



**13<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
PHILOSOPHICAL PRACTICE:  
PHILOSOPHICAL PRACTICE AS A PROFESSION  
AND A NEW PARADIGM IN PHILOSOPHY**

**Belgrade, 15–18 August 2014**



*Portrait of Ksenija Atanasijević (1894-1981), Serbian philosopher and professor. She was the first woman who earned a PhD from University of Belgrade and also the first woman professor appointed to a Philosophy Department in Serbia.*

## *Preface*

Philosophical practice is gradually becoming an established philosophical profession with an increasing amount of clients such as organisations, government or individuals. Whilst retaining the philosophical curiosity faced with the perennial questions of life, meaning and values, philosophical practice seeks to make the philosophy of any school, conceptual background or methodological focus as practical as any discipline can become: it seeks to use philosophy to foster the quality and transparency of the meaning of life, both organisational (or corporate) and individual. The community of philosophical practitioners has grown to an impressive group of philosophers ranging from the so-called philosophical 'generalists' to specialists from varied fields as philosophy of language on the one hand and traditional metaphysics, on the other engaged in consultations, advice of organizations or facilitating Socratic group dialogue. The common denominator of all these philosophers' work is their quest to allow the wisdom, experience and conceptual rigour that characterise philosophy to bear upon the solution of everyday individual or organisational problems, dilemmas and issues.

Apart from becoming a profession, philosophical practice is generating another impact, which has not been sufficiently addressed so far. It is impacting the mainstream academic philosophy in ways that need to be critically explored so that the interaction of philosophical practice and the philosophy limited to teaching and research is made fruitful. Namely, philosophical practice is opening entirely new areas and themes of philosophical insight that require novel methods and new resources to be invested in the traditional philosophical exploration of the actual pre-requisites, contexts and consequences of the application of philosophy to everyday life. This is an exciting area of research which promises to emancipate some aspects of traditional academic philosophy from its main problem these days: its removed position from the public and the everyday concerns of ordinary people. At the same time, philosophical practice is establishing itself as a genuine discipline of academic philosophy, as the practical application of philosophy leads, as in all areas of philosophical life, to the opening of new philosophical questions. Philosophical practice is thus both a profession and a philosophical issue in itself. This is so much the case that the impact of the lessons learned in philosophical practice deserves the name of a new discipline of research and teaching philosophy itself.

The aim of the 13th International Conference of Philosophical Practitioners is to bring together, in a highly inclusive way, philosophical practitioners from around the world and generate a series of sessions which will show the public what philosophical practice is and how it is growing into both a profession and a new philosophical discipline. Demonstrations prevail. However, the conference also provides accredited master classes for philosophical practitioners, opportunities for exchange of experience among practitioners, lessons for students or lay public, and free consultations by practitioners from all over the world.

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## Conference Programme

### 15 August 2014

#### 9.00-9.30: Registration

9.30-10.00: Welcome addresses (Professor Petar Bojanić, Director of the Institute of Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade); Professor Nada Popović-Perišić, Dean of the Faculty for Media and Communication) (Lecture hall 8, 4<sup>th</sup> floor).

**10.00-11.30: Plenary: Introductory lecture, Lou Marinoff (USA)** (Lecture hall 8, 4<sup>th</sup> floor). Chaired by Vaughna Feary (USA).

#### 12.00-13.30: Presentations:

**Session 1 (1.5 hour):** Chair: Detlef Staude (Switzerland). 1. Peter Harteloh (Netherlands): Philosophical practice as a new paradigm in philosophy; 2. Audrey Gers (France): The preacher—Teaching and learning (Lecture room 8a, 4<sup>th</sup> floor).

**Session 2 (1.5 hour):** Chair: Jose Barrientos Rastrojo (Spain). 1. Minke Tromp (Netherlands): Polimorphous rationality and philosophical practice—Philosophy as working on and with polymorphous rationalities; 2. Antonio Sandu and Ana Caras (Romania): Using appreciative inquiry in the construction of codes of ethics (Lecture room 7, 4<sup>th</sup> floor).

**Session 3 (1.5 hour):** Chair: Oscar Brenifier (France). 1. Luisa de Paula (Italy): Out of shadow—Philosophical practice as a laboratory of gender identity; 2. Dena Hurst (USA): Woman as healer (Lecture room 1, 1<sup>st</sup> floor).

**Session 4 (1.5 hour):** Chair: Will Heutz (Netherlands). 1. Vaughn J. Faile (Italy): The new role of the seminary philosopher as a philosophical practitioner; 2. Ibanga B. Ikpe (Botswana): Philosophical therapy and the insanity of war (Lecture room 3, 1<sup>st</sup> floor).

**15:00-17.00: Plenary: Debate on Diagnosis in Philosophical Practice** (moderator Aleksandra Fatić) (Lecture hall 8, 4<sup>th</sup> floor).

#### 17.30-19.00: Presentations:

**Session 1 (1.5 hour):** Chair: Dimitrios Dentsoras (Canada). Ora Gruengard (Israel): Philosophical practice and cultural pluralism; 2. Jose Barrientos Rastrojo (Spain): PRT (Practicing—Researching—Training)—A standard for Spain and Iberoamerica (Lecture room 8a, 4<sup>th</sup> floor).

**Session 2 (1.5 hour):** Chair: Jörn Kroll (USA). 1. Lydia Amir (Israel): Rationality and truth in philosophy and its practice; 2. Roxana Kreimer (Argentina): Philosophy and philosophical practice from a stand point of view (Lecture room 7, 4<sup>th</sup> floor).

**Session 3 (1.5 hour):** Chair: Gerardo Primero (Argentina). 1. Tetsuya Kono, Yohsuke Tsuchiya and Mai Miyata (Japan): Evaluating philosophical dialogue; 2. Helen Douglas (South Africa): Giving birth to Derrida's mother—Philosophical practice at the end of philosophy (Lecture room 1, 1<sup>st</sup> floor).

**Session 4 (1.5 hour):** Chair: Michael Noah Weiss (Norway). 1. Bernt Österman (Finland): Philosophising and neo-Socratic dialogue; 2. Finn Thorbjørn Hansen (Denmark): In the beginning was the deed—How philosophical practice can become an important element both in the phenomenological-oriented action research and creative and innovative university pedagogy (Lecture room 3, 1<sup>st</sup> floor).

## 16 August 2014

### 9.00-11.00: Masterclasses:

1. Anders Lindseth (Norway): The beginnings of philosophical practice. Chaired by Viktoria Chernyenko (Russia) (Lecture room 7, 4<sup>th</sup> floor).
2. Detlef Staude (Switzerland): Everyone's peculiar way of philosophical practice. Chaired by Helen Douglas (South Africa) (Lecture room 8a, 4<sup>th</sup> floor).
3. José Eustáquio Moreira de Carvalho (Brasil): Philosophical practice and overindebtedness. Chaired by Roxana Kreimer (Argentina). (Lecture room 1, 1<sup>st</sup> floor).

**11.30-13.30: Plenary: Debate on philosophical practice in the East and in the West** (moderator Peter Harteloh) (Lecture hall 8, 4<sup>th</sup> floor).

### 15.00-16.30: Presentations:

**Session 1 (1.5 hour):** Chair: Ora Gruengard (Israel). 1. Vaughna Feary (USA): Spirituality and philosophical practice—Group counseling with clients in crisis; 2. Young E. Rhee: Does philosophical practice need diagnosis? (Lecture hall 8, 4<sup>th</sup> floor).

**Session 2 (1.5 hour):** Chair: Maria João Neves (Portugal). 1. Dimitrios Dentsoras (Canada): Two conceptions of happiness—Flourishing and feeling happy; Andrzej Kapusta (Poland): Philosophical practice—Between philosophy of health and personalized education (Lecture room 8a, 4<sup>th</sup> floor).

**Session 3 (1.5 hour):** Chair: Luisa de Paula (Italy). 1. Sergey Borisov (Russia): The project of Faculty of Practical Philosophy for a pedagogical university; 2. Donata Romizi (Austria): Philosophical practice in the secondary school—changing the way of teaching philosophy (Lecture room 7, 4<sup>th</sup> floor).

**Session 4 (1.5 hour):** Chair: Ivana Zagorac (Croatia). 1. Jörn Kroll (USA): Hegel's logic of transformation—Personal, interpersonal and socio-political dynamics; 2. Eckart Ruschmann (Austria): Metaphysical concepts of lay philosophers (Lecture room 3, 1<sup>st</sup> floor).

### 17.00-18.30: Presentations:

**Session 1 (1.5 hour):** Chair: Dena Hurst (USA). 1. José Barrientos Rastrojo (Spain): Philosophical practice based on experience as opposed to an analytic philosophical practice; 2. Jon Borowicz (USA): Treading the boundary of public and private (Lecture hall 8, 4<sup>th</sup> floor).

**Session 2 (1.5 hour):** Chair: Finn Thorbjørn Hansen (Denmark). 1. Thomas Steinforth (Germany): Philosophical practice and the truth of desire; 2. Michael Picard (Canada): But is it philosophy? Cafe philosophy and the social coordination of inquiry (Lecture room 7, 4<sup>th</sup> floor).

**Session 3 (1.5 hour):** Chair: Andrzej Kapusta (Poland). 1. Gerardo Primero (Argentina): The dialogue between philosophy and psychology; 2. Ioannis S. Christodoulou (Cyprus): Philosophy – The elixir of health (Lecture room 8a, 4<sup>th</sup> floor).

**Session 4 (1.5 hour):** Chair: Minke Tromp (Netherlands). 1. Leonid Dzhorzhovich Petryakov (Russia): Philosophical discourse against the marketing of illusions; 2. Oriana Brücker (Switzerland): Practicing philosophy in the working place—Between utilitarianism and shared metaphysics (Lecture room 3, 1<sup>st</sup> floor).

**18.30:** Assembly of all participants to go the Institution of Parobrod Cultural Centre for philosophical cabaret performance.

**19.00-20.15: Philosophical cabaret performance by Barbara U. Jones (USA),** Parobrod Cultural Centre.

## 17 August 2014

**9.00-11.00: Plenary: Debate on Rationality and Experience in Philosophical Practice** (moderated by Ora Gruengard) (Lecture hall 8, 4<sup>th</sup> floor).

### 11.30-13.30: Masterclasses:

1. Lou Marinoff and Vaughna Feary (USA): Philosophical Counseling. Chaired by Barbara Jones (USA) (Lecture hall 8, 4<sup>th</sup> floor).

2. Oscar Brenifier (France): Philosophy as a practice. Chaired by Audrey Gers (France) (Lecture room 8a, 4<sup>th</sup> floor).

3. Will Heutz (Netherlands): 30 years of experience as a philosophical practitioner. Chaired by Detlef Staude (Switzerland) (Lecture room 7, 4<sup>th</sup> floor).

**15.00-16.30: Plenary:** Ran Lahav (USA) lecture: Philosophical practice—Quo Vadis? Chaired by Lydia Amir (Israel) (Lecture hall 8, 4<sup>th</sup> floor).

### 17.00-19.00: Workshops

**Session 1 (2 hours):** Peter Harteloh (Netherlands): A framework for diagnosis in philosophical counseling. Chaired by José Eustáquio Moreira de Carvalho (Brasil) (Lecture room 8a, 4<sup>th</sup> floor).

**Session 2 (2 hours):** Willi Fillinger (Switzerland): Philosophical practice and my life experience. Chaired by Eckart Ruschmann (Austria) (Lecture room 7, 4<sup>th</sup> floor).

**Session 3 (2 hours):** Viktoria Chernyenko (Russia): Philosophical practice—A way to know yourself through your arguments. Chaired by Ioannis S. Christodoulou (Cyprus) (Lecture room 1, 1<sup>st</sup> floor).

**Session 4 (2 hours):** Minke Tromp (Netherlands): Selling skills for philosophers. Chaired by Young E. Rhee (Korea) (Lecture room 3, 1<sup>st</sup> floor).

## 18 August 2014

### 9.00-11.00: Workshops:

**Session 1 (2 hours):** Mike Roth (Switzerland): Tony and Phil–Yalom's literary vision of a cure operation in the Schopenhauer–cure. Chaired by Willi Fillinger (Switzerland) (Lecture hall 5, 5<sup>th</sup> floor).

**Session 2 (2 hours):** Zoran Kojčić (Croatia): Mobile philosophy. Chaired by Sergey Borisov (Russia) (Lecture room 8a, 4<sup>th</sup> floor).

**Session 3 (2 hours):** Bruno Ćurko (Croatia): The "Game of defining". Chaired by Oriana Brückner (Switzerland) (Lecture room 3, 1<sup>st</sup> floor).

**Session 4 (2 hours):** Miloš Jeremić (Serbia): Hermeneutics with children. Chaired by Beatrița Popescu (Romania) (Lecture room 1, 1<sup>st</sup> floor).

**Session 5 (2 hours):** Michael Noah Weiss (Norway): Daimonion—A workshop on guided imagery and Socrates' inner voice. Chaired by Thomas Steinforth (Germany) (Lecture room 7, 4<sup>th</sup> floor).

### 11.30-13.00: Presentations and workshop:

**Session 1 (1.5 hour):** Chair: Antonio Sandu (Romania). 1. Takako Ijiri and Tetsuya Kono (Japan): Philosophical practice for high school students after the Great East Japan Earthquake of March 11<sup>th</sup> 2011; 2. Igor Nevvazhay (Russia): Legal philosophy as a prospect of philosophical practice (Lecture hall 9, 5<sup>th</sup> floor).

**Session 2 (1.5 hour):** Chair: Vaughn J. Fyale (Italy). 1. Rastko Jovanov (Serbia): Hegel on the therapeutic dimensions of state and philosophy; 2. Maria João Neves (Portugal): The phenomenology of dreams in philosophical practice (Lecture room 8a, 4<sup>th</sup> floor).

**Session 3 (1.5 hour):** Chair: Ibanga Ikpe (Botswana). 1. Matias Österberg and Marianne Airisniemi (Finland): The facilitator in Neo-socratic dialogue—some reflections on problems and practical techniques; 2. Aleksandra Bulatović: Philosophical counseling as a tool to enhance social well-being (Lecture room 7, 4<sup>th</sup> floor).

**Session 4 (2 hours):** Workshop—Audrey Gers (France): The preacher—Teaching and learning. Chaired by Dominique Hertzner (Germany) (Lecture room 1, 1<sup>st</sup> floor).

**Session 5 (1.5 hour):** Chair: Young E. Rhee (Korea). 1. Ivana Zagorac (Croatia): The flower of evil—On the phenomenon of boredom; 2. Stefania Andretta (Italy): The sentiment of loneliness in philosophical counseling—Existential solitude in E.M. Cioran and methodology of the negative in philosophical practice (Lecture room 3, 1<sup>st</sup> floor).

**14.30-16.00: Plenary: Election of the host of the 14<sup>th</sup> ICPP** (Lecture hall 9, fifth floor).

### **16.30-18.00: Presentations:**

**Session 1 (1.5 hour):** 1. Gordana Medić-Simić (Serbia): On encouraging the “inner guidance”; 2. Katarina Martinović and Darko Kerekeš (Serbia): Application of Christian philosophy to working with parents of children with developmental disabilities (Lecture hall 9, 5<sup>th</sup> floor).

**Session 2 (1.5 hour):** Chair: Viktoria Chernyenko (Russia). 1. Dominique Hertzner (Germany): The Chinese art of “feeding one’s life” (yangsheng)—The potential of Daoism for philosophical practice; 2. An-Bang Yu (Taiwan): The encounter of nursing and the clinical humanities—Nursing education and the spirit of Healing (Lecture room 8a, 4<sup>th</sup> floor).

**Session 3 (1.5 hour):** Chair: Bernt Österman (Finland). 1. Pia Houni (Finland): How Socratic Dialogue encourages people to talk; 2. Aleksandar Fatić (Serbia): Recognising conflict in philosophical counseling—What can Hegel contribute to philosophical practice? (Lecture room 7, 4<sup>th</sup> floor).

**Session 4 (1.5 hour):** Chair: Mike Roth (Switzerland): 1. Tian-Qun Pan, Chun’gui Yang (China): The approach of analytical philosophy to philosophical practice; 2. Jones Irwin (Ireland): Ethical and comparative religious education as a form of philosophical practice (Lecture room 3, 1<sup>st</sup> floor).



**Conference Participants**  
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