN: 978-600-5051-26-3 (vol. 2)

##### **3. Asrar al-ayat**

Writer: Mulla Sadra

Editor and researcher: Seyyed Muhammed Reza Ahmadi Burujerdi

Introduction by: Professor Seyyed Mohammed Khamenei

Language: Arabic, ISBN: 978-600-5051-30-0

**4. Interpretation of the Holy Qur'an** (8 volumes)

Writer: Mulla Sadra

Editor and researcher: volumes 1 and 5 by Muhsen Khwajawi,

Volumes 2-4 by Muhsen Bidarfar, volume 6 by Muhsen Pishwa'i, volumes 7-8 by Seyyed Sadr ad-Din Taheri

Supervised by: Professor Seyyed Mohammed Khamenei

Language: Arabic, ISBN: 978-600-5051-22-5

**5. Role of the Trans-Substantial Motion in Developing Human Identity**

Writer: Maryam Dijwar

Language: Persian, ISBN: 987-600-5051-31-7

**6. Philosophical Training and Today's Youth** (Collection of 30 Papers)

Language: Persian, ISBN: 987-600-5051-35-50

**7. The Shi'ite, Batini, and Isma'ilite Philosophies** (Collection of 18 specialized papers)

Writer: Professor Seyyed Mohammed Khamenei

Language: Persian, ISBN: 987-600-5051-38-6

**8. Man on the Path of Being** (vol. 3)

Writer: Professor Seyyed Mohammed Khamenei

Language: Persian, ISBN: 987-600-5051-36-2

**9. Collection of Philosophical Treatises** (vol. 3)

Writer: Mulla Sadra

Editor: Seyyed Yahya Yathrebi

Language: Arabic, ISBN: 987-600-5051-26-3

**10. Farabi and the Way to Happiness**

Writer: Farabi

Translator: Nawwab Maqribi, ISBN: 987-600-5051-39-3

**ITALIE**

**Istituto Italiano per gli Studi Filosofici**

*May Lecture Series -- Palazzo Serra di Cassano, Napoli, Via Monte di Dio, 14*

*Antonio Gargano, Istituto Italian per gli Studi Filosofici: "Martin Heidegger: ontologia e ermeneutica" -- 12 maggio, ore 15:30*

Francesco Tomatis, Università di Salerno: "Schelling e i principi primi"

"Dialettica o stupore" -- 16 maggio, ore 16.00

"L'Uno, il che" -- 17 maggio, ore 16.00

"Principe e potenze" -- 18 maggio, ore 16.00

Petar Bojanic, University of Birkbeck, London; Institute of Philosophy & Social Theory, Belgrade -- "What Is an Institution?"

"Institution and Documentalità (Searle and Ferraris)" -- 16 maggio, ore 16.00

"Institution and Instinct" -- 17 maggio, ore 16.00

"Institution and Violence (War)" -- 18 maggio, ore 16.00

"Institution and Revolution" -- 19 maggio, ore 16.00

"Institution and Institutionalism" -- 20 maggio, ore 16.00

Iain Chambers, Università degli Studi di Napoli «L'Orientale»: "Prospettive Mediterranee e Percorsi Postcoloniali"

"La questione meridionale: del Mezzogiorno al sud del mondo" -- 17 maggio,  
ore 16.00

"La migrazione, la precarietà e la modernità" -- 19 maggio, ore 16.00

"I suoni del Sud" -- 24 maggio, ore 16.00

"La città postcoloniale" -- 26 maggio, ore 16.00

## PHILIPPINES

**Philippine Academy of Philosophical Research**

**Announcement:**

**Four International Philosophical Societies to Converge in Manila Congress**

Four international philosophical societies - the Conférence Mondiale des Institutions Universitaires Catholiques de Philosophie, the Academie du Midi, the World Union of Catholic Philosophical Societies, and the Asian Association of Christian Philosophers - will collaborate with the Department of Philosophy of the University of Santo Tomas (UST) for an **international philosophical conference from May 23 to 26, 2011 in Manila, PHILIPPINES**. With the theme **Thomism and Asian Cultures: Celebrating 400 Years of Dialogue Across Civilizations**, the gathering of scholars is in line with the year-long celebrations for the 400th year of the University. More information can be found at the congress's official website at <http://ust400philosophy.org>.

For inquiries, please e-mail the Secretariat at [ust400philosophy@gmail.com](mailto:ust400philosophy@gmail.com).

## RUSSIE

**Bulletin of the Russian Philosophical Society**

**No. 1 (57) 2011 (256 p.)**

We hereby announce publication and circulation of the **Bulletin of the Russian Philosophical Society No. 1, 2011** (Editor-in-Chief, Professor A.N. Chumakov; Executive Secretary, **Professor N.Z. Yaroschuk**).

Instead of the **Editor's Column** the issue opens with information about the approaching 6th All-Russian Philosophical Congress. The Congress will take place in June 27-30, 2012 at Nizhnii Novgorod. Its topic will be **Philosophy in Contemporary World: Dialog of World-visions**. The first information letter about its academic program will be published in the next Bulletin. This issue informs about the Organizing and the Program committees of the congress; about conditions and terms of applications and abstract submissions. The Organizing committee will send

personal invitations to everyone, whose abstract is submitted timely and accepted. Selected materials will be published before the congress.

Registration fees are as follows:

Up to April 1, 2012

– for RPS members – 500 RUB;

– for non-members – 2000 RUB.

After April 1, 2012.

– for RPS members – 1000 RUB;

– for non-members – 2500 RUB.

For students and Ph.D. students – 50% of the above-mentioned.

Citizens of countries other than Russia are equal to Russian citizens.

Web-site of the congress and e-mail for submitting abstracts, as well as conditions and terms for paying the registration fee, will be available in the 2nd issue of the Bulletin (2011), as well as on web-sites of the Presidium and of the other RPhS units.

Read **Information from the RPhS Regional Branches and Organizations** with detailed information about the 8th Student Philosophical Readings dedicated to analysis of contemporary methodology and organized by the Don Philosophical Society at the Southern Federal University; about a philosophical seminar discussing the issue of **juvenile justice** at the St. Petersburg State Institute for Psychology and Social Work; about the International Theoretical and Practical Conference Social Development Trends: Unity of Self-organizations and Governance at Belgorod.

Read **News from the Moscow Philosophical Society** about a forthcoming General Meeting of the Moscow Philosophical Society on April 20, 2011; about the 10th Frolov Readings in memory of Ivan T. Frolov at the RAN Institute of Philosophy; about the 4th Ovsiannikov International Aesthetic Conference Borders of Contemporary Aesthetics and New Strategies of Interpreting Art at the MSU Department of Philosophy in memory of Professor M.F.Ovsiannikov; about the creation at the RAN Institute of Philosophy of a new administrative unit: Ontology group.

**Events and Comments** inform about the memorial evening at the RAN Institute of Philosophy dedicated to the outstanding philosopher Th.Kh.Kessidi to commemorate his obit; about the 1st All-Russian (with international participation) Conference Holism in the World of Philosophy and Socio-Humanitarian Sciences at the Lipetsk State Technological University; about Inter-University Conference Philosophy of Science in the Information Society: Topical Issues at the Department of Philosophy of the Saratov State University; about the annual International Conference Postmodern Culture: Body, Text, Communication at the Department of Philosophy of the Rostov-na-Donu YuRGI; about the 2nd Inter-University Student Culture Studies Conference Humanism and Tolerance in the Culture of Modern Man organized by the Chair of Philosophy of the Kazan State Technological Tupolev University; about a roundtable discussion dedicated to a unique event – a publication of a Russo-French journal «L'UNIVERS DE L'HOMME / VSELENNAYA CHELOVEKA», held by the Don Philosophical Society in collaboration with the Southern Federal University at Rostov-na-Donu; about the 60th anniversary of the Chair of Philosophy of the Perm State University; about the regular meeting of a seminar of the Russian-Bavarian Research Zinoviev Center at the MSU History Museum; about the Inter-University Research Seminar Russian Philosophy and the Formation of Patriotic Self-Consciousness in Russia in Kaluga.

Read about **The Problems of Teaching Philosophy** in the articles by Prof. A.G.Mustafin (Ufa) and Profs. E.V.Zolotukhina-Abolina and V.E.Zolotukhin (Rostov-na-Donu).

**Managing Education: Modern Approaches** publishes a report about a meeting of the Presidium of the Teaching and Methodological Council on Philosophy and Religion Studies of the International Theoretical and Practical Conference Unit on the Classical University Education discussing the presentation of the Dean of the Department of Philosophy of Novosibirsk State University Prof. V.S.Diev Master Programs in the Structure of Philosophical Education; and an interview with Prof. M.A.Rozov (Moscow).

**Topical Issue** is presented in the article Prolegomena to the Dialectics of Property Forms by the Corresponding Member of RUN R.I.Khazbulatov (Moscow).

To learn about **Scholarly Life in the Near Abroad** read Philosophical Concept of All-Unity in the Light of Modern Science by Prof. Z.A.Kulizade (Baku, Azerbaijan), Academic Discourse on Power and Noospherology by

O.K.Shevcheko, Ph.D. (Simpheropol, Ukraine), *Process of Knowledge from the Constructivist Position* by D.M.Bozarov (Tashkent, Uzbekistan).

**International Contacts** informs about the Athens Philosophical Symposium *The Best Philosophical Ideas for the Human Welfare* participated by philosophers from various countries including Russia; about the *International Forum Culture of Health and Long-living* held at Nanjing (China).

Published **By Way of Discussion** are *Speculative Notion of Time* by A.S.Gurianov, Ph.D. (Kazan), *Plato's Idealism Evaluated by Lenin* by L.Ya.Podvoiskii, Ph.D. (Astrakhan), *The Borders of Truth and Lie* by Prof. M.M.Prokhorov (Nizhnii Novgorod), *Are Ways of Knowledge Intelligible?* by Prof. E.A.Taisina (Kazan), *About the Philosophy of Planetary Reason* by Prof. A.I.Uvarov (Moscow), *About the Essence of Natural and Artificial Intellect* by Prof. I.I.Bulychev (Ivanovo), *About the Problem of the Truth of Moral Judgments* by Prof. M.G.Zelentsova (Ivanovo), *About the Specificity of Mytho-Epic Consciousness* by Prof. M.A.Shenkao (Cherkessk).

Read **Important Discussion** for *Autotroph Survival Strategy* by Prof. A.D.Moskovchenko (Tomsk).

**Standpoint** presents *Which Fundamental Values does Russia Need?* by Prof. M.M.Skibitskii (Moscow).

To learn more about the **Union of Philosophy and Natural Sciences** read *Keys to the Global Crisis: Sustainable Development and Noospheric Socialism* by Prof. V.V.Mantatov (Ulan-Ude) and *Approaching the Mystique of the Universe* by V.S.Markov (Moscow).

For **History of Russian Philosophy** read *Vision of Time and Space in the Works* by V.F.Voino-Yasenetsky by Prof. Yu.Yu.Novikov (Moscow).

**Continuing the Debate** presents *Do We Return to the Classical Russian Religious Philosophy* by M.I.Sternberg (Moscow).

**Philosophical Anthropology** presents *Trends in Pedagogic Anthropology* by G.A.Novichkova, Ph.D. (Moscow).

**Philosophy of Culture** presents *National and Cultural Identity in the Information Age* by Prof. O.B.Skorodumova (Moscow); *Circus Act: Visual Effect or Democratism* by V.A.Barinov, Ph.D. (Liubertsy); *The Issue of Integration between Sport and Art* by Prof. V.I.Stoliarov (Moscow).

**Philosophy Abroad** presents *International Ontology Congress* by Prof. Viktor Gomez Pina (Barcelona, Spain).

See **Global Studies** for *Identity Problem: View from Periphery* by Prof. G.G.Salikhov (Ufa).

Read **Eurasianism**: *Prospects of Comprehension for West – East: Counter Trends in Philosophy* by Prof. N.Z.Yaroshchuk (Moscow).

Read **Topical Interview** for a conversation (final) between Prof. P.E.Boiko (Krasnodar) with a philosopher E.S.Linkov from St. Petersburg on *Movement to Reasonable Spiritual Being as the Universal Necessity of Our Time*.

**Academic Communities** presents *Development of Philosophical Socio-techno-natural Studies in the Briansk Region* by Prof. V.V.Miroshnikov (Briansk) and *Methodological Consequences of the Paradigm Shift for Education Theory* by G.Yu.Beliaev, Ph.D. (Moscow).

**Feedback** presents analytical and critical review of RPhS Bulletin 2011:4 by an independent observer Prof. V. F. Druzhinin (Moscow) and S. S. Peruanskii, Ph.D. (Moscow).

Read **Responding our Publications** for *No Guerilla in Philosophy* by Prof. V.N.Sagatovskii (Belgorod).

**Remark** by S. S. Peruanskii, Ph.D. (Moscow), Prof. A.G.Pyrin (Moscow), Larkov S.M. (St.-Petersburg).

**Philosophy on Internet** presents *About the Web-site of Prof.Sagatovskii* by N.N.Shchukin, Ph.D. (Moscow).

To be Remembered presents *The Patriarch of Russian Elite Studies* by Prof. P.L.Karabushchenko (Astrakhan) about Prof. G.K.Ashin and *80th Jubilee of Artur Sagadeev (Memoirs about Brother)* by M.A.Sultanova, Ph.D. (Moscow).

The **Poetic Page** presents verses by Eduard Girusov (Moscow) and Leonid Podvoiskii (Astrakhan).

Read **Philosophers Joke Too** for humoristic Philosophisms in Quotes and Discreditable Sonnets by Assist.Prof. V.L.Ochkin (Penza).

See **Useful Information** about the creation of World-vision Internet forum; about a photo web-exhibition by Prof. Yu.V.Popkov (Novosibirsk).

Mentioned as **Noteworthy** is information about the forthcoming Spartan International Conference in Moscow; about the forthcoming All-Russian Theoretical and Practical Conference Kireevskii Readings in Kaluga.

See also **book reviews, annotations, book announcements**, information about new philosophical books, **books and journals** available at the RPhS Presidium, doctoral (16) and candidate (21) dissertations in philosophy defended in the first quarter of 2011.

Published also are **letters of congratulations** on jubilees and other notable events in philosophers' lives and **obituaries**.

The issue contains information about the Russian Philosophical Society's **Additional 2011 List of Conferences** complimenting the information of the previous issue (128 conferences totally)

Read also information about the RPhS membership for 2011. Like in other issues of the Bulletin, it is explained that the Russian Philosophical Society counts as its members only those who have paid the yearly membership fee and have been consequently included in the current year membership list. They henceforward enjoy all the privileges of the Society members, including subscription to the RPhS Bulletin. Full membership lists are published yearly in RPhS Bulletin No. 3 for the year in question.

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**Bulletin  
of the Russian Philosophical Society  
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We hereby announce publication and circulation of the **Bulletin of the Russian Philosophical Society No. 2, 2011** (Editor-in-Chief, Professor **A.N. Chumakov**; Executive Secretary, Professor **N.Z. Yaroschuk**).

The **Editor's Column** opens the issue. Under headline Jubilee as a Pretext for a Serious Discussion the First Vice-president of the RPhS Professor A.N. Chumakov reminds that 2011 is the 40th anniversary of the USSR Philosophical Society, of which the Russian Philosophical Society is a successor, and the 15th anniversary of the first issue of the Bulletin of the Russian Philosophical Society.

The RPhS Presidium and the St.-Petersburg branch of the RPhS have decided to hold, within a framework of the Philosophical Days in St.-Petersburg (November 17-19, 2011), a solemn broad meeting of the RPhS Presidium and special Readings, dedicated to memorable dates of the Philosophical Society and its Bulletin. There are suggestions to hold special talks (jubilee meetings) in the RPhS branches; and to publish the results of such talks with critical analysis of the Society's activity and its tasks in the 3rd (59th) Issue of the RPhS Bulletin dedicated to the jubilee. The RPhS members are invited to share their memories, ideas, creative suggestion related to the RPhS activity and its Bulletin. All materials are due to September 5, 2011.

Read information **The Approaching 6th All-Russian Philosophical Congress**. The Congress will take place in June 27-30, 2012 at Nizhnii Novgorod. Its topic will be Philosophy in Contemporary World: Dialog of World-visions.

Official web-site of the Congress: <http://www.rfk2012.unn.ru>.

**Read Information from the RPhS Regional Branches and Organizations** with detailed information about the basic directions of the activity of the Kuzbass RPhS branch; about Astrakhan Readings **Cultural Heritage of Uzbek (Turkic) Enlighteners at the Territory of Astrakhan Oblast** timed to the 570th anniversary of an Uzbek poet and thinker Alisher Navoi; about the meetings of the activists of the Bashkir RPhS branch in Ufa with Prof. **I.K.Liseev**, chairman of the Moscow Philosophical Society.

**Read News from the Moscow Philosophical Society** about the results of the General Meeting of the Moscow Philosophical Society, for example, the report of the Administrative Board, the new members of the Administrative

Board, the election of Prof. I.K.Liseev as the Chair of the Board, Prof. T.V. Kuznetsova and S.A.Pavlov, Ph.D. as Deputy Chairs, E.I.Yaroslavtseva as the Secretary Academic. Read information about the Academic and Practical Conference Social and Economic Problems of Urban Development and Architecture held at the MSGU; about roundtable discussion Geopolitical and Ethnocultural Problems in the Sphere of Tourism held at the Moscow Institute of Tourist Industry.

**Events and Comments** inform about the First Conference of the World Cultural Forum (Taikhu, China); about the World Forum on Intercultural Dialog in Baku (Azerbaijan); about the Fourth Ovsianikov International Aesthetic Conference Borders of Contemporary Aesthetics and New Strategies of Interpreting Art at the MSU; about an Internet-project Russian Cosmism: Philosophy, Science, Art at MIREA (Moscow); about the meeting of the city philosophical seminar dedicated to the 15th anniversary of a theoretical journal «Credo new» in St.-Petersburg; about the presentation of the book by Prof. M.I.Bilalov Dagestan in Culture and Civilization at VVTs (Moscow); about Interdisciplinary Research and Methodology Seminar Problems of Teaching Logic at Humanitarian Universities accompanied by presentation of a textbook Logic by N.Z. Yaroshchuk at the Financial University (Moscow).

Read about **The Problems of Teaching Philosophy** in the article by Prof. V.N.Porus (Moscow) Philosophy of Ph.D.s – Illusion and Reality.

**Managing Education: Modern Approaches** publishes interviews with Prof. B.A.Yakimovich, Rector of the Izhevsk State Technical University and Prof. N.I. Kuznetsova from the Russian State University of the Humanities.

Published **By Way of Discussion** are Multiqualitative Being by Prof. V.N.Sagatovsky (Belgorod), Structure of State Power and Forms of Its Transition by Prof. T.N.Semenova (Moscow), Consensus Between State and Society: Step to De-alienation? By B.I.Zelenko, Dr.hab. (Moscow).

Read **Philosophical Journalism** for Contemporary Women's Share by Prof. A.A.Krushanov (Moscow) and Philosophy Everywhere by Prof.Kutyrev V.A. (Nizhnii Novgorod).

To learn more about the **Union of Philosophy and Natural Sciences** read Physics as an Imitation and Metaphor of Mathematics by Prof. V.N.Savchenko (Vladivostok), Phenomenon of Life and Thermodynamics by M.I. Shterenberg, Sc.D. (Moscow), Structure of the Space of Memory by V.B.Kudrin (Moscow).

For **History of Russian Philosophy** read Idolatry and Idoloclasm by Prof. N.S.Semenkin (Moscow).

**Continuing the Debate** presents Development of Discourse of Science and Religion by V.V.Farmakovskiy (Nizhnii Novgorod) and Be Careful: Atheism by V.V. Maksimov (Moscow).

**Philosophy of Culture** presents Metaphysics of the Last Supper by Assistant Professor O.V.Stroeva (Moscow).

See **Global Studies** for Geopolitical Arms as an Aspect of Globalization by Prof. A.G.Pyrin (Moscow) and State-Oligarchic Monopolism and the Country's Future by Prof. G.S.Smirnov (Ivanovo).

Read **Eurasianism: Prospects of Comprehension** for Teleology of Social Systems by V.V.Yusupov, Ph.D. (Volgograd), Interconnected World in the Process of Globalization by Prof. G.S. Tabatadze (Volgograd), interview by Gudrat Seifi with Prof. G.A.Yugai (Moscow).

**Eastern Philosophies** are represented by Mystics as a Universal Phenomenon of Spiritual Culture by Prof. Z.A.Kulizade (Baku).

**Academic Communities** presents information about activities of the Research Board of the Russian Academy of Science related to methodology of artificial intellect at MIREA (Moscow).

**Feedback** presents analytical and critical review of RPhS Bulletin 2011:1 by an independent observer Prof. V. F. Druzhinin (Moscow) and S. S. Peruanskii, Ph.D. (Moscow).

**Important Discussion** presents My Answer to those who Insult Philosophy and Philosophers by Prof. T.P.Lolaev (Vladikavkaz).

Read **Responding our Publications** for About Private Property by V.I.Dolzhenko (Moscow).

**Polemics** presents Confessions of a Russian: Why I do Not Vote for United Russia Party by Prof. H.G. Tkhangapsoev (Nalchik), Capitalism and Socialism: On Moral Progress by Prof. G.N.Gumnitky and Prof. M.G.Zelentsova (Ivanovo).

See **Page of a Young Philosopher** for World Leadership Conference in Lisbon by Ph.D.Student L.V.Vedmetkaya (St.-Petersburg).

**Standpoint** presents *Influence of Pareto's Ideas on the Formation of Social and Philosophical Positions of R. Aron* by G.A.Novichkova, Ph.D. (Moscow), *Nature of Crisis Phenomena In Philosophy* by G.N.Mezentsev (Moscow), *Knowledge and Constructivism* by Prof. M.M. Prokhorov (Nizhnii Novgorod).

**Remark** by Prof. A.G. Myasnikov (Penza) – *In a Den*; by Prof. A.G.Pyrin (Moscow) – *International Day of a Man's Space Flight*.

**New Journals** presents *Humanitarian Sciences* published by the Financial University.

Read **Philosophical Prose** for *Gulliver for Adults, or Bright Future according to Jonathan Swift* by K.N.Atarova (Moscow).

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Published also are **letters of congratulations** on jubilees and other notable events in philosophers' lives and **obituaries**.

As usually, read the information about the RPhS membership for 2011. Like in other issues of the *Bulletin*, it is explained that the Russian Philosophical Society counts as its members only those who have paid the yearly membership fee and have been consequently included in the current year membership list. They henceforward enjoy all the privileges of the Society members, including subscription to the RPhS *Bulletin*. Full membership lists are published yearly in RPhS *Bulletin* No. 3 for the year in question.

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## TURKEY

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Activities from September 2010 to August 2011

#### At the National Level:

1. **The yearly Istanbul Seminar on Widespread Misunderstandings in the History of Philosophy** held in Istanbul on December 2 and 3, 2010 and hosted by the Department of Philosophy of Yeditepe University. After the inaugural speeches delivered by Ioanna Kuçuradi and Saffet Babür, papers were presented by Özge Ejder ("On the Relation between the Modern and the Postmodern"), Sanem Yazıcıoğlu ("A Confrontation in Philosophy: The Transcendental Subject-Historical Subject Debate"), Tülin Bumin ("Deleuze Reading the History of Philosophy"), Cengiz İskender Özkan ("Which Plato: The One in the Timaios or the One in the Parmenides?"), Kaan Özkan ("A Skeptical Approach to Descartes"), Kadir Çüçen ("On Heidegger's Reading of the History of Philosophy"), Sinan Özbek ("Three Misunderstandings of Marx"), Hülya Durudoğan ("John Stuart Mill's Male Women"), Ali Taşkın ("The Debate on the Tradition of Beginning the History of Philosophy with Thales"), Metin Becermen ("Is Socrates a Wise (Sophos) or a Philosopher?"), Gülriz Uygur ("Law and the Distinction between Ethics and Morals"), Ahmet Ulvi Türkbağ ("Power and Right: The Misinterpretation of Spinoza's Conception of Right"), Hatice Nur Erkızan ("Aristotle's Theology and its Impact on Islamic Philosophy: On the Consequences of a Misunderstanding"), Siyaveş Azeri ("Is Marx's Conception of History Deterministic?"), Stephen Voss ("Descartes as an Existentialist"), Lucas Thorpe ("Did Anyone ever Think that Knowledge was Justified True Belief?"). Harun Tepe, Yusuf Ömek, Doğan Özlem and Betül Çotuksöken chaired the sessions.

**2. Organization, between December 4, 2010 and February 15, 2011, of a course on "Philosophy and Poetry" focusing on the following issues:** "Poetry from a Philosophical Viewpoint" by Ioanna Kuçuradi, "Philosophy and Poetry" by Abdullah Kaygi, "Poetry as a Reinscription of Meaning to Reality" by Salih Bolat, "Does Poetry have any Dept to Philosophy?" by Özdemir İnce, "Philosophy as Poetry" by Güngör Dilmen, "Notes on the Relationship Between Metaphor and Reality" by Hilmi Yavuz, "The Art of Poetry from Aristotle to Heidegger" by Sevgi İyi, "Poetry Based on Ideology and Worldview and Philosophical Poetry" by Yücel Kayıran, " To Read the World through Poetry" by Işık Eren.

**3. Organization of the XVth National Philosophy Olympiad on March 6, 2011, in twelve centres all over Turkey.**

**4. Organization of a seminar series entitled "Law and Ethics" for the members of the Ethical Committee of the Ankara Bar Association:** "Evaluation and its Problems" by Abdullah Kaygi, "Values and their Problems" by Harun Tepe, "Ethics and its Problems" by Ioanna Kuçuradi, "Legal Ethics and its Problems" by Gülriz Uygur.

#### Publications:

- Harun Tepe, *Etik ve Metaetik (Ethics and Metaethics)*, 2011, second edition.

- Immanuel Kant, *Gelecekte Bilim Olarak Ortaya Çıkabilecek Her Metafiziğe Prolegomena/ Prolegomena zu jeder künftigen Metaphysik die als Wissenschaft auftreten möchte*, 2011, fourth edition.

#### Projects of Activities in Fall 2011 and 2012:

- Organization of a symposium on **"Teaching Philosophy in Primary and Secondary Education"**, on 29-30 September 2011 in Ankara, in collaboration with the UNESCO National Commission of Turkey.

- Organization of a symposium on **"Teaching Philosophy in University"**, in October 2011, at Mersin University, in collaboration with the UNESCO National Commission of Turkey.

- Organization of the **General Assembly of the Society** in October 2011.

- Organization, on December 1-2, 2011, of the yearly Istanbul Seminar on **"Philosophy and Literature"**.

- Organization of a **course on Kant** in January 2012.

- Implementation of the **"The UNESCO Strategy of Philosophy"** in Turkey.

- Organization of the **XVIth National Philosophy Olympiad in March 2012**.

### **NEWS FROM INTERNATIONAL SOCIETIES**

#### **Council for Research in Values and Philosophy (RVP)**

##### **Message from the President:**

*The work of the Council for Research in Values and Philosophy (RVP) has been advancing rapidly with the needs of the times. You will find greater detail on the following pages, but below is a summary of some key themes, all of which are also designated regional conferences of the International Federation of Philosophical Societies (FISP).*

**Regional Centers:** *Their development enables greater structure for the RVP network in promoting research in philosophy related to the global character of life.*

- **A Center in Beirut:** *In addition to the Center in Washington, Professor Edward Alam has built an RVP Center in Lebanon to be dedicated this coming May. He has done much to develop work in Ghana, Nigeria and East Africa, as well as cooperation with scholars in Tehran, India and Moscow.*

- **A Center in Shanghai:** *Its inauguration will be in June with special attention to the role of Chinese culture in global times. Professor Vincent Shen discussed with Professors Yu Wujin, Wang Xincheng, Sun Xiangchen and Zou Shipeng at Fudan University the orientation of the new Center. This will be followed by the Southeast regional RVP meeting, this year in Hanoi.*

**Seminars:** *Three to five week seminars for research on the themes: **Cosmopolitical dimensions of Islamic philosophy** in Beirut, **Responsibility Personal and Social in a Global age**, and **Human identity/nature as stable and/or changing** in Washington, D.C.*

**A Set of 8 Research Teams** is carrying out a yet more extended three year project in response to Charles Taylor's **A Secular Age** on the evolution of the value horizons of our global times.

**Publications:** 10 new volumes expand the 250 volume series with the results of the work of research teams in the RVP network in all parts of the world.

This issue of the RVP newsletter is a report on the work accomplished and in process. Especially it is an expression of thanks and an invitation to philosophers, thinkers and scholars across the world to join in this effort and put their special creative competencies at the service of their people in this time of dynamic change. Please write of your interests and plans.

The RVP wishes to thank the Ford, H&L Bradley and Raskob Foundations, as well as the OSVI and OST for their generous support.

George F. McLean

March, 2011

#### **Upcoming activities, 2011**

##### **I. Seminars:**

##### **1. Spring Seminar 2011: The Cosmopolitical Dimensions of Islamic Thought**

**May 18-31, 2011, Beirut, Lebanon**

Notre Dame University in Lebanon, which now houses the RVP's second major center (complementing the activity of the center in Washington, D.C.) will bring together prominent Islamic philosophers for a three week seminar on the cosmopolitical dimensions of Islamic philosophy. Professor Richard Khuri's seminal book, *Freedom, Modernity, and Islam* will orient the discussions; major papers by prominent international scholars shall be presented and critiqued. The majority of activity will take place on the campus of Notre Dame University, though a number of excursions will take place including an extended stay at the Cedars of Lebanon overlooking the Valley of the Saints, where the discussion and presentation of papers will continue.

The culmination of the seminar on May 29 will be the inauguration of the RVP center on the campus of Notre Dame University wherein the President of the University, together with Lebanese dignitaries, will officially dedicate the establishment and work of the center. Notre Dame University, the Iranian Institute of Philosophy, and local sponsors, have all pledged support for this landmark occasion.

##### **2. Fall Seminar 2011: Responsibility Personal and Social: Foundations for Life in a Global Age**

**August 22 - September 28, 2011, Washington, D.C.**

##### **The Challenge**

Modernity has been marked by a strong sense of individuals in competition, whether persons or nations; its economic, political and legal institutions have been constructed on this basis. This brought great new rational capabilities for the control and manipulation of the objects of our material world and made possible new and at times surprising ways for the affirmation of human freedom. Breaking through the natural barriers that for so long kept peoples in isolation from one another, it now engaged the rich philosophical and cultural heritages of the East with those of Ancient Greece and Rome, and vice versa. The result is a time of great challenge and great possibility.

Because what is in question is the distinctive character of contemporary civilization, any response must take into account the plurality associated with the human condition. It must consider what counts as knowledge in order to assure that the mind is adequately open to the issues of ethical concern and to perceive the new insights emerging from the cultural interchange of humanity. It must also examine the proper constitution of human persons and recognize their creative imagination for cooperation towards achieving a "better world". This in turn must be viewed not only in human terms but also in terms of a more balanced and respectful interaction with physical nature. In other words, any response to the challenges presented by human civilization at the present stage must take into account all that is relevant to a more authentic determination of human action and indeed of being or reality as such in order to integrate the new insights already available and to develop those required for a constructive response to the present global crisis.

##### **Response**

Global pressures now generate a renewed sense of the urgency to efforts to overcome the excesses of the present paradigm based on individualism, and to begin thinking in more holistic terms on a global scale. This requires the cultivation of new capabilities to break beyond self-interest and incorporate thinking in relational terms. The goal, therefore, is to foster an understanding of being human for which the condition of being a member of society — as family, community, and indeed the global whole — is essential. In other words, the issue here is the realization of a holistic sense of human existence and thereby promoting mutual understanding and a constructive peace among human beings, cultures and nations, religions and civilizations. In the words of Emmanuel Levinas, this is a humanism of the other, radically open to neighbour and willing to assume radical openness to the transcendent.

The seminar will explore possibilities for the renewal of the ethical life in our global age, emphasizing two fundamental concepts, namely, responsibility and justice. This will enable both philosophical articulation and practical implementation of an ethical order that in the circumstances of our *lebenswelt* underscores the value of life and action in ways that are ever more responsible and in accord with justice.

In order to facilitate this conversation among the participants and to stimulate the personal reflection of each one of its members, the seminar will be structured in four distinct moments:

1. The principles of responsibility (with Max Weber and Hans Jonas);
2. The nature of responsibility (with Emmanuel Levinas);
3. The transition from responsibility to justice (with Paul Ricoeur); and
4. The relevance of the cultural contributions from Asian, African and Latin-American thought, as well as the perspectives derived from world religions.

Application for Participation: Applications for participation in this seminar should be sent by email by April 1, 2011, to [cua-rvp@cua.edu](mailto:cua-rvp@cua.edu) and include:

- a vita,
- a list of the applicants' publications,
- an application letter indicating your special interest in the seminar theme, and
- an abstract of a study(s) you might present as an integral part of the seminar.

## II. Conferences:

- **Central and Eastern Europe**

**Bucharest, Romania, June 3-4, 2011**

### **Values of the Human Person: Contemporary Challenges**

The Faculty of Philosophy of The University of Bucharest and the RVP will co-sponsor a conference on "**Values of the Human Person: Contemporary Challenges**". The aim of this conference is to focus attention on the values of the human person considered under the impact of the contemporary process of globalization. Paradoxically, the continuous qualitative increase and diversification of knowledge can cause great fragmentation in the human understanding of oneself and of one's cultural and social environment. This threatens human civilization in new ways and addresses new challenges to the humanities, knowledge and culture, arts, natural and human sciences. These call in turn for a diagnosis of classical, modern and postmodern models of theoretical, scientific, political and artistic thinking with regard to the main values of the human life. The discussion of these issues will serve as a propedeutic to the 23rd World Congress of Philosophy in Athens, 2013, whose theme is "**Philosophy as Inquiry and Way of Life**".

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- **Asia**

**Beijing, P.R., China, June 18-19**

### **Urbanization and Community Building--China and the World**

The School of International Relations, University of International Business and Economy and the RVP will cosponsor an international conference on "**Urbanization and Community Building--China and the World**".

Chinese society has witnessed an unprecedented scale of migration from rural areas to cities. This raises many questions, e.g., how do these immigrants fit into the new city life ; how does the municipal administration accommodate the newcomers; how can Chinese traditional cultures and values contribute to the modern process of urbanization, and vice versa; is there a Chinese model of urbanization; what experience and lessons can Chinese policy makers and leaders of other developing nations borrow from one another? These questions pose challenges to scholars of political science, sociology and philosophy.

The conference organizers propose for discussion such themes as:

1. Political participation of the floating population in Chinese urbanization.
2. The social integration and community building of the new urban immigrants.
3. The interaction of traditional and modern culture and values in the process of urbanization and community building.
4. Case studies of urbanization and community building.

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**Wuhan P.R. China, June 21-22**

#### **Dialogue between Confucianism and Christianity**

The School of Philosophy, Wuhan University and the RVP will cosponsor a conference on "**Dialogue between Confucianism and Christianity**". Dialogue is the deep exchange between the human efforts and experiences of peoples' striving for human self-realization and fulfillment. As Confucianism and Christianity each bring rich but still limited insight regarding human nature and existence, the dialogue between the two has the intrinsic promise of complementarity and mutual enrichment. It promises productive contributions for facing common predicaments through searching for harmonious coexistence in the 21st century.

This conference on "Dialogue between Confucianism and Christianity" will constitute an academic exchange of faith and reason on the deep concerns of our times. You are invited to take part in this important discussion.

Paper submission: abstract April 1, full paper May 10, 2011.

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**Shanghai: Research Center for the Study of Chinese Culture in Global Context and Fudan University**

**Shanghai, P.R. China, June 26-27, 2011**

#### **Revitalizing Chinese Culture: Values and Virtues for a Global Age**

As the focus of China's life expands from nation building to global engagement, China is challenged to establish its proper place in the greater world community. Over the last century, for its modernization China has drawn ideas from the West. There are reasons to believe that progress now requires that it add a reverse flow whereby it shares its vision with the world and assumes leadership in the shaping of the newly global times.

In sum, in recent decades China has risen to a leading position in the world economy, based on profit; now it begins to play a special role as well in the political order, based on power. Both of these are limited, however, and hence tend to engender competition. In this context the greater the success the greater the suspicion regarding motivation, followed by resistance that slows further progress.

To counter this dynamism it becomes urgent to begin to focus on another order of reality where what is had by one can be shared with, and supportive of, others, and this without being lost to its originator. This is the field of culture which reflects the deep values, inspiration and aspirations of a people through the ages. Hence, in the evolving global context as we enter the 21st century a key element for the success of China will lie in its being perceived not as competitor or threat, but as realizing its own special genius and sharing this with others. On this

basis China can be the sought-after partner, a path finder for the human community in facing its challenges and in shaping the global human future.

The conference to inaugurate the new Center for the Study of Chinese Culture and Values in the Global Context (SCCV) at Fudan University will be held at its School of Philosophy on June 26- 27, 2011 (languages: Chinese and English). It will explore how China can revitalize its cultural values and virtues in response to the above challenges and contribute its dynamic "soft power" to the future of the global community.

Sample topics include:

- The significance of Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist, and Chinese Marxist values and virtues for revitalizing Chinese Culture;
- Possible Chinese contributions to the challenge of globalization;
- An integral philosophical project for the new Fudan Center for the Study of Chinese Culture and Values in the Global Context;

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#### **Shanghai: Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences**

**Shanghai, P.R. China, June 28, 2011**

#### **The Role of Philosophy**

The Institute of Philosophy of the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences with the Council for Research in Values and Philosophy will host a discussion on "**The Role of Philosophy**". The goal of the discussion is to explore the role and nature of philosophy in contemporary life; its relation to the rapid development of social sciences and humanities; and how Chinese philosophers can make their own proper contribution in these global times. This will help to prepare the 2013 World Congress of Philosophy in Athens on "**Philosophy as Inquiry and Way of Life**".

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**Urumqi: Xinjiang University, July 13, 2011**

#### **Local Culture and Social Progress, Xinjiang University, July 13, 2011, Urumqi, China**

**Theme:** The Xinjiang region is the frontier of two great civilizations. If a civilization is the cumulative achievement of a set of cultures evolved over the millennia as a concrete way of striving for human fulfillment, then this border situation is now of the greatest moment. As we enter the global age life today is characterized not simply by one or another single culture or civilization, but by the interaction of multiple civilizations as constituting a global whole. Its nature will be determined by the way in which the multiple civilizations, like gigantic tectonic plates, interact and adjust to one another. This suggests the particular importance for human progress of the dynamics of the intersection of Chinese and Islamic civilizations, each some 20 percent of humanity, as they intersect in Xinjiang and are mutually transformed thereby. What is the basis and degree of such mutual compatibility and complementarity; how can potential conflict be transformed into mutual reinforcement; can change be progressive for all concerned? These crucial issues will be considered in this colloquium.

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- **Biannual South East Asian Regional Conference**

#### **Hanoi, Vietnam**

#### **Cultural Traditions and Sustainable Development, Hanoi, Vietnam, July 7-8, 2011**

The Institute of Philosophy of The Vietnamese Academy of Social Sciences (VASS) and the RVP are co-sponsoring the biennial Southeast Asian regional conference on "Cultural Traditions and Sustainable Development". This theme has itself evolved in three broad strokes. At first "development" was understood as an economic phenomenon. Second it was noted that as development projects could have relatively brief or even negative effect it was necessary to plan with a view to their sustainability. Third the United Nations agencies discovered that a major

indicator of such sustainability was whether in the planning those effected were consulted so that their cultural traditions and expectations could be taken into account.

All of this was brought together by the Indian scholar, Amartya Sen, in his thematization of development as freedom. This focuses on human capabilities as both processes and opportunities which enable people to do and be what they value, for which he was awarded a Nobel Peace Prize. This raises a number of specific issues such as: (1) what should be considered authentic development, (2) the conditions for sustainability, (3) the relation to cultural traditions as enabling and/or impeding development, and (4) the significance of this for intercultural relations in global times within Southeast Asia and with other world regions in terms of economics, politics and human dignity.

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#### **Vientiane, Laos**

#### **Cultural Heritage and Contemporary Change, July 10-11, 2011, Vientiane, Laos**

Representatives of the Council for Research in Values and Philosophy will conduct an academic visit to the Institute of Political Sciences, Laos National Academy of Sciences, Vientiane, Laos. The purpose of the visit is to promote the sharing by Laotian philosophers in the work of the Southeast Asian RVP region. This focuses on the rich cultural values and virtues for facing contemporary challenges and bringing forward the rich contributions of each country and people, particularly for this global age.

### **III. Projects in progress:**

#### **Secular and Sacred**

Vienna, Austria and Dublin, Ireland, June and September: "**Secular and Sacred**". An extended research project has been developed on the basis of Charles Taylor's *A Secular Age*. The series of eight teams ranges from the scientific, socio-political and cultural horizons to deepening the sense of religion in terms of sacrifice and service. Begun in the U.S. the last sections will now continue in Austria and Ireland.

For more information see: [www.crvp.org](http://www.crvp.org)

#### **INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR ISLAMIC PHILOSOPHY**

The ISIP in collaboration with the RVP at Notre Dame University in Beirut had a two week meeting (see above), including a three day seminar in which 12 papers were read and discussed (4 papers each day); moreover, Richard Khuri's book, *Freedom, Modernity and Islam*, was critically discussed in the presence of the author; there was also a trip to the cypress forest in Northern Lebanon. During this seminar, the RVP branch in Lebanon was inaugurated, and Prof. Gholamreza Aavani was one of the keynote speakers

Future ISIP events: The Indian branch of ISIP will have an international seminar in February on "multiculturalism and Islam" in Aligarh University. The Indonesian branch of ISIP is also going to hold an international congress in philosophy in October at which more than two hundred scholars from Indonesia and abroad are expected to participate. Other future plans await confirmation.

#### **International Society for Universal Dialogue (ISUD)**

The **International Society for Universal Dialogue (ISUD)** will hold its **9th World Congress, 22 – 27 June, 2012 in Olympia, Greece.**

The theme is *Democratic Culture: Historical Reflections and Modern Transformations*.

The **deadline** for abstracts is **September 15, 2011**. Please send a 300-500 word abstract in English by regular post or e-mail attachment in Word to:

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For more information on the congress please visit the ISUD web site: <http://www.isud.org>

**Sociedade de Filosofia da Educação de Língua Portuguesa (SOFELP) - Portuguese-speaking Society of Philosophy of Education**

**International Congress Solitude in the Thresholds of the Person and Solidarity: Between the Social bounds and Fractures**

**IIIth Congress of SOFELP – Society for Philosophy of Education of Portuguese Language**

**General Information:**

The International Congress "Solitude in the thresholds of the person and solidarity: between the social bonds and fractures" and the IIIth Congress of SOFELP - Society for Philosophy of Education of Portuguese Language will be held simultaneously on the 18th, 19th and 20th of May 2011 in Porto, Portugal. This congress is a joint initiative of the Philosophy of Education Office / Institute of Philosophy, University of Porto / Philosophy of Education in the Portuguese Speaking World Research Group / Philosophy of Education and Contemporaneity Research Group, IS CET – Instituto Superior de Ciências Empresariais e do Turismo (Higher Education Institute of Management and Tourism) / area of Social Work and SOFELP in partnership with SOFPHIED - Société Francophone de Philosophie de l'Éducation and UNINOVE - Universidade Nove de Julho (São Paulo, Brazil) and the sponsorship of FCT – Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia.

This event has the cooperation of FISP – International Federation of Philosophical Societies and of SAF – Sociedad Argentina de Filosofía.

It is expected from this meeting an interdisciplinary sharing of knowledge and reflections from inescapable issues of contemporary society such as solitude and solidarity in their complex connections with educational projects and social intervention. Along with plenary sessions and round-tables by specialists there will also be oral presentations on the topics within the fields mentioned below.

This first contact intends not only to announce this Congress but also to invite investigators, professors and other professionals, students as well as all the persons implied in the education and social work domains to participate in this initiative.

The deadline for presentation of communications, together with the pertaining abstract, is the 31st January 2011\*. Both text and notes may not exceed 8 pages (3000 words); the abstract should be in the native language of the communication and in English (10 lines maximum); oral presentation of communications will take a maximum of 15 minutes.

Norms to the presentation of written communications, application form and other information: please check the website <http://www.iscet.pt/events/css-2011-solidao-e-solidariedade>.

**Themes/Topics:**

Contemporary societies are featured by deep meaningful changes which make us question some life concepts and conceptions. The acute and accelerated transformation of social and personal relationships is a phenomenon of crucial importance. Relationships marked namely by the convergence of ancient and new social bonds which, in their own dynamic, are often developed under a critical relation with the appearance of social fractures. Between the former and the latter solitude emerges, so present as indecisive, which, in the diversity of its life experiences and conceptualizations, questions, in turn, the traditional stereotypes of personal, community and societal solidarity.

Considering that we are still living in the aftermath of Thomas Hobbes's options on the statute of the State, Rousseau's social contract and Locke's estate ideas, then we are also living after them, particularly with different representations on social cohesion and on the role of the individual.

So accomplished as threatened, the ideology of progress together with the proud sovereignty of the humanist subject, it is now time to urgently focus on the limits, thresholds, vulnerability and fragility of a human being to whom

*nihilism and relativism challenges are placed, before the overwhelming and inescapable need for hope.*

*Anthropological issues, human sciences problems, education challenges, social and educational policies demands, philosophy debatable problems.*

**Sections:**

*I. Suffered loneliness and chosen loneliness: anguish, hope and life projects;*

*II. Ages, life itineraries and loneliness;*

*III. Solitude and solidarity in rural and urban societies: continuity and rupture;*

*IV. Solitude and solidarity in future perspective: liberties and environmental ethics;*

*V. Cyberspace and globalisation: Old and new solitudes, old and new solidarities?;*

*VI. Solitude and solidarity as topics of educational and social intervention projects: empirical and epistemological approaches;*

*VII. Solitude and solidarity facing the challenges of inclusion and exclusion: the thresholds of vulnerability;*

*VIII. Loneliness, depression and melancholy: connections and distinctions;*

*IX. The «nature»: place of loneliness or challenge to human solidarities?*

*X. Between the social bonds and fractures: the statute and the re-emergence of the person.*

**Registration Fee**

	Until 28th February	After 28th February
. SOFELP / SOFPHIED Members	€50	€60
. Students	€50	€60
. CNIS / UMP Members	€75	€80
. Other participants	€100	€120

**The registration fee includes:**

. Participation in all sessions;

. Coffee breaks;

. Congress proceedings;

. Congress briefcase.

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