

The 11th International Conference on Philosophical Practice and the 4th International Conference on Humanities Therapy

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The twentieth century witnessed significant advances in science, technology and medicine, which transformed living standards and revolutionized health care; yet many people in affluent societies have become increasingly vulnerable to motivational problems and mental illnesses. The realization that economic prosperity does not relieve all existential anxieties can lead to disaffection and confusion about personal goals and ambitions. This is the paradox of material wellbeing. The quality of contemporary life suffers in the midst of economic prosperity, because the relentless pursuit of material wealth neglects basic human concerns such as happiness, morality and mental health, in turn causing emotional and motivational difficulties with potentially serious psychological, social and economic consequences. The underlying problems are philosophical in nature and cannot be resolved by scientific, technological or medical interventions. They require practical solutions drawn from philosophy and the humanities. Philosophy and humanities can offer a wide range of therapeutic benefits for people in emotional distress. For example, they can help people to identify their personal values and objectives; they can correct confused or disordered thinking; they can encourage an appreciation of alternative perspectives and explore more satisfying worldviews; and it can offer insights from a long history of philosophical wisdom. This conference will provide a platform for sharing knowledge of alternative traditions and allow practitioners to explore a broad range of therapeutic methods.

Proposals

Your contribution to the conference can take one of four types:

- **Master class:** For demonstrations by experienced tutors of philosophical practice and humanities therapy
- **Seminar:** For theories, ideas and reflections relevant to philosophical practice and humanities therapy
- **Workshop:** For demonstrations of particular methods by practitioners
- **Seminar-Workshop:** For explanations and discussions of methods