CREATION OF THE NETWORK OF WOMEN PHILOSOPHERS OF LATIN AMERICA

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Open call for the creation of the Network of Women Philosophers of Latin America

The Philosophy and Humanities Programme of the Social and Human Sciences Sector of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) at the Regional Bureau for Sciences in Latin America (Montevideo Office):

- Convinced of the importance of promoting philosophical thinking in the different fields of knowledge as a tool to inform public policies

- Convinced of the crucial and indispensable role of women in philosophical reflection and their differentiated contribution to the full understanding of the great challenges of our time,

- Working to incorporate women in the activities undertaken in all UNESCO's fields of competence, in particular those related to the promotion of reflection and dialogue between different nations and cultures at the level of research, intellectual production, reflection, teaching and debate

- Aware of the need to strengthen the participation of women philosophers in the various activities carried out by UNESCO in the field of philosophy, as well as the role of its philosophy programme in strengthening the networks of women and men philosophers and the promotion of philosophical reflection in all its forms.

- Resolved to continue resolutely the action of UNESCO in favour of the fight against gender-related discrimination and in defence of the cause of women with a view to ensuring their full participation in our societies,

- Bearing in mind, in a particular way, the concerns of the young women and men philosophers about the future of their academic training, strongly encouraging them to join this Network and inviting their professors and research directors to support them in this action,
The Director of the Regional Bureau for Sciences in Latin America and the Caribbean Mrs. Lidia Brito

Within the framework of the celebration of the World Day of Philosophy, announces the launching of the Latin American Network of Women Philosophers.

The Network seeks to gather as many women philosophers, philosophers / artists, philosophers / writers, philosophers / poets, etc. possible from all countries and philosophical currents, especially young, in order to integrate them in this network and in the different UNESCO projects and activities in field of philosophy, in a dynamic and participative way. It also seeks to provide them with support of the Organization in the measure of its possibilities for the creation of lasting and supportive intellectual associations in favour of philosophy.

Therefore, the invitation is to all women and men to give the initiative all the weight required to respond to this call, looking forward to receiving applications from women philosophers who are currently working in the field of research, teaching, and in the opening of the philosophical debate to the public. Personal data, bio-bibliographies, and lists of works will be part of the database that will be created in the framework of the Latin American Network of Women Philosophers.

This is an invitation to spread the present call to the widest public possible; colleagues, circle of acquaintances and women and men philosopher friends from the countries of Latin America.

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Background and reference framework

On March 8, 2007, as part of the celebrations of International Women's Day, UNESCO announced the creation of the UNESCO International Network of Women Philosophers. The Network sought to gather as many women philosophers, philosophers / artists, philosophers / writers, philosophers / poets, etc. from all countries and philosophical currents. The goal was to integrate them into the different projects and activities of UNESCO in the field of philosophy in a dynamic and participative way, and provide them with the support of the Organization in the creation of lasting and solidary intellectual associations in favour of philosophy.

That network had a strong impulse even with the publication of an international journal.

Due to issues related to the crisis that affected UNESCO in 2011, the Network was not able to continue with its activities.

However, the same causes that promoted the creation of the International Network continue to have a strong impact in the Latin American region. In this sense, a great dynamism of the academic and intellectual activity of the women philosophers at different levels is revealed, which is not necessarily reflected in the presence that they have in the academy or in publications and other spaces. Women philosophers seem to be under-represented in major philosophical meetings and in other areas where their voice should be relevant.

Their important intellectual contribution of the production of women philosophers requires dissemination and exchanges with other women who work in similar research fields. Therefore, the creation of discussion forums and spaces for disseminating publications and the thinking of Latin American women philosophers has become a necessity in modern times.

Finally, this objective coincides with the strategy of gender priority that UNESCO follows, as well as the promotion of networks as ways of strengthening plural intellectual dialogue and respect for ideas, tolerance and exchange and promotion of critical thinking from different perspectives, regions and cultures. Fundamentally, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms that set the path of all UNESCO's actions.
The Network will also be a step towards the achievement of Goal 5 of the 2030 Agenda: Achieving gender equality and empowering all women and girls

This is how the Philosophy Programme of the UNESCO Regional Bureau for Sciences calls for the creation of the Network of Women Philosophers of Latin America, aimed at supporting the philosophical activities of women, promoting solidarity among them and support them with means that provide them with legitimacy, recognition and visibility. This Network will serve as a platform at the local, national and regional levels.

The Network of Women Philosophers of Latin America will have as Objectives:

- Strengthen exchange and solidarity among women philosophers of Latin American countries.
- Help break the isolation and promote links through the Network.
- Facilitate the circulation of work and publications of women philosophers in the region.
- Disseminate the activities developed by women philosophers at different levels.
- Promote the participation of women philosophers in various symposia, seminars, conferences and philosophical conferences in Latin America and other regions.
- Promote philosophical dialogue and disseminate the philosophy among young people.
- Promote cooperation with other networks, research centres, universities, NGOs, etc.

HEADQUARTERS: the Faculty of Philosophy of the University of Buenos Aires was proposed as the headquarters for the UNESCO Network of Women Philosophers of Latin America

The functions of the headquarters will be defined in agreement with the Institution.

First call
The call will be made through a public and open register of women philosophers where they will be able to incorporate their data, publications and other contacts there.