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Climate Change, Refugees and Intercultural Philosophy

(public lecture)

On October 26, 2022 | 11:00 am

Institute of Philosophy SAS, v. v. i.
4th floor (meeting room)
Klemensova 19
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Keynote speaker:

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Opening remarks:

Richard STAHEL, PhD.
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Lubomir Dunaj is University Assistant (Post-Doc) at the Institute of Philosophy, University of Vienna. He obtained his PhD. from the Comenius University in Bratislava and spent time as a DAAD doctoral and post-doctoral research fellow at the Goethe University in Frankfurt am Main, and as a Fulbright Scholar at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville. He is associated editor of *Pragmatism Today* and member of the international editorial board of *Contradictions: A Journal for Critical Thought*. His areas of specialization are social and political philosophy and social theory.

Description: The lecture is based on the assumption that the impacts of the climate crisis will cause increased population migration in different parts of the planet - including East-Central Europe and Slovakia. Within the various strategies discussed on how to prepare for this new situation, it will be argued in favour of the relevance of intercultural philosophy, which in Slovakia, unlike at the University of Vienna, has not yet been included in the philosophical curriculum. At the same time, it will be stressed that further deepening of the field is also necessary in Austria and in the German-speaking area in general.



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Migration and Environment – Paradigm of Good Life?

(workshop – reflecting on the key ideas of the main lecture)

Keynote speaker:

Mag. Dr. Bianca BOTEVA-RICHTER

University of Vienna



Dr. Bianca Boteva-Richter, is ass. lecturer at the Institute of Philosophy, University of Vienna, Austria. She is a member of the journal 'Polylog - Journal for Intercultural Philosophizing', Vienna, member of the editorial board of the journal 'Filosofskij Polylog - Journal of the Intern. Centre of the State University of St. Petersburg', St. Petersburg, board member of WIGIP (Vienna Society for Intercultural Philosophy) and founding member of EFI (Escuela Internacional de Filosofía Intercultural), Barcelona. Her recent publications include several articles on migration, intercultural and modern Japanese philosophy.

Description: When we talk about migration, we rarely do so in connection with either the environment or environmental protection. This is because people who are on the move or living in foreign countries first and foremost have to deal with other problems – mostly of a social nature. But is it so unreasonable to combine the two topics? What do migration/migrants have to do with the environment? And what about environmental protection (both in the origin and destination countries) in connection with migration? The workshop will first deal with short preliminary texts or concepts from intercultural philosophy that suggest an alternative view of the subject. Initially, this subject lived in harmony with nature within a given tradition, but its connection was subsequently fragmented and destroyed by industrialisation and environmental destruction. Subsequently, the workshop will pose the question of communicating the idea of environmental protection and its active implementation with and by migrants to participants for discussion. The gardens of the 'Gartenpolylog' group will be taken as an example for thinking through and philosophically discussing integration mediation gardens, taking advantage of the active participation of those present.



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