

PROGRAMME

Navigating the Anthropocene: New Frontiers in Environmental and Political Philosophy
(international conference)

Wednesday, September 24, 2025
Bratislava Castle, Bratislava, Slovak Republic

8:15 - 9:00 REGISTRATION

9:00 - 9:10 Ján Ferenčák (National Council of the Slovak Republic, Slovakia)
Welcome Address by the Chairman of the European Affairs Committee of the National Council of the Slovak Republic

9:10 - 9:20 Richard Stáhel (Institute of Philosophy of the Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava, Slovakia)
Welcome Address by the Head of the Institute of Philosophy of the Slovak Academy of Sciences

KEYNOTE SPEECH

9:20 - 10:20 Peter Wagner (University of Barcelona, Spain)
Nostalgia for the Light: The Ecological Emergency, the Social Sciences, and Human Exceptionalism

10:20 - 10:50 Discussion

10:50 - 11:10 COFFEE BREAK

SESSION I

11:10 - 11:30 Francesco Allegri (Pegaso University of Naples, Italy)
What Ethics for the Environmental Philosophy? The Perspectives of Rationalism, Sentientism, Biocentrism and Ecocentrism

11:30 - 11:50 João Ribeiro Mendes (University of Minho, Braga, Portugal)
The Anthropocene Gambit: Stacking Our Future On The Ergosphere

11:50 - 12:10 Güncel Önköl (Maltepe University, Istanbul, Turkey)
The Complications of Ecological Crimes and Conflicts in Türkiye

12:10 - 12:40 Discussion

12:40 - 13:40 LUNCH

KEYNOTE SPEECH

13:40 - 14:40 Hans-Herbert Kögler (University of North Florida, USA)
The Future of Nature: An Ethos of Earth and Emergency for the Anthropocene

14:40 - 15:10 Discussion

15:10 - 15:30 COFFEE BREAK

SESSION II

15:30 - 15:50 Vesa Oittinen (University of Helsinki, Finland)
On the Political Economy of a Non-Fossil Society

15:50 - 16:10 Lukáš Likavčan (Institute of Philosophy of the Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava, Slovakia)
Planetary Defence: Conservation of Extra-Terrestrial Environments

16:10 - 16:30 Agostino Cera (University of Ferrara, Italy)
The Techno-Care Dilemma (A "Moral Navigation" in the Anthropocene)

16:30 - 17:00 Discussion

17:00 Conference Day Closing

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Thursday, September 25, 2025

Bratislava Castle, Bratislava, Slovak Republic

8:45 - 9:00 REGISTRATION

KEYNOTE SPEECH

9:00 - 10:00 **Petra Gümplová** (Friedrich Schiller University, Jena, Germany)
Critical Theory of the Anthropocene

10:00 - 10:30 Discussion

10:30 - 10:50 COFFEE BREAK

SESSION III

10:50 - 11:10 **Andrea Gogová** (Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia)
Bodies of Water; Water Protection Through Redefinition of Relation Human to Water

11:10 - 11:30 **Zoltán Gábor Szűcs-Zágoni** (Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary)
Coexisting with Animals in the Era of Anthropocene: A Realist Approach

11:30 - 11:50 **Leo Steeds** (University of Glasgow, UK)
Adam Smith in the Anthropocene: Matter, Contingency, and the Foundations of a Critical Social Theory

11:50 - 12:20 Discussion

12:20 - 13:20 LUNCH

KEYNOTE SPEECH

13:20 - 14:20 **Robert Braun** (Institute for Advanced Studies, Vienna, Austria)
The World of Anthropos

14:20 - 14:50 Discussion

14:50 - 15:10 COFFEE BREAK

SESSION IV

15:10 - 15:30 **Jan Géryk** (Institute of State and Law, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, Czechia) & **Andrej Virdzek** (Independent Researcher)
Environment as a Thing That Matters: Notes on Charles Taylor's Concept of Background

15:30 - 15:50 **Břetislav Horyna** (Institute of Philosophy of the Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava, Slovakia)
Traces of Metaphysics in the Concept of the Anthropocene

15:50 - 16:10 **Katarína Podušelová** (Institute of Philosophy of the Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava, Slovakia) & **Jan Makovský** (Center for Theoretical Study, Prague, Czechia)
The "Axiomatic Anthropocene": Can There Be Logical Foundations for the Anthropocene as a Historical Construct?

16:10 - 16:40 Discussion

16:40 Conference Day Closing