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## **World Philosophy Day**

**16 November 2017**

-Activities around the world-

### **1. *The 16th International Encounters on New Philosophical Practices (NPP)***

This edition will be co-organized by the UNESCO Chair "Practicing Philosophy with Children: An Educational Basis for Intercultural Dialogue and Social Transformation" and the Laboratory of Research in Practical and Applied Philosophy (LRPh.PA) of the University of Aegean, at the University of Aegean (Faculty of Humanities), in Rhodes (Greece), on 18 and 19 November 2017.

The Encounters enable reflection on how to make philosophy accessible to as many people as possible, outside its traditional spaces and modes of expression – through primary and secondary schools, hospitals, prisons, cafés, evening classes, public libraries, theatres, cinema, businesses and other organizations, etc. Researchers, teachers, practitioners and the simply curious are all welcome to come and share their ideas.

The program is based on the articulation between theory and practice around philosophy-art experiences. The challenge is to see practitioners and theoreticians co-construct on the basis of practical exercises.

Program: ([English](#)) ([French](#))

### **2. *La Ciudad de las Ideas 2017: Beyond X***

At the occasion of World Philosophy Day 2017, UNESCO's Management of Social Transformations (MOST) Programme will also associate itself with the 2017 Ciudad de las Ideas, organized by UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador Andrés Roemer, in Puebla (Mexico), from 17 to 19 November 2017.

This edition is entitled “Beyond X”, and includes cutting-edge scientists and entrepreneurs who will discuss where humanity is going in the face of technological change.

La Ciudad de las Ideas is an initiative which was created ten years ago by Andrés Roemer and Ricardo Salinas Pliego. Over the past 10 years, these ‘ideastas’ have put forward projects and proposals that are achievable and promise high impact on society’s wellbeing, fostering emotional intelligence and human development. To achieve this, the most outstanding figures in architecture, design, philosophy, economics, psychology, linguistics, art, politics, literature and science are selected.

The challenge is to be able to identify counter-intuitive thinkers with dangerous ideas, original concepts and robust insights that could help to unravel the most important enigmas of our time. Thus, the Xth Anniversary of La Ciudad de las Ideas invites us to go "Beyond X".

Official website: ([English](#))

### **3. The 2017 UNESCO Philosophy Day/Night in Slovakia**

The overall aim of the 2017 UNESCO Philosophy Day/Night in Slovakia is to discuss the role of morality in contemporary society and culture. The program will consist of numerous lectures, interactive workshops, seminars on reading and interpreting philosophical texts. The program will also include a movie screening, an acoustic concert, and a book sale.

The event is organized by UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Institute of Ethics and Bioethics, Institute of Philosophy and Institute of Political Sciences (all at the Faculty of Arts, University of Prešov).

Date: 9th November 2017

Venue: Wave - centrum nezávislej kultúry (Hlavná 121), Prešov, Slovakia

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### **4. World Philosophy Day in Jordan**

The department of Philosophy – School of Arts – University of Jordan is hosting a three-day celebration of the World Philosophy Day under the patronage of Professor Azmi Mahafzah, the President of the University. The celebration will be in the following order:

- 1) On the first day, 14th of November from 12h to 14h, the event will be dedicated to the undergraduates contributions.
- 2) On the second day, 15th of November from 14h to 16h, it will be dedicated to the postgraduates contributions.
- 3) On the third day, 16th of November: The main event will be held from 9 am until 5 pm,

The main speaker will be Prof. Mohammed Shayya, Head of the Philosophy Department –Lebanese University. The speech is entitled "The Culture of Philosophy Education is the way to Combat Terrorism and Fundamentalism".

**5. 7th Annual UNESCO World Philosophy Day Lecture at Kutztown University of Pennsylvania, USA**

Kutztown University began celebrating UNESCO World Philosophy in 2011 with a guest lecture by Noam Chomsky. The Department of Philosophy at Kutztown University celebrates the day regularly through a series of annual lectures delivered by eminent philosophers, intellectuals, and public figures. This year, the lecture, entitled *Sex, Violence and Global Human Rights* will be given by Susan Brison, Eunice and Julian Cohen Professor For the Study of Ethics and Human Values at Dartmouth College on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.

Website: ([English](#))

**6. Student-led workshops organized by United Nations International School (UNIS) in New York, USA**

UNIS will celebrate World Philosophy Day in an event, which is held November 16 at 1-2 pm. The event will consist of about 20 different student-led workshops from a variety of philosophical topics. There will be about 45 philosophy students in grade levels 11 and 12. They will run these workshops in pairs or in triplets. The audience/participants are the grade level 9, 10, 11 and 12 students and UNIS teachers. Most of the workshops will be in English but some may in French, possibly also in Spanish.

Poster: ([English](#))

**7. 15th Annual World Philosophy Day Event at St. John Fisher College in Rochester, New York, USA**

St. John Fisher College Department of Philosophy, Department of Religious Studies, the Catholic Heritage Program, and the William and Helen Cavanaugh Chair of Catholic Studies are co-sponsoring 15th Annual World Philosophy Day Event at St. John Fisher College, entitled "Philosophy Gone Wild" on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. The theme of the event is *Philosophy and Nature: in A Celebration of the 200th Anniversary of Henry David Thoreau's Birth*. Keynote address "The Wisdom of Frugality: Why Less is More—More or Less" will be given by Emrys Westacott, Professor of Philosophy, Alfred University.

Website: ([English](#))

**8. World Philosophy Day Lecture to Focus on ‘Loving Nature’, New Carolina, USA**

The Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies will host NC State’s third World Philosophy Day Lecture on Thursday, Nov. 16. The speaker is Dale Jamieson, professor of philosophy and environmental studies and chair of the Department of Environmental Studies at New York University.

In his World Philosophy Day lecture, Jamieson will try to resolve some paradoxes concerning love and then argue that nature is a proper object of love and that loving nature can be a powerful motivator for protecting it.

Website : ([English](#))

**9. “World Philosophy Day: La parola a tutti” in Rome, Italy**

The Italian Ministries of Education, Universities and Research (MIUR) and Italian Research Center for Philosophical Inquiry (CRIF) will celebrate the World Philosophy Day on November 16, 2017 at the Communication Hall of Viale Trastevere in Rome. This is an important moment for Italy as it will present the program of philosophical practice as a learning opportunity for all, as well as how it will be implemented.

The World Philosophy Day will benefit not only from expert interventions and the participation of many Italian universities and secondary schools, but also from the television coverage broadcast by Rai (RadioTelevisione Italiana).

Program: ([Italian](#))

**10. “Modern Philosophical thinking against a backdrop of Ancient Greece”, World Philosophy Day 2017 Event organized by Byron College in Athens, Greece**

Byron College, a British International school in Athens, Greece with a diverse pupil body from nearly sixty countries of the world, is planning a very special event for World Philosophy Day 2017. The event will take place on Pynx Hill, Philopapou, the exact spot where modern democracy was born, under olive trees looking out across modern Athens and over to the magnificent Acropolis. The event is planned to take nearly 200 pupils aged between 8 and 18 to sit in small groups with a teacher/ facilitator to discuss different philosophical ideas embedded in Ancient Greek philosophy within a modern context.

Website : ([English](#))

Poster : ([English](#))

**11. « La Philosophie, la recherche permanente de la sagesse pour la paix durable », at the Holy Spirit Lycée of Bujumbura, Burundi**

The College of Philosophers of Burundi (COPHIBU) will celebrate the 2017 World Philosophy Day in Burundi on Thursday, November 16, 2017 at the Holy Spirit Lycée of Bujumbura of the Jesuit Society of Burundi. The theme of the event is "Philosophy, the permanent search for wisdom for sustainable peace", which will be presented by Engelbert DUSABIMANA, Master in Philosophy and followed by discussions and debates by the participants.

Programme: ([French](#))

**12. "Acontecimiento y expresión literaria. Estudios sobre Deleuze" organized by French Alliance of Guanajuato, Mexico**

The event is organized by the French Alliance of Guanajuato in collaboration with the professor José Revueltas of philosophy and literature at the University of Guanajuato and the Mexican Cultural Centre (MCC). The event will take place on 16 November from 18:30. Presentations will be given by Patricia Castillo Becerra, Josemaría Moreno González, Elba M. Sánchez Rolón.

Poster : ([Spanish](#))

**13. Debate: "Problemas del hombre como animal urbano", organized by Open College of Philosophy in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia**

Open College of Philosophy is organizing a meeting to talk about the problems of our urban coexistence from the perspective of Philosophy. It will be held from 20:00 to 22:00 on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>, November at Bocaccio Café Lounge in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia. "Colegio Abierto de Filosofía" ("Open College of Philosophy") is a group of people who like to read and discuss about that intellectual field. They have a [blog](#), a [magazine](#) and a [page](#) in Facebook.

**14. UNESCO Celebrating World Philosophy Day 2017 in Brazil**

UNESCO in Brazil co-organised, in partnership with the Government of Brasilia and the NGO "Nova Acropole", few activities related to the 2017 Philosophy Day. Most of the activities (music workshops, a photography contest and a round table around the theme "labour as a tool for social and individual change" were held last Saturday (11 November) in the Brazilian National Museum here in Brasilia (few photos attached). Around 1800 people have registered in the social/cultural activities offered during the day.

Website : ([Portuguese](#))

This Thursday, UNESCO in Brazil will also organize an online “hangout” on “philosophy, gender and feminism” with the UNESCO Philosophy Chair of the University of Brasilia. UNESCO Chair in Archai: The Plural Origins of Western Thought, was established in 2012 at the University of Brasilia.

**15. Awarding of the Mostra of Fotofilosofia 2017 Prizes, Spain**

On the occasion of the World Philosophy Day, we will be celebrating the awarding of the “Mostra de Fotofilosofia 2017” prizes, a project involving 60 catalan highschoools organized by the Grup de Didàctica de la Filosofia of the Societat Catalana de Filosofia trough his website CREAIF. Suported by the University of Barcelona, Faculty of Philosophy.

It is a colaborative philosophical project between more than 60 high schools of Catalan countries. Each school has created a blog with "photophilosophies" made by its students. A photophilosophy is a philosophical question illustrated by a photo, putting in creative work and critical thinking. Thanks to the dialectic between image and speech, the question and the thought are illuminated. The best "Fotofilosofies" will be shown and commented on in a public act of philosophical practice.

Website : ([Catalan](#))

**16. World Philosophy Day 2017 event, organized by The Philosophy Foundation at The House of St Barnabas, United Kingdom**

This year The Philosophy Foundation and The House of St Barnabas are celebrating World Philosophy Day together. They will host two philosophical conversations at The House of St Barnabas: 6.30 – 7.30 pm on Socrates and Society in the *Crito*, and 8.00 – 9.00 pm: Diogenes the Cynic and Cosmopolitanism.

Website : ([English](#))

**17. World Philosophy Day at Oxford University, United Kingdom**

Oxford University Press and Blackwell's are delighted to team up once again to host the Oxford Philosophy Festival to celebrate the quest for knowledge and ideas.

This year, our theme centers around applying philosophy in politics. In honor of World Philosophy Day, we're starting off our launch event on November 16 with Clare Chambers's talk on the benefits of a marriage free state. Come join us as we discuss religious liberty and discrimination with John Corvino, the true nature of the oil industry with Leif Wenar, and much more.

If you're not able to attend in person, please enjoy free chapters and articles below, along with our curated book lists.

Website : ([English](#))

**18. “The Contingency of Being Non-Human or Being Human”, Commemorative Lecture in Osaka University, Japan**

The Graduate School of Letters of Osaka University is organizing a commemorative lecture on November 18<sup>th</sup>, celebrating World Philosophy Day. The Lecture will be given by Osamu Ueno, Professor Emeritus of Osaka University.

Poster : ([Japanese](#))

**19. World Philosophy Day Lecture: Alva Noë (Berkeley) at University of Toronto, Canada**

On November 16, the department will mark UNESCO World Philosophy Day with a lecture by Alva Noë of UC Berkeley, who specializes in perception, consciousness, and theories of art.

Prof. Noë’s talk is titled “Three Concepts of Seeing”. This event is organized by the [Philosophy Course Union](#).

Website : ([English](#))

Poster : ([English](#))

**20. World Philosophy Day Lecture in Carleton University, Canada**

In celebration of World Philosophy Day, Carleton University’s Department of Philosophy invites you to attend a lecture titled “Racial Justice”, given by Prof. Charles W. Mills (City University of New York).

Website : ([English](#))