



World
Philosophy
Day



World Philosophy Day 2012

Activities to celebrate the Day in Member States
(Based on information received from partners)

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AFGHANISTAN

Kabul University celebrated World Philosophy Day with speeches, films and arts exhibitions.

AUSTRALIA

Sea of Faith Network in Australia (SoFiA) organized a public lecture and discussion on the theme: "Promoting the open exploration of religion, spirituality and meaning".

The School of History, Philosophy, Religion and Classics of the University of Queensland organized a day of debates as well as talks by Prof. William Grey and Prof. Rob Sparrow.

BELGIUM

The University of Leuven (Faculty of Arts) coordinated a contest "the living planet" for Rio+20 and in honour of Prof. Aziz ab'Saber (University of Sao Paulo) - who had the idea of rethinking "future generations" with a very long perspective (10,000 years and beyond).

CAMBODIA

The Cambodian Centre for Applied Philosophy and Ethics organized a seminar on the theme "Philosophy and Future Generations" at the Cambodian Mekong University.

CANADA

Events: roundtable debates. Organised by: *La Traversée*; the UNESCO Chair in Studies of philosophic foundations of justice and democratic society; *la Commission scolaire Marie-Victorin* (CSMV); and the Canadian Commission for UNESCO. Venue: CSMV, Longueuil (Québec).

FINLAND

AIIPH Baltic Sea net, Finnish UNESCO ASPnet, Finnish Association for Teachers of Philosophy and Philosophy of Life, and the Societas Philosophica Fennica organized the Baltic Sea Essay Competition 2012, a philosophical essay event for secondary school students in countries around the Baltic Sea.

GUATEMALA

The San Carlos University of Guatemala, Guatemala City, hosted the 3rd Central American Congress of Philosophy, the main theme of debates being the current state of philosophy in Central America. Other events included: a short story and philosophical essay contest; a debate on 'Think about a Sustainable World for All' with keynote speaker Enrique Dussel; a forum-debate on 'New Ways of Latin American Thought – American Thought Responses to the Challenges of Today's World'; and an experts' consultation meeting which considered the contribution of Latin America and the Caribbean to UNESCO's 'South-South' Philosophical Dialogue, launched by UNESCO-Rabat in June 2012.

INDIA

New Acropolis, Mumbai: Seminar capturing the theme: [The Voyage of Philosophy: The Greatest of All Journeys](#), supported by the UNESCO Office in New Delhi.

IRELAND

The Irish Times and *Notre Dame des Missions* primary school, Dublin, organized a talk and workshop on philosophy for children, and a writing project for students based on the UNESCO time capsule.

ITALY

Polo di Filosofia, Liguria: a conference on 'Citizenship and Globalisation'.

JORDAN

Philosophical discussions organized in Cambridge High School, Amman, for students in grades 10, 11 & 12 and their parents.

MALTA

The Department of Philosophy of the University of Malta (Msida) organized an event open to the general public at the Junior College. The latest Master of Arts graduates in philosophy delivered papers on their work, followed by the keynote speaker for the evening, Dr Mario Vella.

http://www.um.edu.mt/newsoncampus/events#item_164658

MONTENEGRO

National Commission of Montenegro for UNESCO celebrated WPD in the Ministry of Culture in Cetinje; there was a lecture and discussion on the main theme, followed by a concert of the students of the Music Academy.

MOROCCO

The *Association des Amis de la Philosophie au Maroc* organized a raft of events in the *Palais des congrès*, Fes, on the theme 'twilight of philosophy in Morocco', which involved more than 1,000 people – students, academics and friends of philosophy.

PORTUGAL

Escola Secundária Artística António Arroio, Lisbon, organized an event around teaching philosophy.

Nefilum, Center for Students of Philosophy at the University of Minho, Braga organized philosophical debates on the subject of future generations.

SERBIA

Pozarevan Grammar School, Pozarevan organized: an exhibition on “Enlightenment for Future Generation” to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the birth of Jean-Jacques Rousseau; a roundtable “Future of Enlightenment”; and a workshop on “Philosophy with Children”.

Gimnazija Svetozar Marković in Niš, with guest *9 Maj Grammar School*, organized an exhibition "Thus spoke Zarathustra"; a lecture on mass culture and its influence on education; and a debate on ethics - "Aim justifies means".

Several events organized by the ‘Filozofesa’ association in various locations in Serbia: philosophy teachers’ meeting; workshop with Serbian Philosophical Society – Rousseau Today; Kierkegaard anniversary; Philosophical Essay Competition.

SPAIN

A secondary school students’ meeting, Girona
<http://agora.xtec.cat/iesilladerodes/moodle/course/view.php?id=2041> (in Spanish)

University of Barcelona, Faculty of Philosophy organized a project involving 50 Catalan secondary schools, and the awarding of the *Mostra de Fotofilosofia* 2012 prizes.

<http://blocs.xtec.cat/filoconvocatoria/> and <http://filoilladerodes.blogspot.com.es/> (in Spanish)

TURKEY

The Department of Philosophy and the Philosophy Society at Bilkent University held two days of debates and other events.

UNITED KINGDOM

Armathwaite Primary School, England: a time capsule event at school level.

Keele University, England: 'Jean-Jacques Rousseau' Annual Lecture and Conference.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Kutztown University, Pennsylvania, organized a lecture by Thomas Pogge on "World Poverty: Explanations and Responsibilities".

http://www.kutztown.edu/academics/liberal_arts/philosophy/

St John Fisher College, Rochester, NY: conference on "Philosophy and Social Justice".

Case Western Reserve University (Ohio) hosted a lecture by Dr Godfrey Tangwa of the *Université de Yaoundé I* (Cameroon), an African bioethicist and philosopher of international standing.

URUGUAY

The Philosophical Association of the Uruguay organized activities involving secondary school students throughout the country.

UZBEKISTAN

The National Commission of Uzbekistan for UNESCO, the National Philosophy Society of Uzbekistan, the Uzbekistan National University, the UNESCO-MOST National Committee and "Ijtimoyi Fikr" (Public Opinion) Public Center (NGO) organized an international conference on the "Future of Civilization: the Philosophical View" in Tashkent.