CEEPUS network „Philosophy and Interdisciplinarity“

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1. The aim and perspectives of the network Philosophy and Interdisciplinarity

The aim of the network Philosophy and Interdisciplinarity is to foster interdisciplinary research on a broad philosophical basis and also to investigate the presuppositions of the interdisciplinary approach and the possibilities of interdisciplinary cooperation between philosophy and humanities and social sciences, both in theory and in practice.

Originally, from the time of ancient Greece, philosophy was the source from which special sciences sprang. In modern times sciences diversified their field of study, separated themselves from their broader context of natural, social, and political life and emancipated themselves from philosophy advancing into extreme specialization and subspecialization. The consequence of this process is the loss of communication between currently very specialized scientific fields and loss of insight into their scientific and philosophical foundations and systematic presuppositions. The role and importance of orientational knowledge in difference from every sort of operational knowledge directed solely to technical efficiency and economic utility, is being neglected and therefore often completely overlooked. The task of philosophy in this context is to analyse the historical and systematic origin of this state of affairs and to foresee possible future developments in order to draw attention to various dangerous scenarios and to stimulate creative search for positive developments in societies and human relationship to nature and the living world.

To achieve this goal, one of the first steps is to enable the interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary cooperation on a broader philosophical basis. Philosophy should point to the common source and internal unity of different fields of knowledge and outline the possibilities of further development of science, especially in areas yet undiscovered by inherited scientific enterprise constrained by the established scientific methods and procedures. Through interdisciplinary research sciences are given an opportunity to slow down and stop the process of their own fragmentation, connect their fields of knowledge with other internally related but externally and operatively separated fields and unite them all in a coherent and meaningful whole of orientational knowledge. This prevents or makes it ever harder to instrumentalize and misuse particular scientific results for private interests with dangerous consequences for local, national, or even global community encompassing the humanity and other living beings.

From the background of these general theoretical considerations, cooperation between philosophy and special scientific fields will be more profoundly established and interdisciplinary conducted, with special stress on the relations and interactions between philosophy and special sciences (such as linguistics, pedagogy etc.), philosophical foundations of interdisciplinarity, especially between humanities and social sciences and new interdisciplinary fields. Interdisciplinary approach in this network is also stressed through philological and comparative studies of past and present European and non-European philosophy.

The special focus of research and teaching within our network is for the time being set on: 1) studies in the field of history of philosophy in comparison with history of science, art and religion, 2) ethics and bioethics in close connection to biomedical and biotechnical sciences, 3) philosophy of education and pedagogy and psychology (comprising also some new fields like philosophy for children), 4) practical philosophy (social and political philosophy) and sociology and political science, 5) investigations into philosophy of language and logic, 6) the relationship of cognitive science and philosophy, 7) philosophy of art in context of cultural studies and in comparison to sociology and anthropology of art.

The specific role of ethics and bioethics within the project Philosophy and Interdsiciplinarity consists in the inherent interdisciplinary character of both disciplines. Since Greek antiquity, ethics was a cohesive element of the entire field of philosophy and science, rethinking and integrating all dimensions of human knowledge, action and creativity. This is especially emphasized with foundation and development of bioethics as an interdisciplinary enterprise per se, in which traditional philosophical ethics represents a starting point of reflection and action regarding contemporary moral problems in the fields of biomedicine and ecology, although it also requires gathering and productive collaboration of all the scientific and non-scientific (cultural) perspectives aimed at grounding a common platform for articulating, rethinking and solving the problems of manipulating life in the era of technoscience.

We discuss our general topic also at conferences! In the academic year 2018/2019 our Graz coordinator Prof. Daniela Camhy organized in the framework of Institute of Philosophy with Children and Youth a conference titled „Pluralism and Interdisciplinary Perspectives. Philosophical Inquiry in a Rapidly Changing World“ (Graz, November 15-18, 2018, conference languages: German and English). Several coordinators within our CEEPUS network actively took part in the Conference and the main network coordinator also gave a presentation of the CEEPUS program in general and CEEPUS network Philosophy and Interdisciplinarity in particular.

This network could be of decisive importance for the process of internationalization of the study of philosophy at Croatian and many South-East European universities. This includes among other issues an introduction of international courses in philosophy in English, German and other languages and establishment of a firm network of researchers in Central and South-East Europe. The possibility of mobility exchanges will undoubtedly increase the spectrum of choices for both students and teachers for the development of their personal skills and professional competences. It is important to stress that most topics related to our research require the aforementioned interdisciplinary approach that can only be achieved through interaction of compatible and complementary institutions as partners in the proposed network.

Our partner universities and particularly their networking departments and institutes have mutually corresponding educational profiles that are complementary to a degree that ensures a successful realisation of this programme. With our network we want to expand the range of possible student and teacher mobilities.

In the academic year 2022/2023 two more institutions are joining our network: Faculty of Arts in Ostrava (Czech Republic) and the Center for Interdisciplinary Research of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Osijek (as a silent partner affiliated to the Department of Philosophy of the mentioned Faculty in Osijek). The network has now grown to be a network embracing 25 institutions (+ 4 'silent partners') in 14 countries! The coordinator of the network is the Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Philosophy (Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences), University of Zagreb.

2. Experience in the academic years 2016/2017, 2017/2018, 2018/2019, 2019/2020, 2020/2021, and 2021/2022

In the first year of our network (2016/2017) we were granted the status of an umbrella network. Although our network application was positively evaluated for having a „thorough description of objectives, activities and mobilities (..) with details on participants and their research topics“ (CEEPUS Expert Verbal Assessments), the main reason for not being ranked above the line of umbrella networks was the absence of joint programs. However, the absence of joint programs is understandable if one considers that we were in the process of creating a new CEEPUS network, moreover the first CEEPUS network primarily devoted to philosophy.

Because of the umbrella status, we were very restricted in the usage of CEEPUS scholarship months in the first year of our network. Nevertheless, thanks to the engagement of our coordinators and to NCOs, we successfully realized some student and teacher exchanges. Already in the winter semester we had two important visiting lecturers at the Department of Philosophy in Zagreb. Maria Todorovska from Skopje held a series of lectures on the contemporary interdisciplinary approach to religion and on philosophy of religion, and Damiela Camhy from Graz held a series of lectures on philosophy for children both on the doctoral and on the BA and MA level. In the summer semester even more exchanges took place. Seven teachers from various institutions taught at the Faculty of Philosophy in Prishtina, enriching its curriculum in various aspects. Teacher mobilities to departments of philosophy in Novi Sad, Sombor, Zagreb, Split and Graz were also performed as well as student mobilities to departments of philosophy in Graz, Zagreb and Osijek. A doctoral student from Split worked on her Ph.D. thesis at the Institute of Philosophy in Graz. In total, 30 scholarship months were realized in our first year.

For the second year (2017/2018) we were granted the status of a fully-fledged CEEPUS network (not Umbrella anymore), and our mobility exchanges grew rapidly. Not only did we use almost all the CEEPUS scholarship months granted to us in April (47), but also absorbed many unused (unawarded) CEEPUS scholarship months from other networks (66 in total). Three new respectful partner institutions joined our network: Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Arts in Ljubljana, Institute of Philosophy, Faculty of Philosophy and Sociology in Warsaw and Faculty of Philosophy, Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow**.** We organized a successful coordination meeting in September in Zagreb – in the premises of our silent partner institution: Centre of Excellence for Integrative Bioethics.

We have some good experiences with thèses on cotutelle made outside CEEPUS and hope to develop it also within CEEPUS as a special type of joint program. The institutions involved in this process since the academic year 2018/2019 are Institute of Philosophy, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Graz, Faculty of Philosophy, The Pontifical University of John Paul II in Cracow, Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Arts in Ljubljana, Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Zagreb, Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Split, Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Philosophy in Novi Sad, Faculty of Philosophy, and Faculty of Philosophy in Skopje.

Other less formal but new and constructive forms of joint programs were being developed (e.g. joint courses at two partner institutions, joint conferences and collected papers on interdisciplinarity and interdisciplinary research on a broad philosophical basis). We were thankful to the Croatian National CEEPUS Office and to the Central CEEPUS Office for opening the possibility of entering other types of joint programs („Others“) into the online network application system, as was our initiative.

In the academic year 2018/2019 we were again awarded the status of fully-fledged CEEPUS network, but not as one with the rank of 48th CEEPUS network (as in 2017/2018), but with the rank of 21st CEEPUS network. In this year our mobility exchanges grew again somewhat. We were awarded 69 scholarship months in April and managed to absorb 15 more unused scholarship months from other networks in November and December 2018 (84 in total).

We organized in the academic year 2018/2019 another novel form of joint programs: a whole course led by visiting teachers within our CEEPUS network. This was the course “The role of language in philosophy, art and religion” (in German) held in the winter semester at the Department of German and French Philosophy, Faculty of Humanities in Prague. Teachers came from the Department of Philosophy in Zagreb (Igor Mikecin, Ljudevit Fran Ježić) and from the Department of Philosophy in Novi Sad, Serbia (Una Popović).

As already mentioned above, several coordinators actively took part in the Conference “Pluralism and Interdisciplary Perspectives. Philosophical Investigations in a Rapidly Changing World” (Graz, November 15-18, 2018), that was organized by our Graz coordinator Daniela Camhy, inspired partly also by our main network topic “Philosophy and Interdisciplinarity”. The Conference gave us an opportunity to present our network but also to explore and discuss its central topic from various viewpoints!

We continued our efforts to promote the CEEPUS program and our network online by giving short summaries of the coordination meeting and sometimes also of our teaching experiences, e.g. <https://philosophyprague.wordpress.com/2018/12/03/ljudevit-fran-jezic-ceepus-network-philosophy-and-interdisciplinarity/>.

In our fourth academic year, i.e. 2019/2020, we were awarded 90 scholarship months in April 2019 and obtained over 15 more scholarship months in November and December 2019 for the summer semester. The winter semester mobilities were realized as planned, but the summer semester mobilities had to be cancelled in a large extent due to the COVID-19 crisis. However, many scholarships were nevertheless used or even prolonged, especially in Zagreb, where all semestral student mobilities were performed in full extent and short-term student mobilities were even prolonged until opening of the national borders in June 2020. Although many mobilities had to be cancelled, many were performed online, i.e. they became virtual mobilities even before the NCOs recognized that such mobilities may exist. Some summer semester 2020 mobilities were transferred and conducted online in autumn 2020.

Three new institutions joined our network in this year: 1) Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Sarajevo, 2) Faculty of Philosophy, University of Tetova, 3) Faculty of Philosophy (with three philosophy departments: Department of Philosophy, Department of History of Philosophy and Department of Logic, Ethics and Aesthetics), Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”. As a silent partner, *Österreichische Gesellschaft für Kinderphilosophie* also joined our network. New joint courses were being developed and performed, especially at our partner institutions in Warsaw and Sofia. At the three-day coordination meeting in Zagreb (September 20-22, 2019) various new possible forms of cooperation using CEEPUS and other sources of funding were being considered, including a summer school on the central topic of our network for July 2021 at our partner institution in Graz.

In our fifth academic year, i.e., 2020/2021, we obtained the rank of 16th CEEPUS network and were awarded 113 scholarship months in April 2020. The corona crisis left its mark on many partner institutions whose students and teachers were either discouraged through epidemiological and other legal measures to realize their physical mobilities in the winter semester or felt insecure to so do altogether. The number of mobility applications for the academic year 2021/2022 has also decreased for the same reason. Nevertheless, the network coordinators held a series of fruitful online meetings via Microsoft Teams in autumn 2020 and spring 2021. At the meetings we tried to collect and organize data on possibilities of virtual mobilities in various CEEPUS countries, and afterwards urged the CCO to encourage the NCOs to recognize virtual mobilities even if they are not willing to give any financial support for them (in the end, Croatia, the Czech Republic, and Poland even decided to partly finance such virtual mobilities). At the coordination meetings we also worked out, among other topics, a plan for our one-week July 2021 Graz summer school that would be devoted to the main topic of the network and finally bore the title “The role of philosophy in interdisciplinary research and the encounter of European societies”. We have found additional financial support for our summer school at the University of Graz through inclusion of our summer school in its project “Dimensionen der Europäisierung”. This enabled us to cover the travel costs of all student participants. The summer school took place in Graz in July 12-18, 2021 as the first summer school there after the winter and spring lockdowns. 31 foreign students and 12 foreign teachers (most of them local coordinators) as well as many local students and 4 local teachers took part in the summer school. The Austrian NCO gave us immense support and the local coordinator Daniela Camhy, together with her assistants, took over most of the workload of organization of the summer school. The main coordinator had to help often as well. The summer school comprised of lectures with ensuing moderated discussions, workshops and evening round tables. Reception at the Townhall, Graz sightseeing and an excursion to Hart near Graz were also part of the programme, as well as evening *café philosophique* on various topics of academic relevance as well. The topics of the lectures, workshops and round tables at the summer school were diverse, interdisciplinary-oriented, and often very relevant for contemporary Europe or even globally, e.g., COVID-19 crisis, migration issues, climate justice (programme at the Uni Graz: <https://events.uni-graz.at/de/detail/article/summer-school-the-role-of-philosophy-in-interdisciplinary-research-and-the-encounter-of-european-societies/>). We hoped that a collection of papers may grew out of the contributions to the summer school which could be published either in an international scientific journal or as a separate publication. Now we consider publishing such a volume after the second summer school that is planned to be held in July 2023 in Osijek. The summer school was a great success, and many students and teachers are looking forward to the next summer school and such intensive future cooperation projects within the network.

Three institutions joined our network in 2020/2021: 1) Department of Ethics and Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Philosophy and Arts, University in Trnava, 2) Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Arts, University of Maribor, 3) Department of Philosophy and Communication Sciences, Faculty of Political Sciences, Philosophy and Communication Sciences, West University of Timișoara.

Three more institutions joined our network in 2021/2022: 1) Department of General Humanities, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary, Budapest; 2) Department of Philosophy (in Nikšić), Faculty of Philosophy, University of Montenegro.

3. Description of the involved faculties, departments and institutes of philosophy

In the following the descriptions of all partner institutions participating in the network are presented:

**1. Partner**

University: University of Warsaw

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The origins of university–level philosophy teaching in Warsaw date back to the days of the Collegium Nobilium (opened in 1740), and the Knights’ School (founded in 1765). Philosophy blossomed in the 20th century, at which time the chairs of philosophy at University of Warsaw were held by such famous representatives of the Lvov–Warsaw School as Jan Łukasiewicz and Stanisław Leśniewski (logicians), Kazimierz Ajdukiewicz (logician and epistemologist), Władysław Tatarkiewicz (working in aesthetics and the history of European philosophy), Tadeusz Kotarbiński (who developed praxeology and reism). During this period, qualifications were granted to Alfred Tarski, Maria Ossowska (ethicist) Stanisław Ossowski (working in aesthetics and sociology). The ideas of many-valued logic (Łukasiewcz), mereology (Leśniewski), categorial grammar (Ajdukiewicz), conceptual role semantics (known as *Directival Theory of Meaning*, Ajdukiewicz), semantic truth theory (Tarski) were all originally developed at the Institute of Philosophy, University of Warsaw.

In the post-War period the professor at the institute of philosophy were and are, among others, Leszek Kołakowski (historian of philosophy, the winner of The John W. Kluge Prize for the Study of Humanity in 2003), Roman Suszko (logician, the inventor of non-Fregean logic), Jerzy Pelc (philosopher of language, honorary president of *International Association for Semiotic Studies* and Institut international *de* philosophie, now professor emeritus) and Andrzej Zabłudowski (the author of the most famous critique of Goodman theory of induction).

The philosophy program at the Institute of Philosophy, University of Warsaw is constantly ranked by QS University Ranking as one of the best philosophy programs in the world. At the present moment the institute has 27 bilateral agreements with research institutions in the European Union that embrace student and faculty exchange programs.

The Faculty of Philosophy consists of the following divisions: Aesthetics, Analytic Philosophy, Epistemology, Ethics, History of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, History of Contemporary Philosophy, History of Modern Philosophy, History of Polish Philosophy, Logic, Logical Semiotics, Philosophy of Culture, Philosophy of Politics, Philosophy of Religion, Philosophy of Science, Social Philosophy, and sections: French Philosophy Section and Studies in German Philosophy Section.

The institute students have at their disposal the combined library collections of University of Warsaw’s Philosophy and Sociology Faculty, the Philosophy and Sociology Institute of the Polish Academy of Science and the Polish Philosophical Society — the largest collection of this type in this part of Europe — as well as digital archives, internet databases and other electronic research tools.

Nowadays, the Faculty of Philosophy is a home to many scholars giving important contributions to philosophy of language, philosophy of mind and logic as well to other fields of philosophy (outside of the analytic tradition) such as: history of philosophy, social philosophy and aesthetics. The members of the faculty publish regularly in renowned philosophical journals such as Axiomathes, Analysis, Dialectica, Grazer Philosophische Studien, Journal of Philosophical Logic, Journal of Symbolic Logic, Logique et Analyse, Mind, Mind and Language, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophia, Philosophical Studies, Semiotica, Studia Logica, Synthese.

The members of the faculty conduct, supervise and grant projects founded by National Science Center (Poland) as well as European Union.

As the institution, Faculty of Philosophy at the University of Warsaw, offers stimulating academic environment.

Currently, the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Warsaw offers the following programs:

[1] Bachelor's Degree Program in Philosophy (in English): *Warsaw International Studies in Philosophy*

website: <http://www.philosophy.uw.edu.pl/>

[2] Bachelor's Degree Program in Philosophy (in Polish [with selected seminars/monographic lectures in English])

website: <http://www.filozofia.uw.edu.pl/>

[3] Bachelor's program in Cognitive Science (in Polish [with selected seminars/monographic lectures in English], organized jointly with the Department of Psychology)

website: <http://kognitywistyka.uw.edu.pl/>

[4] Master Degree Program in Bioethics (in Polish [with selected seminars/monographic lectures in English])

website: <http://bioetyka.uw.edu.pl/>

[5] Master Degree Program in Philosophy (in Polish [with selected seminars/monographic lectures in English])

website: <http://www.filozofia.uw.edu.pl/>

[6] Master Degree Program in Cognitive Science (in Polish [with selected seminars/monographic lectures in English], organized jointly with the Department of Psychology)

website: <http://kognitywistyka.uw.edu.pl/>

[7] PH.D. Program in Philosophy

website: <http://www.filozofia.uw.edu.pl/studia-doktoranckie-i-podyplomowe/studia-doktoranckie/>

*Faculty and staff*

The selection of info about the academic staff is available here:

<http://www.philosophy.uw.edu.pl/?page_id=3321>

The complete list of faculty members is available here:

[*http://www.filozofia.uw.edu.pl/pracownicy/pracownicy-naukowi/*](http://www.filozofia.uw.edu.pl/pracownicy/pracownicy-naukowi/)

**2. Partner**

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The Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow realizes its educational and academic activities within six faculties: Faculty of Theology, Faculty of Theology Section in Tarnów, Faculty of Philosophy, Faculty of History and Cultural Heritage, Faculty of Social Sciences, Faculty of Canon Law.

Faculty of Philosophy is eligible to award the title of Doctor and Doctor Habilitatus of Humanities, discipline: Philosophy.

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| (Degree) Course | Specialty | Cycle | Type |
| Philosophy |  | BA, PhD | FT |
| Philosophy | Applied Ethics | MA | FT |
| Philosophy | Philosophy and Christianity | MA | FT |
| Philosophy | Systematic Philosophy | MA | FT |
| Philosophy | Philosophical Principles of Cognitive Sciences | MA | FT |
| Philosophy | Philosophy Coaching | MA | FT |

UPJPII offers a number of courses in foreign languages (mainly in English) to international students. These subjects may also by attended by regular students if they wish to include them as part of their programme of studies. The most current list of courses conducted in foreign languages may be found on the website of the Centre for Scientific Research and International Cooperation. Please note that some of these courses may not be opened until there is an appropriate number of students interested. International students may choose to attend classes relevant to their faculty of choice or other faculties. There is also an option to take part in a Polish Language Course (30 hours,3 ECTS, 500 PLN).

Examples of courses available in foreign languages:

Faculty of Philosophy: Introduction to philosophy of computer science, Il contemporaneo dibattito sui fondamenti filosofici della società giusta, Modern Philosophy, Selected Issues in Environmental Ethics, Contemporary Issues in Ethics, Logic- the Soft Introduction, Limits of Scientific Methods, Philosophy of the Human Person, Introduction to Philosophy of Mind, Our Duties to Animal and the Poor, Russian Religious Philosophy, Ethics.

Faculty of Philosophy – a historical overview

The history of the Faculty of Philosophy is related to the history of the Jagiellonian University. The Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow (formerly the Pontifical Academy of Theology), including the philosophical research centre functioning within it, derive from the Faculty of Theology of the Jagiellonian University, established in 1397.

Philosophical considerations had always been present at the Faculty of Theology but the marked development of the so-called ‘ Christian philosophy’ dates back to the time of the encyclical *Aeterni Patris* (1879).

The pioneer of the modern Christian philosophy was Rev. Stefan Zachariasz Pawilicki CR, who was the first scholar to be appointed the Chair of the Department of Christian Philosophy of the Faculty of Theology in 1882. Pawlicki was one of the most prominent Polish philosophers of the 19th century and his concept of building the modern non-scholastic Catholic thought on the foundations of the ancient thought and the acceptance of findings of modern sciences was pioneering in terms of the whole Christian philosophy.

The thinkers who were active in the difficult post-war period were heirs to this tradition. They strived for maintaining and developing the Christian thought despite the planned atheization of the Polish culture and society. In 1954, the communist regime decided to remove the Faculty of Theology from the Jagiellonian University and moved some its faculty to Warsaw.

The Faculty started operating more autonomously, based on the canon law. Philosophical disciplines were considered fundamental, thus, they were developed by philosophers such as Rev. Kazimierz Kłósak and Rev. Aleksander Usowicz.

Thanks to the efforts by Rev. Marian Jaworski, in 1970, the Faculty was divided, which resulted in establishing the philosophy section, consisting of eight departments. During that period, the philosophical circles within the Faculty were active owing to numerous initiatives by Card. Karol Wojtyła. Thanks to his endeavours, in 1973,the School of Contemporary Thought was founded and managed by Rev. Józef Tischner and Stanisław Grygiel. It continued functioning until 1984.

On 23 December 1976, Congregation for Catholic Education issued a decree establishing the Pontifical Faculty of Philosophy, however, due to many, mainly political reasons it could only function as the Institute of Philosophy within the Pontifical Faculty of Theology in Krakow. One of the initiatives of the Institute were the Interdisciplinary Seminars, which gathered not only philosophers and theologians but also physicists and biologists. Efforts put by Cardinal Wojtyła finally came into fruition after his appointment to The Holy See. On 8 December 1981, John Paul II issued *motu proprio Beata Hedvigis* by which the Pontifical Academy of Theology was established. It consisted of three faculties, including the Faculty of Philosophy.

After 1989, the Faculty started a new chapter. Apart from expanding the scope of research, the Faculty opened up to students, who could start their philosophy programmes just after high school.

An important event in the history of the Faculty was founding the Copernicus Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies in 2008 together with the Jagiellonian University. This initiative was driven by and funded by Rev. Michal Heller, who donated his Templeton Prize for this purpose.

In 2009 the Pontifical Academy of Theology was transformed into the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow. The Faculty consists of 13 departments carrying out their scientific and educational activities and preserving the finest philosophical traditions but also being open to questions posed by the present day. The Faculty’s areas of interest are: Ethics, Bioethics, Philosophy of God, Philosophy of Human, Epistemology, Philosophy of Religion, Philosophy of Nature, Philosophy of Logic, Social and Political Philosophy, Psychology of Religion and Metaphysics.

Webpage: <http://www.upjp2.edu.pl/>

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**History of the Faculty**

The Faculty of Humanities (FHS) is Charles University’s youngest faculty. Originally founded in the early 1990s as the Institute for Liberal Education, it was elevated to the rank of a faculty in 2000, the vision being that it would offer study programs at the Bachelor, Master and PhD levels in various humanities and social science disciplines not yet established at CU. The FHS quickly gained a reputation as a progres sive school with innovative study programmes and teaching methods.

## Faculty Departments

Institute of Liberal Arts and Humanities

Civil Sector Studies

Electronic Culture and Semiotics Gender Studies

General Anthropology

## German and French Philosophy

Historical Sociology

Management and Supervision in Social and Health Care Organisation Oral History – Contemporary History

Social and Cultural Ecology

**Department of German and French Philosophy**

The Department offers Master and Doctoral Study Programs in Philosophy. The programs are focused on German classical philosophy, phenomenology and modern French philosophy; thus the most of the courses are in German and French. In addition, we organize also language courses in both languages in every semester. More detailed, focal fields are phenomenology and the various roles modern philosophy can play for interdisciplinary and intercultural research. Phenomenological philosophy is one of the most influential 20th century philosophical traditions in the Czech Republic, and in Central and Eastern Europe more generally. In Czech philosophy, this tradition was initiated by Jan Patočka (1907-1977) whose work continues to attract the interest of scholars all around the world, including those from the younger gen eration. Against the background of basic topics in phenomenological philosophy, philosophical anthropology and contemporary thinking the courses are dealing with analyses of cultural paradigms, intercultural philosophy, philosophy of art and the interdisciplinary project of an oikological philosophy.

The master study program prepares graduates for follow-up doctoral studies, and can be relevantly applied in academic and scientific institutions as our graduates are qualified – owing to their training, communicative, expert and language skills – to meet the specific demands of cultural and political management of the state and non-governmental sectors, at home and abroad, in the media and in publishing. Thanks to the study of modern and contemporary Continental philosophy, our graduates’ expert and language competences enable them to stand up for the values connected with this philosophy in academic and other institutions.

All courses are listed in the course catalogue of Charles University and can be searched according to their titles or codes here (a login is not necessary):

https://is.cuni.cz/studium/eng/predmety/index.php?KEY=Az1

# People (Teaching Staff) of the Department

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**Hans Rainer Sepp** is Associate Professor at the Faculty of Humanities and together with Karel Novotný Director of the Central European Institute of Philosophy at Charles University as well president of the “Forum Munich Phenomenology International” (FMPI). He is member both of the Research Institute “Group Weimar” at Sorbonne, Paris and the Executive Committee of O.P.O. (*Organization of Phenomenological Organizations*). His specialities are history and problems of phenomenological philosophies; theories of knowing (philosophy, science, religion, and art) in intercultural respects; currently he is dealing with perspectives of a philosophical oikology. He edits the book series *libri nigri* and *libri virides*, and co-edits the series *Orbis Phaenomenologicus*, *Ad Fontes. Studies in early Phenomenology* and *Philosophische Anthropologie – Themen und Positionen* as well the *Eugen Fink Complete Work Edition*.

**Martin Vrabec**, Ph.D. is an assistant professor at the Faculty of Humanities since 2004 and a member of the Center for Phenomenological Studies (since 2013). His research interests include classical German philosophy and philosophical anthropology. He has been a member of a number of research grant projects financed by the Czech Science Foundation. He teaches courses for the Master study programme “German and French Philosophy” and is also involved in teaching for the bachelor programme “Liberal Arts and Humanities”.

**Benedetta Zaccarello**, Ph.D., is an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Humanities, Department of Electronic Culture Semiotics. She received an MA in philosophy at the University of Florence and a Ph.D. in aesthetics at the University of Bologna. Her research interests include aesthetics, French philosophy and literary criticism, genetic criticism and contemporary textual scholarship, reception theory. At the Faculty of Humanities, she has recently taught courses “Critical Theory of Media” and “Hermeneutics and Reception Aesthetics”. She is the Scientific responsible of the ‘Séminaire de Critique Génétique de l’Equipe Valéry’, ITEM (CNRS – Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris), a Member of the editorial board of the *Équipe ‘Paul Valéry’* (ITEM, C.N.R.S.-E.N.S.), aimed at publishing Valéry’s ‘Cahiers 1894-1914’ (Paris, Gallimard), and a Member of the editorial board of *Aisthesis*, international aesthetics revue.

**Filip Gurjanov** is a Ph.D. student at the Faculty of Humanities and the University of Vienna. He studied in Novi Sad, Vienna, Antwerp, Bonn, Tokyo and Prague between 2009 and 2015. He has been teaching master degree courses for the Erasmus Master Mundus program and the *Deutsche und französische Philosophie* master program at the Faculty of Humanities. His research interests include philosophy of life (Stirner, Nietzsche), phenomenology (Husserl, Heidegger), modern Japanese philosophy (Nishida, Nishitani) and the theory of photography (Barthes, Flusser).

**Benjamin Kaiser** is Vice-Director of the Central European Institute of Philosophy (Faculty of Humanities and Czech Academy of Sciences). He graduated as Magister in German and French Philosophy (EuroPhilosophy) at the Faculty of Humanities in 2014. He continues his research in the Ph.D. program at the Faculty of Humanities. He has regularly been involved in teaching for the Deutsche und französische Philosophie Master program as well as the Erasmus Master Mundus program for the past three years. He has taught a number of philosophical courses and also the German for Philosophers language course. His research interests include primarily phenomenology of life, philosophy of literature, logic and ethics of the principle of causality, philosophy of transcendence in transcultural contexts and phenomenology of the body.

# Erasmus Mundus EuroPhilosophie (Master Program)

***German and French Philosophy in European Context*.** – Since 2007, the cooperation with visiting international scholars interested in phenomenological philosophy is closely connected with the Erasmus Master Mundus study program „German and French Philosophy in Europe“, in which the Faculty of Humanities participates as one of the partner institutions. The Erasmus Mundus Master Programme *German and French Philosophy in the European Context* (EuroPhilosophie) offers highly qualified students from around the world an advanced study course. The study programme is aimed especially at German and French philosophy from the 18th century to the present and their reciprocal influences in the intellectual and cultural European space. Over two years, students spend one to two semesters at three of the universities participating in this programme. Programme graduates are awarded a joint Master degree from three participating universities.

***German and French Philosophy: Contemporary Issues*.** – The new Erasmus Master Mundus program *German and French Philosophy: Contemporary Issues* (PhiAFEC) is the continuation of the Erasmus Master Mundus project selected for the fist time in 2006 (FPA 2007-0066) and then again in 2011 (FPA 2012-0192) under the title *German and French Philosophy in the European Context*. The program results from the continuous scientific and administrative integration which has existed for more than ten years and has been formed by partner and associated universities and institutions. The program will continue to use the acronym **EuroPhilosophie**. The current consortium is formed by these partners: Université de Toulouse 2 – Jean Jaurès, Université catholique de Louvain, Univerzita Karlova, Bergische Universität à Wuppertal, Universidad de Coimbra, Universita Autonoma de Barcelona, Universidad Federal de Sao Carlos, University of Memphis. The core teaching areas include the following: 1. classical German philosophy (17-19th century), 2. German and French phenomenology, French and German contemporary philosophy (critical theory, structuralism, post-modernism, etc.). Moreover, research and teaching is being oriented towards the transformation of German and French philosophy under the influence of the exchange with non-European philosophies which follow from decolonization in Latin American, African and Asian contexts. The students will become prepared for a specific university research as well as intellectual intervention in the fields of social and political philosophy, aesthetics, feminist and decolonial critique, care ethics and environmental justice. The courses will be taught in German and French languages.

<http://europhilomem.hypotheses.org/>

***Středoevropský institut pro filosofii***

# Central European Institute of Philosophy

"SIF" stands for *Středoevropský Institut Filosofie* – *The Central-European Institute of Philosophy*. The Institute promotes philosophy and transdisciplinary research and is an affiliated organisation to the Charles University, Prague, Faculty of Humanities, Department German and French Philosophy, and to the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Institute of Philosophy, Department of Contemporary Continental Philosophy. In the CEEPUS network “Philosophy and Interdisciplinarity” Central European Institute of Philosophy is a silent partner institution.

The concern of the SIF is to elaborate the potential for cultural ramifications, in which the cultural area of today’s Czech Republic and neighbouring countries with other European traditions has come in the relationship, in view of its future pan-European and also non-European relations. The Institute achieves its goals through a specific curriculum and research, emphasizing the transdisciplinary and intercultural aspects and international cooperation. Furthermore, it hosts workshops and conferences, participates in several publishing activities, including the edition of two own book series, and promotes the exchange of students and professors.

The Institute is managed by one Czech and one German director. It has permanent staff and a number of foreign associates. Its work is also supported by an international advisory board of renowned philoso phers who, as research partners, help to coordinate research projects and scientific exchange.

[www.sif-praha.cz](http://www.sif-praha.cz/)

**4. Partner**

University of Ostrava

Faculty of Arts, Department of Philosophy

Conutry: Czech Republic

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The University of Ostrava was established in 1991. Placed in the third biggest city of the Czech Republic and in the region with vivid industrial tradition, the University focuses strongly on the needs and challenges of modern society. It offers both, high quality education as well as the possibility to gain practical experience.

The Department of Philosophy was included into the University soon after its establishment. Nonetheless, philosophical tradition in Ostrava is much longer. Already in the interwar period, there was a circle of *Jednota Filosofická* [Philosophical Unity] that hosted several presentations of philosophy for general public.

The Department offers Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in Philosophy, a Bachelor degree in Basics of Social Sciences, a Master’s degree for future teachers of Basics of Social Sciences, and a doctoral degree in Philosophy. The Department also teaches social sciences disciplines (philosophy, ethics, logic, economics, political science, Bible studies, Judaic studies, religious studies) for all faculties at the University.

The Department’s staff pursue a broad range of research interests, covering various phases in the development of philosophy (ancient, medieval, modern, contemporary, postmodern) and specializing in various philosophical disciplines (metaphysics, logic, ethics, aesthetics, political science, religion, philosophy of nature, philosophy of history). Research also focuses on various philosophical aspects of the contemporary world (medical ethics, feminism, applied ethics, interpretation of artworks, Bible studies, philosophy of language). Other members of the Department focus on applied research and the application of philosophy in analyzing regional issues, equality, justice, dialogue and current issues in civil society and local democracy.

Staff:

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| Name | Field of study |
| Mgr. Jan Čížek, Ph.D.  Head of Department | modern philosophy, philosophy of the Enlightenment, history of ideas, utopia and dystopia, J.A. Comenius, F. Bacon |
| Mgr. Jan Herůfek, Ph.D.  Deputy Head of Department, Educational Advisor | humanism, Renaissance philosophy and religion, philosophy of nature |
| prof. PhDr. Zdeňka Kalnická, CSc. | aesthetics, contemporary philosophy, interpretation of artworks |
| doc. ThDr. Tomáš Novotný | Biblical and religious studies, new religious movements, Hebrew language, roots of European thought |
| doc. Mgr. Marek Otisk, Ph.D. | history of philosophy, medieval philosophy, metaphysics |
| doc. Mgr. Marek Petrů, Ph.D. | ethics, cognitive sciences |
| Mgr. David Černín, Ph.D. | philosophy of social sciences, history of philosophy, philosophy of history, philosophy of historiography |
| PhDr. Mgr. Antonín Dolák, Ph.D. | 19th century philosophy, 20th century philosophy, philosophy of mind, free will and determinism, issues of the self and consciousness |
| PhDr. Oldřich Kramoliš, CSc. | ancient philosophy, Socratic and Platonic philosophy, economics, philosophy and education |
| Dr. phil. Lenka Naldoniová | ethics, Russian philosophy, Italian language |
| Mgr. Roman Rakowski, Ph.D. | political philosophy and political science, civil society |
| Mgr. Zuzana Rybaříková, Ph.D. | logic, philosophy of logic, history of logic, philosophy of science, philosophy of language, analytic philosophy |
| Mgr. Slavoj Tomeček | didactics of social sciences, contemporary philosophy |

**5. Partner**

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Faculty of Philosophy and Arts

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**Trnava University, Slovakia,** is a modern university with a long tradition and great heritage. Trnava University is one of the oldest universities in Slovakia. It was established by Cardinal Peter Pázmaň in 1635. The University of Trnava founded in the 17th century offered education to students of many nations and played an important role in the history of Central Europe, thus contributing significantly to the development of European education and culture. Trnava was the first town in the territory of contemporary Slovakia to be granted privileges of the free royal town in 1238 by the Hungarian King Bela IV. The 142 years of the existence of the first comprehensive University in the multiethnic Kingdom of Hungary represented a gold chapter in the town's history.

The University of Trnava reopend its activity in Trnava in 1992. It is a public university with five faculties (Faculty of Philosophy and Arts, Faculty of Education, Faculty of Health Care and Social Work, Faculty of Theology, Faculty of Law). The Faculty of Philosophy and Arts was one of the founding faculties of today's University. Since its establishment, the Faculty of Philosophy and Arts has developed into a well-known scientific and educational institution where tradition and new approaches are combined. The primary mission of the Faculty of Philosophy and Arts consisting of nine departments is to provide university education in philosophical, humanistic and social sciences and arts.  The objective of faculty is to prepare specialists in classical archaeology, classical languages, philosophy, ethics, history, history of arts and culture, political science, psychology and sociology. The University degree system consists of Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degree and Doctoral Degree (PhD.) study programmes. The University of Trnava actively participates in the Bologna Process and the Faculty of Philosophy cooperates with institutions from all parts of the world. (For more info see: <https://www.truni.sk/en>)

**Faculty of Philosophy and Arts** is one of the constituent members of the contemporary Trnava University. Its historical continuity and academic identity with the original Trnava University (1635 — 1777) belong to its most significant attributes. The basic mission of the Faculty which nowadays comprises 9 departments and 3 specialized working units is an education in humanities, philosophical and social sciences as well as art history. (For more info see: <http://ff.truni.sk/en/department-philosophy>)

Mgr. **Jaroslava Vydrová**, PhD. (Department of Philosophy FPhA TU SK: [jaroslavavydrova@gmail.com](mailto:jaroslavavydrova@gmail.com)) is the contact person in questions of phenomenological substance of philosophy. Department of Philosophy at the Faculty of Philosophy and Arts, Trnava University consists of teachers and researchers, who are interested in problems of philosophy and ethics of artificial intelligence, philosophy of life sciences (organism, living beings/human beings, environment, technology), phenomenology and philosophical anthropology as well as socio-political issues. The department is the seat of the Center for Phenomenological Studies (CFS). In 2013 they founded an international scientific periodical *The Yearbook on History and Interpretation of Phenomenology* published by Peter Lang.

**6. Partner**

University of Graz

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Department of Philosophy

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**Description of the Department**

Philosophy Department of the Faculty of Humanities was founded in 1897, but the teaching of philosophy (logic, natural philosophy, metaphysics) started as early as 1586, at the time of Archduke Karl II of Inner Austria, who had established a Jesuit School in Graz.

One of the most significant philosophers in the 19th century was Alois Riehl, who was born in Bozen in 1844. He was a neo-Kantian and worked as a professor at Graz from 1873 to 1882 before he went to Freiburg, Kiel, Halle, and Berlin.

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries philosophical research was strongly influenced by Alexius Meinong (1853–1920). He was a pupil of Franz Brentano and became professor and Chair of Philosophy at the University of Graz, where he founded the Graz psychological institute (in 1894) and the Graz School of experimental psychology and object theory. Among his pupils were Christian von Ehrenfels, Alois Höfler, Stephan Witasek, Vittorio Benussi, and Ernst Mally. Alexius Meinong formulated the basic principles for a general theory of objects. Meinong’s disciple Ernst Mally ontologically modified the theory of objects and was one of the founders of deontic logic.

In the late 20th century analytic philosophy was the prevailing line of thought. In addition to this, Amadeo Silva-Tarouca (1898–1971, full professor from 1963) tried to develop the system of an onto-phenomenology. The main representatives of analytic philosophy in Graz were Rudolf Freundlich (1911–1988, full professor 1966–1981) and Rudolf Haller (1929–2014, full professor in Graz from 1967–1997).

Rudolf Haller edited the international journal “Grazer Philosophische Studien” and the series “Studien zur Österreichischen Philosophie”. In 1982 he founded the documentation center FDOEP (Forschungssstelle und Dokumentationszentrum für Österreichische Philosophie), now directed by Udo Thiel.

In 1969 Ernst Topitsch (1919–2003) started to teach at the Philosophy Department in Graz and with his publications on history of science and social sciences built a good international reputation. Rudolf Freundlich was succeeded by Reinhard Kamitz, who came to teach in Graz in 1984. In 1991 Ernst Topitsch was succeeded by Malte Hossenfelder (1934–2011), who was conferred emeritus status in 2003.

In March 2009 Lukas Meyer became full professor of Practical Philosophy, and in September 2009 Udo Thiel became full professor of History of Philosophy. The new professorship of Theoretical Philosophy was taken up in July 2012 by Marian David and the new professorship of Political Philosophy was taken up in November 2014 by Harald Stelzer.

**Research**

Philosophy systematically reflects on forms and structures of human knowledge and on epistemological and scientific presuppositions. As a theoretical discipline, philosophy analyzes and critically reflects the fundamental conceptual and theoretical presuppositions, the categorial framework of thinking and acting. Our department covers the following theoretical subjects: epistemology, philosophy of language, philosophy of mind, and philosophy of science. As a practical discipline, philosophy focuses mainly on questions of meaning and value in human life. Our study programmes include the following practical subjects: aesthetics, ethics, feminist philosophy, philosophy for children, political philosophy, philosophy of culture, and philosophy of religion. As philosophical thought systems, historically, have always had a great impact on the human self-concept and value-orientation, great importance is attributed to the area of history of philosophy.

**Study programmes**

Here is an overview of the study programs offered by the Philosophy Department of the University of Graz: Bachelor’s Programme (Bachelor’s program provides a good grounding for certain occupational areas in politics, economics, social institutions, and provides preparatory training for an academic philosophy career), Master Programme in Philosophy (Master Programme offers scientific training in philosophy enabling graduates to accept jobs in politics, economics, social institutions, or to start an academic philosophy career), Master Programme in Political, Economic and Legal Philosophy (PELP), Master Programme in Applied Ethics, Teacher Training Program “Unterrichtsfach Psychologie und Philosophie” (This is a special training program for the teaching profession. Get more information in the Curriculum.) and a Doctoral Program in Philosophy.

**7. Partner**

Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Department of General Humanities

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**Short History of the University**

The legal predecessor of our University was the Reformed Theological Academy of Budapest, founded in 1855 and granted University status by the Hungarian Parliament in 1900. In 1993 the General Assembly of the Hungarian Reformed Church took the decision to establish a multifaculty University, and this decision was approved by the Hungarian Parliament. Through the creation of Károli Gáspár University, the Hungarian Reformed Church has fulfilled the aims of its forefathers. Our University, in the spirit of the universitas scientiarium, aims to raise the status of not solely the Church, but also the nation, through its educational, teaching and academic work. The university was named after Károli Gáspár, the Reformed minister, who achieved the first complete Hungarian translation of the Bible in 1590.

The commitment of Károli Gáspár University is to carry on the distinguished traditions of the Reformed Colleges of Sárospatak (founded in 1531), Pápa (founded in 1531), Debrecen (founded in 1538), Kolozsvár (founded in 1622) and Nagyenyed (founded in 1622). In addition to the education of ministers of religion, for the purposes of academic research, training for the position of lecturer and for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, and the awarding of degrees, its aims and objectives are to provide BA and MA level basic education in several fields and branches of scholarship, and to be capable of carrying out academic research, in accordance with the aforementioned traditions and in the spirit of the Reformation.

**Brief presentation of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences**

With almost 5000 students, over 200 full-time and around 50 part-time faculty members, the Faculty of Humanities is the largest faculty of Károli Gáspár University. The Faculty is known for academic excellence, the personalised attention paid to students and its friendly yet vibrant atmosphere.

To help students respond to the challenges they may face during their studies and in life, the Faculty operates a Career Office, a Student Counselling Center, a Sport Office and an international buddy system.

The Faculty of Humanities offers first-cycle (BA) programmes in English and American Studies, German Studies, Dutch Studies, East Asian Studies, Communication and Media Studies, Hungarian Studies, Psychology, Sociology, General Humanities and History, and second-cycle (MA) programmes in English Studies, German Studies, Dutch Studies, Japanese Studies, Hungarian Literature and Cultural Studies, Communication and Media Studies, Art History, Theater Studies, Psychology, Social Behaviour Analysis, History and Religious Studies as well as one-cycle and short-cycle Teacher Training Programmes in various subject areas.

History is also offered at doctoral level, and a second, multidisciplinary doctoral programme focusing on Psychology, Linguistics, Literature and Cultural Studies has been submitted to the Hungarian Accreditation Committee for accreditation.

49 active research groups conduct research at the Faculty both at national and at international level. Established in 2015, Benda Kálmán College of Excellence runs a boarding-school type talent nurturing programme emphasising community and Christian values, providing opportunities for the most talented students to participate in its eight workshops: Linguistics Literature and Culture Psychology, History, Philosophy and Religions, Arts, Media and Art Paedagogy, Teacher Training and Social Sciences.

The Faculty of Humanities has four programmes that have been designed to host international students: a two-year MA program in English Studies, a two-year MA programme in German Language, Literature and Culture, a three-year BA programme in Psychology and a three-year BA programme in English and American Studies. In addition, the Faculty also offers a two-year specialist postgraduate programme in Kodály Culture in Hungary and a joint degree programme in lexicography (EMLex) in German and English, with the University of Erlangen-Nürnberg as the coordinator institution of the consortium. Erasmus and overseas exchange students can choose from approximately 100-120 courses offered in a foreign language every semester.

Our students can take language courses in thirteen foreign languages at the Foreign Language Center: English, German, French, Spanish, Dutch, Russian, Italian, Norwegian, Finnish, Portuguese, Chinese, Japanese and Turkish. The Faculty has on-going Erasmus + KA103, KA107, KA203 and CEEPUS projects, it is a Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship Programme and Scholarship for Christian Young People Programme participant, just as it offers its own Károli Christian Scholarship Programme.

**Description of the Department of General Humanities and the programmes hosted by it**

The Department of General Humanities operates within the Institute of Arts Studies:

https://english.kre.hu/index.php/faculties/faculty-of-humanities-and-social-sciences/21-institute-of-arts-studies-and-general-humanities.html

**BA programme hosted by the Department:**

**General Humanities** (Specialization in Religious Studies and in Art History)

In the first stage of their studies, our students receive an introduction into the History of Art, Communication Theory, Film Theory and History, and Religious Studies. They also learn about the most important figures and tendencies in Philosophy. From the first semester, they study a freely chosen Biblical language (Latin, Greek or Hebrew). In the next stage, they gain a deeper insight into the Theory of Religion (Sociology of Religion and Philosophy of Religion), Hermeneutics, and specific domains of Philosophy (i.e. Ethics, Aesthetics, Logic or Metaphysics), as well as into the most important chapters of the universal History of Religions. Within the BA programme, our Specialization in Religious Studies offers courses concerning the problematic facets of today’s religiosity, electives in the History and Theory of Religions, among them source-reading seminars in classical languages. As our Department is part of a denominational university, the curriculum of our Specialization emphasizes the History of Ancient Religions, the Theory of Religion and Hermeneutics.

**Relevant MA programme hosted by the Department:**

**MA in Religious Studies**

This 2-year-long Master programme, offered in Hungarian language, in full-time and in distance learning modes, includes a strong ancient and modern language module (a choice of Latin, Greek or Hebrew, and English) and a methodological module (essay-writing and methodology of research) in the introductory phase. In the main part of the curriculum, our students carry on with their language courses, study non-Christian world religions, and have numerous courses on religion-related aspects of law, society, gender and art. Among the more specific courses constituting the third part of their curriculum, there figure lectures and seminars concerning cultural studies related to Ancient Christianity, Church History, Greek and Roman religion, Old Egyptian religion, Hinduism and Buddhism, religions of China, Tibet and Japan, as well as a course on the interrelatedness of religion and politics in modern Hungarian history. The last constituent of the programme is a choice of electives specifically offered for this purpose, covering a wide range of subjects within the spectrum of Religious Studies. The composition of a 50-page-long research paper is also a condition of obtaining the degree.

For the courses taught in these two programmes, please check the excel files available on the aforementioned website. At present, a total number of 144 students are currently following our BA and MA courses, whilst the teachers of our department hold all the compulsory History of Philosophy courses for every BA programme within the University.

**Department Staff and Connected Academics**

Prof. Dr. Gábor Boros – Head of Department

Areas of Research and Teaching: French philosophy, Philosophy of the History of Philosophy, History of Philosophy, Philosophy of Emotions, History of German Philosophy, Early Modern Philosophy, Descartes, Spinoza, and Leibniz, Philosophical Concepts of Love, Ethics, History of Ethics

Head of the Workshop of Philosophy and Religious Studies of Kálmán Benda College

CV, research and contact details: https://gaborboros.academia.edu/

Dr. Alex Leonas – Deputy Head of Department

Areas of Research and Teaching: Septuagint, Early Christian literature, History of Religion

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Dr. Judit Faludy

Areas of Research and Teaching: History of Contemporary Art, Interdisciplinary researches, Intercultural researches in the fields of Art and Psychology

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Dr. Orsolya Horváth

Areas of Research and Teaching: Selbstbesinnung of the factual human being; History of German Philosophy and Theology in the 19–20th centuries; Bible; Hermeneutics

CV, research and contact details: https://btk.kre.hu/index.php/horvath-orsolya

Dr. habil. Miklós Vassányi

Areas of Research and Teaching: History of Early Modern and Modern Philosophy (esp. Spinoza, Locke, Leibniz, Diderot and Schelling), Metaphysics and Philosophy of Religion, Early Byzantine Theology (esp. St Denys the Areopagite and St Maximus the Confessor), Later Greek Neo-Platonism (esp. Proclus), Johannes Scottus Eriugena, History of Inca, Aztec and Inuit (Eskimo) Religion

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Dr. Csaba Máté Sarnyai

Areas of Research and Teaching: European and Hungarian ecclesiastical history in the 19th-20th centuries, with special regard to the relation between state and Catholic church in modernity; Autonomy efforts of denominations and minorities in Hungary and Europe in the 19th-20th centuries; Modern ideas and ideologies in political science and historic religions; History of Hungarian religious studies; Tendencies of globalisation and their effects on the religious phenomena of our era.

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Dr. László Pólos

Areas of Research and Teaching: Logic, Philosophy of Science, History of Philosophy, Sociology, Organization Theory, Methodology of Social Sciences, Cognitive Sociology

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Dr. István Zalatnay

Areas of Research and Teaching: Logic, Philosophy of Knowledge, History of Philosophy, Liturgy, Philosophy of Religion, Systematic Theology, International Relations, Minority Issues

CV, research and contact details: https://btk.kre.hu/index.php/zalatnay-istvan

Dr. Attila János Borsi

Areas of Research and Teaching: Karl Barth today: the relevance of his thinking for today, Public Theology, Theology and Theological Ethics of H. Richard Niebuhr, Doctrine of Justification, Faith, Modern Protestant Theology, Postmodernity, History of Christian Piety, Christian Piety and Ethics, Church and State

CV, research and contact details: https://btk.kre.hu/index.php/borsi-attila

Dr. habil. Gábor Kendeffy

Areas of Research and Teaching: History of Philosophy and Theology in Late Antiquity (esp. Latin Fathers), History of Hellenistic Philosophy (esp. Sceptisicm, Stoicism), History of Philosophy, Patristic Thought, Ethics

CV, research and contact details: https://btk.kre.hu/index.php/kendeffy-gabor

Dr. William Potter

Areas of Research and Teaching: Philosophies of Modern Literature and Music, Recent French Philosophy (especially Sartre, Althusser, Badiou and Ranciere), Political Theory (especially in relation to May ‘68 and its legacy) Philosophical Readings of Psychoanalysis (especially of Freud and Lacan in the French tradition), Philosophies of Mathematics (especially set theory and model theory)

CV, research and contact details: https://btk.kre.hu/index.php/william-potter

Dr. habil. István Pásztori-Kupán

Areas of Research and Teaching: History of Christological Debates of the Fourth and Fifth Centuries, The Antiochene School of Thought, Disputes Between Early Christian Theology and Greek Philosophy, Church and State in the Twentieth Century: Christianity and Oppressing Political Systems, Ethical Convergences between Philosophy and Theology

CV, research and contact details: https://btk.kre.hu/index.php/pasztori-kupan-istvan, https://ipasztorikupan.academia.edu/

**8. Partner**

West University of Timișoara

Faculty of Political Sciences, Philosophy and Communication Sciences

Department of Philosophy and Communication Sciences

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**Description**.

The Philosophy program of studies was founded in 1990, immediately after the Romanian Anticommunist Revolution, as a long awaited recognition of a long tradition of philosophical studies in Timișoara.

Saint Gerard of Cenad (980-1046) was arguably the first active philosopher and also author of a philosophical text in the region of Timișoara. Another memorable figure was Pelbartus of Timișoara (1430-1504), doctor in philosophy at Cracow and active as a preacher in the capital Budapest of Matyas Corvinus. The first faculty of Philosophy was established in 1941 and existed for less than a decade, dismantled in 1849 by the Austrian authorities as a reaction against the recalcitrant academics in the Hungarian Revolution. Many unsuccessful attempts followed since then. In 1946 the University of Timișoara was eventually founded but a Philosophy Department had still to wait for almost fifty years.

During its 30 years of existence the Philosophy department was visited by significant international philosophers such as Pierre Aubenque, Jean-Louis Vieillard-Baron, Mark A. Notturno, Gabriel Sandu, Bruce Haddock, Alvin Plantinga, Adrian Guiu, Gyorgy Gereby, and others.

Currently, the Department offers Bachelor’s Program in Philosophy, Master’s Programme in Philosophical Counselling and Consultancy, and Doctoral studies in Philosophy.

**Graduate program.** Traditional and current interests of our academic staff include: Analytic Philosophy and Logic (Adrian Briciu – adrian.briciu@e-uvt.ro, Gheorghe Clitan - gheorghe.clitan@e-uvt.ro), Metaphysics and Philosophy of History (Florin Lobonț - florin.lobont@e-uvt.ro), History and Historiography of Philosophy, Ancient, Medieval and early Modern Philosophy (Claudiu Mesaroș – claudiu.mesaros@e-uvt.ro), Esthetics (Iasmina Petrovici – Iasmina.petrovici@e-uvt.ro), Ethics, Kantianism (Ioan Buș ioan.bus@e-uvt.ro), Rhetoric and Pragmatics (Gheorghe Clitan, Octavian Repolschi - octavian.repolschi@e-uvt.ro), Romanian Philosophy, Metaphysics (Alexandru Petrescu - alexandrupetrescu).

**Graduate program.** Our educational asset of the recent years was the successful development of the MA program in Philosophical Counselling and Consultancy, entirely taught in English, organized in collaboration with Institut de Pratiques Philosophiques (France), American Philosophical Practitioners Association (APPA), Society for the Advancement of Philosophical Enquiry and Reflection in Education (SAPERE), United Kingdom, Ca’ Foscari University (Venice), Universita Europea (Rome) and John Cabot University (Rome). At present, there are very few comprehensive programs of this type in the world - and none in East-Central Europe. Moreover, to date, this is the only European MA in thinking skills taught in English. Whereas academic philosophy is characterised by objectivity, and seeks to express thoughts in an impersonal way, philosophical counselling’s target is the personal philosophical experience in its relation to its conceptual objectivity. Most philosophical practitioners, consultants, facilitators, ethical counsellors and philosophy for children facilitators, need to train in stages, over a long period of time and in various expensive separate packages, usually offered by private certified bodies. Our MA’s main purpose is the intense and comprehensive high-quality formation of well-trained professionals in applied/practical philosophy, which include philosophical counselling and consultancy for individuals and organizations, ethical counselling, and philosophy for children. The programme’s grounding view is that the philosophical practitioners need to be trained primarily in the critical methods of academic philosophy, particularly those developed from the original dialogical logic. Employing solid philosophical knowledge and general counselling skills, they facilitate the thinking of a client or group of people. Their activity is philosophical, because it focuses on significant, but problematic concepts, the kind of concepts used not only for everyday thinking and communication, but also as a basis for actions. Practical philosophers can often identify hidden assumptions, theoretical frameworks, and world views. These inform the sorts of questions they ask. They use their training and experience to help others find their own philosophical insights. With social utility in mind, it does not seek to interpret the thoughts of an individual client or group in terms of impersonal philosophy, but to link thoughts to actions in the day-to-day life. The attainment of philosophical counselling objectives takes place, progressively, through the therapeutic engagement of philosophy via the five methods it generated: critical thinking, conceptual analysis, phenomenology, thought experiments, and creative thinking. Regarding its relation to medicine and psychology, our general view is that philosophical counselling has only broadly ‘therapeutic’ goals in that it aims at alleviating anxiety and enhancing personal wellbeing, not in aspiring to substitute any form of psychiatric or psychotherapeutic practice. That is why, in our view, philosophical skills need to be supplemented with a basic training in clinical-psychological clinical assessment and general counselling techniques. This means that practitioners should possess enough knowledge to generally discern whether the clients’ problems are medical or not in order to decide whether to counsel them philosophically or refer them to other specialists.

**Doctoral program** in philosophy is being run under the tutorship of Professor Gheorghe Clitan (Retorics, Pragmatics, Philsophy of Communication), Professor Florin Lobonț (Philosophy of History, Philosophy of Holocaust, Philosophical Counselling, Philosophy with Children), Professor Claudiu Mesaroș (History and Historiography of Philosophy, Regional Philosophy, Classical philosophical resources in counselling), and Professor Florea Lucaci (Philosophy of Religion).

**Research** is being performed mainly within the *Institute of Social and Political Research* (<https://icsp.uvt.ro/>)*,* particularlyone of its centers: Romanian Centre for Penitentiary Studies (CRSP) and Centre for Research in Philosophical Historiography and Philosophy of Imaginary (CCIFFI).

**Scientific journals**: [Analele UVT – Seria Filosofie și Științe ale comunicării](https://pfc.uvt.ro/analele-uvt-seria-filosofie-si-stiinte-ale-comunicarii/) (Philosophy and Communication Studies), [Hypothesis](https://icsp.uvt.ro/revista/) (Philosophy)

**9. Partner**

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**Description of the Department**

Philosophy was one of the foundational disciplines of the University of Ljubljana which was founded 1919. Today, Department of Philosophy is part of the Faculty of Arts, one of the largest faculties at the University of Ljubljana.

The Department of Philosophy offers programs at undergraduate (BA), graduate (MA) and postgraduate (PhD) levels. Students can study single subject study programme (BA Philosophy) or two-subject (BA Philosophy and other subject). Two-subject programmes require the student to follow an additional study programme at the Faculty of Arts or (by agreement) at some other faculty within the University. The academic title acquired by the student upon completion of the Undergraduate Philosophy Programme is baccalaureus philosophiae (BA of philosophy). The academic title acquired by the student upon completion of the Graduate Philosophy Programme is magister philosophiae (MA of philosophy). Each year around 70 undergraduate students are enrolled in the first year. Undergraduate programme consists of 8 semesters and Graduate of 2 semesters. Department offers two doctoral study programmes – Philosophy and Theoretical Psychoanalysis.

The Department of Philosophy consists of the following chairs:

History of Philosophy and Phenomenology (Full prof. Franci Zore)

Logic, Analytic philosophy and Theory of Knowledge (Full prof. Olga Markič)

Ontology and Philosophical Systems (Full prof. Borut Ošlaj)

Social Philosophy, Philosophy of History and Theoretical Psychoanalysis (Assoc. prof. Marjan Šimenc)

Currently the head of the Department is full prof. Janko Lozar Mrevlje.

The research unit at the Department of Philosophy “Philosophical Investigations” is led by prof. Slavoj Žižek.

**10. Partner**

University of Maribor

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**History and Description of the Department**

The Department of Philosophy at Faculty of Arts, University of Maribor, is a relatively young department – the study of philosophy in Maribor started 1993, and the Department was established in1994, then still at the Faculty of Pedagogy. As opposed to the more continentally focused Department of Philosophy in Ljubljana, the Department focuses primarily on the analytic method and analytic philosophy in general. This is reflected in various research programs that the Department has carried out throughout the years. To mention just the main research programs: Analytic Philosophy and Classical Philosophical Problems (from 1999 to 2003); Rationalism as a focus point and rationality as a method – dilemmas and contradictions (2001 to 2004); Ethics and Ontology (2004 to 2008); The Concept of Virtue in Theoretical and Practical Philosophy (2009 to 2014); The Laboratory of the Mind: Thought Experiments from Nature to Society (2015 to 2020), and Perspectives of Contemporary Philosophy: Between Epistemology, Ethics, and Political Philosophy (2022 to 2028).

The Department edits and publishes two journals, one in the Slovene language, *Analiza*, and the internationally acclaimed *Acta Analytica*, which is published in the English language.

The Department offers the following study programmes: one at the undergraduate level (BA), which is a two-discipline programme – this means that the student studies Philosophy and another study programme offered by the faculty; two programmes at the MA level – both of which are two-discipline programmes, but one is intended for teachers (teaching option); and one programme at the doctoral level (PhD). Currently, the Department is comprised of a couple of external associates and 8 members of the academic staff, which are described in what follows:

Danilo Šuster is Professor of Philosophy at the Department of Philosophy, University of Maribor. He works mainly in epistemology, metaphysics, and philosophy of logic. He has edited a collection on free will, and is also the author of a textbook on logic, a monograph on informal logic, and many articles in the general area of analytic philosophy. He is also the editor-in-chief of the *Acta Analytica* journal.

Nenad Miščević wrote his Ph.D. thesis on “Theories of Communication Intention – Austin, Grice, Strawson” in 1983 at the University of Ljubljana. He is currently Professor of Philosophy at the Department of Philosophy, University of Maribor, and visiting professor at the Central European University, Budapest. He has been the president of the Croatian Philosophical Society, the president of the Union of Philosophical Societies of Yugoslavia, and the president of European Society for Analytic Philosophy. He is editor of the *Croatian Journal of Philosophy*, co-editor of *Acta Analytica* and member of the editorial board of *International Studies in the Philosophy of Science* (Oxford), *Analiza* (Ljubljana, Slovenia), and *Agora* (Rijeka, Croatia). He is the author of fourteen books and more than a hundred and fifty articles and book chapters. He has also edited and co-edited ten books.

Božidar Kante is Professor of Philosophy at the Department of Philosophy, University of Maribor. His areas of interest involve aesthetics, philosophy of language and history of philosophy, all within the analytic tradition. He published several books in Slovene language (*Metafora in kontekst*, *Filozofija umetnosti*) and numerous articles in monographies and journals in Slovene and other languages.

Bojan Borstner is received his doctorate at the University of Ljubljana, and is now Professor of Philosophy at the Department of Philosophy, University of Maribor. His main research areas are ontology, philosophy of science, and the philosophy of nursing. He has published two books, *Problems of Realism and Virtual Teacher* (with B. Aberšek and J. Bregant), more than a hundred articles and shorter pieces, and edited five books – *Handbook of Phenomenology and Cognitive Science*, *Consciousness at the Crossroads of Philosophy and Cognitive Science*, *Historicizing Religion: Critical Approaches to Contemporary Concerns*, *Thought Experiments between Nature and Society: A Festschrift for Nenad Miščević, and Od jezika k filozofiji in nazaj Festschrift ob 75-letnici Dunje Jutronić*.

Boris Vezjak is Associate Professor at the Department of Philosophy at the Faculty of Arts in Maribor. His fields of interest cover various topics, such as the history of philosophy, theory of discourse, media analysis, and theory of argumentation. He is also the Head of the Department of Philosophy.

Rudi Kotnik, Associate Professor, lectures at the Faculty of Arts, University of Maribor, where he is involved in the domain of teacher education in general, and at the Department of Philosophy, where he is involved in philosophy education (didactics of philosophy) in particular

Friderik Klampfer, Associate Professor, lectures on ethics and political philosophy at the University of Maribor. He has published three books, an introduction to ethics, a collection of essays in bioethics, and a textbook in critical thinking (the last one in co-authorship) and several articles, both at home and abroad, spanning a wide range of topics, from moral responsibility, war, euthanasia, same-sex marriage, and capital punishment to issues in moral epistemology and philosophical methodology.

Janez Bregant is received his doctorate at the University of Maribor, Slovenia, where he is now Associate Professor. His areas of interest are philosophy of mind and philosophy of artificial intelligence; his areas of competence are philosophy of art and critical thinking.

Smiljana Gartner is currently Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Arts, University of Maribor, where she also obtained her doctorate. Her main areas of research are ethics (with a special interest in professional ethics), logic, and critical thinking. She has published more than twenty articles. She is also the president of the Slovenian Society for Analytic Philosophy and Philosophy of Science, and co-editor of *Historicizing Religion: Critical Approaches to Contemporary Concerns* and *Thought Experiments between Nature and Society: A Festschrift for Nenad Miščević*.

**11. Coordinator**

University of Zagreb

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Description of the Department

Department of Philosophy is a constitutive part of the Faculty of Philosophy (Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences) of the University of Zagreb.

The study of philosophy has been established at the Faculty of Philosophy of the University of Zagreb at the moment of the reform and modernization of the Zagreb University in 1874. In 1973, a postgraduate study of philosophy was introduced. Hundreds of philosophy students were introduced through this study program to research and obtained the degrees of magister scientiarum or doctor scientiarum (Ph.D.). In 2003 a new doctoral study in philosophy has replaced the previous postgraduate studies.

Today the staff of the Department consists of 4 full professors (D. Lauc, B. Mikulić, H. Jurić, I. Mikecin), 1 professor emeritus (B. Despot), 7 associate professors (L. Bogdanić, A. Čakardić, G. Kardaš, M. Selak, M. Tokić, R. Raunić, and I. Zagorac), 2 assistant professors (Lj. F. Ježić, G. Sunajko), 3 postdoctoral research assistants (M. Kos, L. Perušić, and M. Žitko) and 1 postgraduate teaching assistant (M. Vigato). Some part-time teachers (prof. Nadežda Čačinović, prof. Lino Veljak etc.) also participate in education and research at the Department.

The Department of Philosophy offers programs at undergraduate (BA), graduate (MA) and postgraduate (PhD) levels. Philosophy study programme can be combined with numerous study programmes at the Faculty of Philosophy, both at the undergraduate and graduate level. The academic title acquired by the student upon completion of the Undergraduate Philosophy Programme is baccalaureus philosophiae (BA of philosophy). The academic title acquired by the student upon completion of the Graduate Philosophy Programme is magister philosophiae (MA of philosophy). Each year 80 undergraduate students are being enrolled. Undergraduate programme consists of 8 semesters and Graduate of 2 semesters. The Programme includes two types of elective courses: internal, offered by the Department, and external, to be selected from the total range of courses offered at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences or at other faculties of the University of Zagreb. For the time being all courses are being taught in Croatian except for the summer course Selected topics in philosophy (held by numerous teachers of the Department), but it is agreed upon that all courses can be taught in English or German if needed.

The Department of Philosophy consists of the following chairs:

History of Philosophy (Full prof. Igor Mikecin)

Logic (Full prof. Davor Lauc)

Ontology (Assoc. prof. Marija Selak)

Epistemology (Prof. Borislav Mikulić)

Philosophical anthropology (Assoc. prof. Luka Bogdanić)

Aesthetics (Assist. prof. Goran Sunajko)

Ethics (Full prof. Hrvoje Jurić)

Political philosophy (Assoc. prof. Raul Raunić)

Social philosophy (Assoc. prof. Ankica Čakardić)

Philosophy of education (Assoc. prof. Ivana Zagorac)

Eastern Philosophies (Assoc. prof. Goran Kardaš)

List of research and developmental projects conducted by the Department of Philosophy in the last twenty years:

Theory of the Subject and contemporary philosophy,

Ethics and bioethics,

Contemporary logical-philosophical controversy,

Problems of logic, methodology of science and philosophy of mathematics,

Art in the system of culture,

The identity of Others (in collaboration with the Institute for Social Research in Zagreb)

**12. Partner**

University: University of Zagreb

Faculty of Teacher Education

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Description of the Department

The Faculty of Teacher Education of the University of Zagreb is the oldest and the biggest faculty of preschool and primary school teacher education in the Republic of Croatia (with around 1500 full-time and 500 part time students and 133 teachers). The Faculty has five departments, three of which are academic departments and two are branches:

• Čakovec Branch

• Petrinja Branch

• Department of Teacher Education Studies

• Department of Preschool Education Studies

• Department of Educational Studies.

The basic activities of the Faculty are teacher education (in the broad sense of the word), research and artistic work. The Faculty offers a wide range and diversity of study programmes in the field of education. Currently, the Faculty of Teacher Education conducts higher education as follows:

• Undergraduate University Study for Early childhood and Preschool Education which lasts three years and the completion of which earns 180 ECTS points, and is organized as a full-time and part-time study programme conducted at three locations: the Central Branch in Zagreb, Cakovec Branch and Petrinja Branch;

• Graduate University Study for Early childhood and Preschool Education which lasts two years and the completion of which earns 120 ECTS points and is organized as a part-time and full-time study programme;

• Integrated Undergraduate and Graduate University Study of Primary Teacher Education which lasts five years and the completion of which earns 300 ECTS points and is organized as a full-time study programme (includes module programmes: Educational studies, Croatian Language, Informatics and Art) and is conducted at three locations: the Central Branch in Zagreb, Branch in Čakovec and Branch in Petrinja;

• Integrated Undergraduate and Graduate University Study of Primary Teacher Education which lasts five years and the completion of which earns 300 ECTS points, and is organized as a full-time study programme (Primary Teacher Education with the English / German Language) and is conducted in the Central Branch in Zagreb;

• Educational study programmes for acquiring teaching competences which are conducted by the Department of Educational Studies at teacher education faculties of the University of Zagreb (Academy of Dramatic Art, Academy of Fine Arts, The Faculty of Education and Rehabilitation Sciences, Faculty of Kinesiology, Music Academy, Faculty of Science). Its aim is to teach the students of other faculties preparing students for teaching profession to conduct the teaching of the subject which they have been studying during the graduate study programme. These programmes enable them to gain subject teaching competence (licence);

• a new doctoral study programme is being prepared;

• programme of professional development in educational studies for teachers in various fields.

Another advantage of the Faculty is the interdisciplinarity of its teaching staff. The composition of the teaching staff of the Faculty is directly linked to diversity and wide scope of study programmes, which encompass various scholar, scientific and artistic areas – natural, biomedical and social sciences, humanities and art. International dimension of the Faculty can be seen in cooperation with similar international institutions, and in projects and activities that were conducted within TEMPUS, Erasmus and recently Erasmus + programs, as well as within bilateral and multilateral agreements with over 20 institutions. International cooperation is also seen in the organization of the international research conferences.

The Faculty of Teacher Education has been constantly working on raising the quality of study programmes, which are in accordance with the contemporary European and world practice, professional and market needs, but also based on the recent research findings in educational sciences and other fields. Namely, in the period 2009–2013 there were 13 national scientific projects funded by the Croatian Ministry of Science, Education and Sport conducted at the Faculty, at the moment there are 2 research projects conducted, funded by the Croatian Science Foundation, as well as 13 smaller scale projects (in the fields of Social Sciences, Humanities and Art) funded by the University of Zagreb.

The Faculty has a significant role in creating and disseminating knowledge at the national level, especially in education, and has strong and longtime cooperation with over 20 teacher and preschool teacher institutions in Zagreb, Čakovec and Petrinja.

**13. Partner**

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Description of the Department

The Department of Philosophy is a constitutive part of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the Josip Juraj Strosmmayer University of Osijek. It offers programs at undergraduate (BA) and graduate (MA) level. At both levels, the Department of Philosophy offers double major studies. Students can study Philosophy combined with the following majors: English Language and Literature, Croatian Language and Literature, Sociology, History, Pedagogy, and Information Science. At the graduate level, the Department of Philosophy offers a teacher training program. At the moment the department enrolls approximately 40 students each year at undergraduate level and approximately 15 students at graduate level.

The department employs the following 10 members of academic staff: full professors Željko Senković and Marijan Krivak (current Head of the Department), associate professors Davor Balić and Boško Pešić, assistant professors Zdravko Perić, Darija Rupčić Kelam and Martina Volarević, and postdoctoral researcher Demian Papo, and teaching assistants Hrvoje Potlimbrzović and Damir Sekulić. The Department consists of the following chairs: Theoretical Philosophy (Boško Pešić, PhD) and Practical Philosophy (Zdravko Perić, PhD).

**14. Partner**

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**Description of the Department**

Department of Philosophy at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences currently consists of 8 members: 1 full professor, 3 associate professors, 2 assistant professors and 2 postgraduate teaching assistants. The Department offers Bachelor and Master degrees in philosophy, and participates in the programme of Interdisciplinary postgraduate doctoral studies in Humanities which is available at the level of the entire faculty (Philosophy is one of 6 Modules).

Compulsory courses of the Bachelor and Master programmes include a combination of courses in the history of philosophy and thorough introductions to key philosophical disciplines (metaphysics, epistemology, ethics, political philosophy, aesthetics). A wide range of elective courses and seminars, covering different philosophical traditions, complement both the Bachelor and Master programmes. Both programmes enroll around 30 students each year.

The Department is strong in the fields of political philosophy, ethics, philosophy of science, epistemology and metaphysics. At the Faculty level we have Center for Integrative Bioethics as well as Research Center for Logic, Epistemology and Philosophy of Science.

**15. Partner**

University of Novi Sad

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Department of Philosophy

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**Description of the Department**

Department of Philosophy is a constitutive part of the Faculty of Philosophy of the University of Novi Sad.

The development of philosophy as an academic discipline at the Faculty of Philosophy began with the founding of the Institute for Philosophy and Sociology in 1976. The Institute was reorganized into the Department of Philosophy and Sociology in the academic year 1988/1989. In the academic year 1996/1997, the Department of Philosophy and Sociology was divided into two separate departments – the Department of Philosophy and the Department of Sociology.

The Department of Philosophy offers programmes for bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in philosophy. Bachelor's programme lasts 8 semesters, master's lasts 2 semesters, and PhD programme lasts 6 semesters. The backbone of the bachelor's programme are comprehensive courses on history of philosophy, supplemented by introductory and advanced courses on several philosophical disciplines. The bachelor's programme also includes two types of elective courses: internal, offered by the Department, and external, to be selected from the range of courses offered at the Faculty of Philosophy. Master's and doctoral programmes offer more specialized courses which often include individually tutored research tasks. All courses are taught in Serbian, but they can be taught in English or German if needed.

The staff of the Department consists of 3 full professors (D. Prole, D. Smiljanić, and Ž. Kaluđerović), 1 associate professor (U. Popović), 7 assistant professors (N. Jevtić, M. Đikanović, M. Rajković, N. Tatalović, S. Vlaški, G. Rujević and L. Atanasković), 1 teaching assistant with a PhD (N. Mićić) and 3 teaching assistants (A. Miljević, M. Miladinov and T. Todorović). Department members cover a wide array of fields of expertise, including but not limited to history of philosophy, phenomenology, epistemology, philosoph of art, ethics and bioethics.

The Department was involved in several research projects on a national level. The Department has so far completed five five-year-long scientific research projects, as well as the project The Place of Philosophy in Modern Society for the Provincial Secretariat for Science and Technological Development. Since 2004, the Department is publishing a journal for philosophy 'Arhe'. Two research centers operate within the Department of Philosophy: Center for Bioethics and Center for Idealism Studies.

**16. Partner**

University of Novi Sad

Faculty of Education

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**Description of the Department**

Faculty of Education in Sombor, University of Novi Sad has been practising the tradition of teacher education for longer than two centuries – beginning in 1778, when Norma, first school for education of teachers in Serbian language, was established.

Our Faculty is educational and scientific institution which includes bachelor, master and doctoral studies within its basic activities. Synchronized with other faculties that belong to University of Novi Sad, Faculty is oriented toward the introduction of new profiles in education and harmonization of its curricula in accordance with developmental tendencies in the education system of Serbia as well as European countries. Our focus is to move education from the acquisition of facts to the outcomes and to development of students' ability to use acquired knowledge in understanding and problem solving. Therefore, we have adopted standards in education which are in line with the recommendations defined by the EU.

Faculty of Education in Sombor has the following undergraduate study programmes (240 ECTS): BA in Preschool Teacher Education, BA in Primary Teacher Education, BA in Educational Media Design, BA in Library and Information Science. The same study programmes are carried out at the postgraduate level - Master degree (60 ECTS). Our Faculty offers following modules for MA in Primary Teacher Education: Didactics of Mathematics, Didactics of Serbian language and literature, Didactics of Science, Didactics of Social Sciences, Contemporary Didactics of Arts, Contemporary Didactics of Physical Education, Contemporary Didactics of Music, Contemporary Didactics of Computer Sciences, Didactics of Inclusion and Didactics of Civic Education. The teaching profession is a very responsible and highly-skilled profession that requires lifelong learning and constant education and training. Thus, Faculty of Education offers PhD studies in Primary Teaching Methods of Science, Mathematics, Physical Education and Informatics (180 ECTS).

Faculty of Education is organized in seven departments: Dept. of Social Sciences, Dept. of Language and Literature, Dept. of Mathematics, Natural Sciences and Management in Education, Dept. of Arts, Dept. of Informatics and Dept. of Library Sciences.

The Department of Social Sciences is an interdisciplinary unit and it gathers a number of academic fields, such as: philosophy, history, pedagogy, didactics, psychology, special education, and sociology. Due to this fact, the staff of the Department consists of 20 members – one professor emeritus (P. Janković), one full professor (S. Spanović), five associate professors (S. Marković, R. Bogosavljević, M. Sakač, G. Nikolić, M. Marić), seven assistant professors (S. Sadžakov, M. Antolović, A. Trbojević, A. Janković, M. Beljanski, R. Simonji-Cernak, A. Zobenica) and six postgraduate teaching assistents (M. Sumonja, M. Dmitrović, R. Damjanović, D. Djordjić, S. Strangarić, I. Mandić). This department is holder of national project “Social relations between Serbs and Croats, national identity and minority rights, in terms of European integration”. In addition, some colleagues were involved with a recently finished TEMPUS project: “The harmonization and modernization of the curriculum for primary teacher education” (516762-TEMPUS-1-2011-1-RS-TEMPUS-JPCR HAMOC).

**17. Partner**

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**Description of the Department**

The department of Philosophy was founded at the Faculty of Philosophy of the University of Niš in 2000, but the study of philosophy as an academic discipline at the University of Niš began with the foundation of the Department of Sociology in 1971. Several professors from the Department of Sociology took the initiative in the late nineties for the establishment of the Department of Philosophy and it eventually happened at the very beginning of the 21st century.

At the beginning of its establishment the Department of Philosophy created general undergraduate philosophical studies. By 2015, the Department had begun a program of graduate (Master studies) in Philosophy. During a process of reform, according to the requirements of the Bologna Declaration, the Department of Philosophy began offering Bachelor’s (BA) beginning in the 2006/2007 and Master degrees (MA) in 2015/2016 academic year.

Today the staff of the Department consists of 1 full professor (Slađana Ristić-Gorgiev), 1 associate professor (Zoran Dimić), 4 assistant professors (Goran Ružic, Goran Jakovljević, Bojan Blagojević, Biljana Radovanović), and 4 postgraduate teaching assistents (Ivan Nikolić, Milan Jovanović, Anđelija Milić, Dušan Milenković).

Some of the professors at the Department of philosophy are involved in research within projects approved by the Serbian Ministry of Science and Technological Development.

Since 2013, the Department has published the annual journal Godišnjak za filozofiju.

Since the establishment the Department has hosted many distinguished philosophical thinkers from the region, but from other European countries as well.

The Department annually accepts applications for 30 places in the Bachelor’s degree program and 15 places in the Master degree program.

**18. Partner**

University of Tuzla

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**Description of the Department of Philosophy and Sociology**

Department of Philosophy and Sociology at the University of Tuzla was established in 2009, given that in the early years philosophy and sociology were studied separately at different departments at the Faculty of Philosophy. Since its establishment, the department has continued progress in the field of organization of the first cycle of studies, and cooperation with other departments and faculties. Department currently has five employees, two full time professors and two senior teaching assistants, while a large part of the lectures is also organized in cooperation with teachers from other departments at the Faculty of Philosophy in Tuzla. Since the Department is very young, it is important to indicate that special attention is given to cooperation with other departments and the constant improvement of study. So we can safely say that the Department of Philosophy and Sociology in Tuzla offers courses in the field of classical philosophy, as well as in the field of linguistics, communication and modern sociology and political science.

In addition to the employees of the department itself, ten teachers or teaching assistants from other departments of the Faculty of Philosophy also participate in teaching , which further enriches the offer of available courses. In addition, all employed teachers, 13 of them, can participate in the implementation of CEEPUS networks and academic exchange with other participants of the project.

There are 80 students currently enrolled from the first to the fourth year of the first cycle at the Department.The Department has currently enrolled 80 students.

The Department of Philosophy and Sociology consists of the following chairs:

General sociology (Basic sociological terms) – (PhD Adib Djozić, PhD Zlatan Delić)

Information theory (PhD Najil Kurtić, MA Mirza Mehmedović)

Introduction to philosophy, Political philosophy (PhD Enver Halilović)

Social work theory (PhD Asim Pandžić)

Social psychology (PhD Elvis Vardo)

Sociology of communication (PhD Enes Osmančević, PhD Mirza Mahmutović)

**19. Partner**

University of Zenica

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**Description of the Department**

University of Zenica is a very young higher-education institution. It was established in 2005 by the Decision of the Government of the Zenica-Doboj Canton. To make the work easier and more effective, upon the establishment of the university, Chairs were also established as the university bodies whose aim is to initiate procedures for the vacancies, elections into the higher ranks, innovations of curricula, etc. Chair for Philosophy and Sociology was established in 2012 and offers a wide range of courses from the fields of philosophy and sociology, present in curricula of faculties of Philosophy, Medicine, Law, Economy, Metallurgy, Mechanical Engineering. Members of the Chair for Philosophy and Sociology are:

Prof. dr Željko Škuljević (Ethics, Philosophy of Education)

Prof dr. Spahija Kozlić (Philosophy of Law, Axiology and Contemporary Philosophy of Law, Rhetoric, Introduction to Philosophy, Philosophy of Science and Technics)

Doc. dr Bernard Harbaš (Economic Sociology, Sociology of Culture, Cultural Anthropology, Business Ethics)

Prof. dr Faruk Kozić (Sociology, Democracy and Human rights)

Prof. dr Šefik Baraković (Sociology with the Sociology of law, Methodology of Social and Legal Research)

Prof. dr Slavko Kukić (Research Methods in Economy)

**20. Partner**

University of Sarajevo

Faculty of Philosophy

Department of Philosophy

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The Department of Philosophy at the Faculty of Philosophy in Sarajevo was established as the Chair of Philosophy in 1956. Initially, the core members of the Department were [Ante Fiamengo](https://bs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ante_Fiamengo), [Ivan Focht](https://bs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ivan_Focht), [Andrija Krešić](https://bs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andrija_Kre%C5%A1i%C4%87) and [Šefkija Žuljević](https://bs.wikipedia.org/wiki/%C5%A0efkija_%C5%BDuljevi%C4%87). For a significant period, the Department was known as the Department of Philosophy and Sociology, but in 2011 the Department of Sociology was established as an independent unit.

In terms of its research and teaching agenda, the Department has focused on areas particular to the discipline of philosophy, first and foremost the history of philosophy (ancient, medieval, modern and contemporary), ontology, logic, aesthetics, ethics, and epistemology.

Significant contributions to the discipline by members of the Department include the Logos book series in philosophy, *Hrestomatija etičkih tekstova* [An Anthology of Writings in Ethics], and *Dijalog*, the first philosophy journal in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Faculty members [Ivan Focht](https://bs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ivan_Focht), [Arif Tanović](https://bs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arif_Tanovi%C4%87), [Muhamed Filipović](https://bs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Muhamed_Filipovi%C4%87), [Abdulah Šarčević](https://bs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abdulah_%C5%A0ar%C4%8Devi%C4%87) and [Vladimir Premec](https://bs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vladimir_Premec) have been elected to the Academy of Sciences and Arts of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The former and current academic staff from the Department are: [Abdulah Šarčević](https://bs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abdulah_%C5%A0ar%C4%8Devi%C4%87), [Aleksa Buha](https://bs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aleksa_Buha), [Andrija Krešić](https://bs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andrija_Kre%C5%A1i%C4%87), [Ante Fiamengo](https://bs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ante_Fiamengo), [Ante Pažanin](https://bs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ante_Pa%C5%BEanin), [Arif Tanović](https://bs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arif_Tanovi%C4%87), [Damir Marić](https://bs.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Damir_Mari%C4%87&action=edit&redlink=1), Džana Rahimić, [Fatima Lačević](https://bs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fatima_La%C4%8Devi%C4%87), [Ivan Focht](https://bs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ivan_Focht), [Ivo Komšić](https://bs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ivo_Kom%C5%A1i%C4%87), [Jasminka Babić-Avdispahić](https://bs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jasminka_Babi%C4%87-Avdispahi%C4%87), [Jelena Berberović](https://bs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jelena_Berberovi%C4%87), [Jelena Gaković](https://bs.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Jelena_Gakovi%C4%87&action=edit&redlink=1), [Kasim Prohić](https://bs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kasim_Prohi%C4%87), [Kenan Šljivo](https://bs.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Kenan_%C5%A0ljivo&action=edit&redlink=1), [Milan Damnjanović](https://bs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Milan_Damnjanovi%C4%87), [Mišo Kulić](https://bs.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Mi%C5%A1o_Kuli%C4%87&action=edit&redlink=1), [Muhamed Filipović](https://bs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Muhamed_Filipovi%C4%87), [Nevad Kahteran](https://bs.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Nevad_Kahteran&action=edit&redlink=1), [Nijaz Ibrulj](https://bs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nijaz_Ibrulj), [Olga Kozomara](https://bs.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Olga_Kozomara&action=edit&redlink=1), [Predrag Finci](https://bs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Predrag_Finci), [Rasim Muminović](https://bs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rasim_Muminovi%C4%87), [Risto Tubić](https://bs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Risto_Tubi%C4%87), [Rudolf Stojak](https://bs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rudolf_Stojak), [Salih Fočo](https://bs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Salih_Fo%C4%8Do), [Samir Arnautović](https://bs.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Samir_Arnautovi%C4%87&action=edit&redlink=1), [Šefkija Žuljević](https://bs.wikipedia.org/wiki/%C5%A0efkija_%C5%BDuljevi%C4%87), [Spasoje Ćuzulan](https://bs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spasoje_%C4%86uzulan), Tijana Okić, [Toni Renić](https://bs.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Toni_Reni%C4%87&action=edit&redlink=1), [Ugo Vlaisavljević](https://bs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ugo_Vlaisavljevi%C4%87), [Vanja Sutlić](https://bs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vanja_Sutli%C4%87), [Vedad Muharemović](https://bs.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Vedad_Muharemovi%C4%87&action=edit&redlink=1), [Vladimir Premec](https://bs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vladimir_Premec), [Vojin Simeunović](https://bs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vojin_Simeunovi%C4%87), [Željko Pavić](https://bs.wikipedia.org/wiki/%C5%BDeljko_Pavi%C4%87).

**21. Partner**

University of Prishtina “Hasan Prishtina”

Faculty of Philosophy

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**Description of the Department of Philosophy**

The Department of Philosophy (UP) is the only institution in Kosovo organizing studies of philosophy at the level of higher education. In the academic year 2019/20 there were around 300 students studying at the BA level and 40 students studying at the MA level at the Department of Philosophy. The BA and MA programs in philosophy are accredited by Kosovo Accreditation Agency.

The study program of philosophy at the University of Prishtina has begun in 1972 within the Department of Philosophy and Sociology. The Department of Philosophy functions as an independent department since the academic year 2001/2002.

The general vision of the Department of Philosophy is to support overall social development and progress and to increase the level of awareness of the society of Kosovo through offering studies in the field of philosophy. The mission of the Department is to create and promote critical thinking, civic responsibility, respect and tolerance through studying philosophy.

BA program in philosophy offers courses in history of philosophy, theoretical and practical philosophy. The core courses that the Department of Philosophy offers at the BA level are the following: *Introduction to philosophy*, *Existential philosophy*, *Ancient Philosophy*, *Logic*, *Philosophy of science*, *Empiricism and rationalism*, *Political philosophy*, *Ethics*, *Theory of knowledge*, *Metaphysics and Ontology*, *Aesthetics*, *Social philosophy*, *Classical German idealism*, *Philosophy of religion*, *Philosophical anthropology*, *Contemporary philosophy*, *Analytic philosophy*.

MA program in philosophy offers the following courses: *Logic*, *Modern philosophy*, *Philosophy of science and methodology*, *Hermeneutics*, *Moral philosophy*, *Art and Society*, *Philosophy of Language*, *Bioethics, Philosophy of Media*.

*Academic staff of the Department*

Prof. Dr. Kadri Metaj (PhD, Prishtina), main fields of interest: Philosophy of Existentialism, Aesthetics, Contemporary Philosophy, Political Philosophy, Sartre

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Astrit Salihu (PhD, Zagreb, Croatia), main fields of interest: Ancient Philosophy, Contemporary Philosophy, Philosophy of Media, Philosophy of Art, Philosophy of Architecture, Heidegger

Prof. Ass. Dr. Hasnije Ilazi (PhD, Zagreb, Croatia), main fields of interest: Modern Philosophy, Ethics, Philosophical Anthropology, Social Philosophy, Kant, Charles Taylor

Prof. Ass. Dr. Kristë Shtufi (PhD, Graz, Austria), main fields of interest: Logic, Metaphysics, Epistemology, Philosophy of science, Analytic Philosophy, Frege, Wittgenstein

Prof. Ass. Dr. Blerim Latifi (PhD, Tirana, Albania), main working areas: Political Philosophy, Hermeneutics, Philosophy of Religion, Critical Theories of Society, Marx, Hegel

*Retired Staff*:

Prof. Dr. Ekrem Murtezai – Member of the Academy of Sciences and Arts of Kosovo

Prof. Dr. Muhamedin Kullashi – Member of the Academy of Sciences and Arts of Kosovo

Prof. Dr. Ramush Mavriqi – Ex-Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy

*Main international projects of the Department:*

1. *Curriculum Development Program* (CDP+), WUS Austria office in Prishtina, 2009-2010
2. *Identity and Migration*, ASO Austria, University of Prishtina, Department of Philosophy, University of Ljubljana, University of St. Pölten, University Cyril & Methodius, Skopje, 2010-2011.
3. *Academic Fellowship Program* (AFP), HESP, OSI Budapest 2010-2015
4. CEEPUS *Philosophy and Interdisciplinary* (2016 - to date).

**22. Partner**

University of Tetova

Faculty of Philosophy

Department of Philosophy

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History of the Universitu of Tetova and Faculty of Philosophy

The University of Tetova was founded on December 17th, 1994 as an initiative of the Albanian intellectuals, NGOs and various political associations and all enthusiasts of higher education in the country and abroad. The development of UT can be divided into two periods: 1994-2003 and 2004 till present. The period 1994-2003 is the historical time of the University establishment. The decision of the Albanian intellectuals Assembly for the establishment of a higher education institution in Albanian language in the Republic of Macedonia was unacceptable by the Government, therefore the University operated as an unregistered entity (illegal). This implied that it was not funded by the budget of the Republic of Macedonia. The teaching activities were to be organized, and lectures took place in private improvised buildings – classrooms were professors from the country, professors from the University of Prishtina and Tirana lectured. The University of Tetova is known as the university where blood was shed when it was established; respectively a day after the first lecture on February 2005, by protecting the University building, one of the protesters was shot by the police forces.

Six faculties with a total of 13 fields of study functioned within the University: Faculty of Law, Faculty of Economy, Faculty of Philosophy, Faculty of Philology, Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics and Faculty of Fine Arts. In the following years two additional faculties were established: the Faculty of Physical Education in 1996, and in 2000/2001 the Faculty of Medical Sciences with two fields of study: General medicine and Dentistry. From 2004 onwards is the period of institutional development and the time of academic modernization of the UT. From January 2004, the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia, with a special law for the establishment of the State University of Tetova, finally UT gains the status of a public institution of higher education in the Republic of Macedonia in Albanian language, with headquarters in Tetovo. The fields of study of the Faculty of Philosophy, Faculty of Philology, Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Physical Education became a part of the Faculty of Human Sciences, whereas the Polytechnic Center functioned as colleges with two new fields of study: Civil engineering and Biotechnology. The Faculty of Medical Sciences ceased to function. The year of 2004 found the university with the following faculties: Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, Faculty of Human Sciences and Arts, Faculty of Economics, Faculty of Law and the Center for Polytechnic Studies – college. In 2008, a new law for State University of Tetova was adopted, by which the law of 2004 was changed and supplemented. By these changes the Faculty of Philosophy, Faculty of Philology, Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Physical Education were approved as separate faculties of the State University of Tetova, while the Center for Polytechnic Studies was transformed into a separate faculty, i.e. Faculty of Applied Sciences. During the same year the Faculty of Public Administration and Faculty of Food Technology and Nutrition were founded. By this, the State University of Tetova consists of 11 faculties and 35 study programs, 93 fields of study. During the last ten years, the changes in university have been focused on establishing new study programs, which are in accordance with the needs and requirements of the labour market and deficient profiles in the region.

The Faculty of Philosophy has five departments: Philosophy, Sociology, History, Psychology, Oriental philology. The study programs of the Faculty of Philosophy are designed according to the principles of the Bologna System. These study programs will adapt to the dynamics of reforms in the education system in the country and will be harmonized with contemporary trends in education.

The faculty’s aim is that the students gain: competition in European academic market; specialization through the development of competencies; internationally accepted programs, academic mobility.

The Faculty of Philosophy organizes: interactive lectures and debates, learning in laboratory and on the field, teaching through IT, new approach “Students on focus”, etc.

Department of Philosophy

Four-year undergraduate studies enable the student to be informed with various basic concepts, schools and movements in philosophy. In this time period, the student acquires knowledge of all the methods and philosophical disciplines which are related to undergraduate studies in this field of knowledge. Philosophy graduate is equipped with criticizing and logical concepts to put in function the personal competencies in the education process. Master cycle enables the students to work in secondary and tertiary education, analytical teams, scientific-research institutions, etc.

Teaching Staff of the Department

Galip Veliu, Ph.D. is full professor in Epistemology, Philosophy of science and Logic at the Faculty of Philosophy. He received a master degree in philosophy and a Ph.D. in philosophy at Middle East Technical University. His research interests include Knowledge and Immortality, Conception of God from a contemporary epistemological perspective, The difference between Scientific and Revealed Knowledge, Evolution from a Contemporary Epistemological Perspective, The Myth of Knowledge and the philosophy of Royce (Royce’s Critique of Kant’s Epistemology) and Newton (Newton’s Pantokrator in His Philosophy of Nature). He has been an invited speaker.

Reshat Qahili, PHD, is a full professor in Contemporary philosophy and Philosophical Anthropology at the Faculty of Philosophy. He received a master degree in philosophy at the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Sarajevo and a Ph.D. in philosophy at Faculty of Philosophy, University of Prishtina. His research interests include contemporary philosophy and the philosophy of Erich Fromm.

Qani Nesimi, PHD, is a full professor in Philosophy of religion and Axiology at the Faculty of Philosophy. He received a bachelor and master degree in University "Majis 19" Samsun-Turkey and a Ph.D. at University "Ss. Cyril and Methodius" Skopje. His research interests include Interfaith Dialogue in Balkans During the History, Religious coexistence in Balkans, Religious freedom etc.

Kushtrim Ahmeti, PHD, assistant professor, completed his doctoral studies in the field of Political Philosophy at the University of Tirana. He lectures Political Philosophy, Philosophy of moral, and Introduction to Philosophy at the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Tetova, where he started working immediately after completing studies as an assistant for the philosophy courses. Currently he chairs the department of philosophy. He has published several scientific articles in the field of political philosophy and multiculturalism in education and has presented papers in many international scientific conferences. His research interests include political philosophy, philosophy of multiculturalism and postmodern philosophy of Michel Foucault.

**23. Partner**

University of Montenegro

Faculty of Philosophy

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**Description of the Department the Department of Philosophy-Nikšić**

Historically, the Department of Philosophy and Sociology at Faculty of Philosophy (University of Montenegro) was seminal in establishing Philosophy and Sociology within the academic system after World War II. Besides, it was founded in 1988. through the radical transformation of the Department of Marxism and Socialist Self-Government (1974-1988). The separation of the study of philosophy and sociology was done during the 1992, and much of this was due to Professors Bogoljub Šijaković and Savo Laušević. The Department had a number of members who worked in the history of philosophy and phenomenology, and they gave a special „seal“ to the development of the Department of Philosophy. Professors Vladimir Vukićević and Spasoje Ćuzulan made an extremely important contribution, as well as guest lecturers Ljubomir Tadić, Simo Elaković, Ignjatije Midić, Nikola Milošević, Miladin Životić, etc.

At present, the Department is building on these foundations in a new phase of expansion and development. The Department of Philosophy, in accordance with the Bologna process, has licenced the bachelor (3 years), master (2 years) and doctoral (3 years) studies of philosophy. All classes are one semester long and in line with all the standards needed for the programme accreditation. The courses are created in such a way that they provide combination of both classical (Logic, Ontology, Ethics, Aesthetics) and contemporary philosophical disciplines (Bioethics, Philosophy of mind, Philosophy of politics, Modern transformations of philosophy, Contemporary philosophical movements, etc.). Besides, the students of the Department of Philosophy of Niksic acquire primarily systematized, fundamental knowledge from historical philosophical discipline such as The History of Byzantine Philosophy, Metaphysical topics in ancient and medieval philosophy, modern and contemporary philosophy.

The current Department members: Drago Perovic, full professor and Head of Department, Savo Laušević, full professor, Slavka Gvozdenović, Boris Brajović, Dragan Jakovljević, full professors, Vladimir Drekalović, Radoje Golović, Srđan Maraš, Dušan Ignjatović and Dušan Krcunović, associate professors, Darko Blagojević, Gordana Krcunović and Nebojša Banović, assistant professors.

Around 30 to 40 BA students per year are enrolled in the first year, 3 in the MA studies and 1-2 in the doctoral studies.

**24. Partner**

University St. Cyril and Methodius in Skopje

Faculty of Philosophy

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Description of the Department (Institute for Philosophy)

The Institute for Philosophy (further interchangeably used with “Department of Philosophy”) is the oldest constitutive part of the Faculty of Philosophy of the University Ss. Cyril and Methodius, founded in December 1920 as a branch of the University of Belgrade, and reopened after the Second World War in December 1945.

The Institute grew and continues to grow together with the other unit members of the Faculty and has gone through several specific and inevitable developmental phases due to various causes of external and internal nature. Today, it is a modern Higher Education unit, yet it manages to upkeep its basic principles and nourish its tradition.

In the 2004/05 academic year the Department of Philosophy, with the rest of the Faculty of Philosophy, introduced the European Credit Transfer System. This change implied re-shaping of the study programs and an extensive introduction of new or transformed courses. In the 2009/2010 academic year, the MA program was re-modelled into a one year (two semesters) program, instead of the previous two years (4 semesters program). The PhD Program in Philosophy, designed by the recommendation of the Bologna Declaration, is also active, according to University regulations.

The academic staff of the Department of Philosophy is comprised of:

-5 full professors

I. Dzeparoski, Department Chief – Aesthetics, History of Aesthetics, and the Aesthetics MA module.

B. Sarkanjac - Philosophy of Politics, Sociology of Health and Illness, Sociology of Medicine, and the Philosophy of Politics MA module;

A. Dimishkovska – Introduction to Symbolic Logic, History of Logic, Theory of Knowledge, Methodology, Techniques of Academic Writing, Philosophy of Law, Philosophy of Language, Non-classical Logic, and the Logic and Epistemology MA module.

D. Donev – Ethics, History of Ethics, Ecological Ethics, and the Ethics MA module (pending accreditation).

R. Solunchev – History of Modern Philosophy (Bacon-Kant), German Classical Idealism, Contemporary Philosophy, Philosophy of Post-Modernism, and the Contemporary Philosophy MA module.

-3 associate professors

J. Popovska (Naumoska) – Byzantine Philosophy, Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy, Hellenistic-Roman Philosophy, Philosophical Anthropology, Approaches to History of Philosophy, and the Ancient and Byzantine Philosophy MA module.

M. Todorovska – Introduction to Philosophy, Theories of Religion, Philosophy of Religion, Ontology, Philosophical Terminology, and the Philosophy of Religion MA module;

Vangel Nonevski – Philosophical anthropology, Philosophy of technique, Philosophy of culture

-several associated experts.

The members of the Institute are active both in teaching and philosophical research, in the country and worldwide.

The Institute offers a 4-year degree program (BA in Philosophy), 1-year master program (MA in Philosophy), as well as a 3-year PhD program (PhD in Philosophy). The members of the academic staff of the Department serve as supervisors and committee members of many MA and PhD theses at the Faculty of Philosophy, but also at other Faculties in Macedonia and abroad. The curriculum on undergraduate and graduate level includes two types of elective courses: internal, offered by the Institute for Philosophy, and external (available from the total range of courses offered at the Faculty of Philosophy or from the comprehensive list of elective courses at the University Ss Cyril and Methodius).

The number of students per enrolment depends on fluctuating quota, determined by the Ministry of Education and Science.

**25. Partner**

Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”

Faculty of Philosophy

Department of Philosophy, Department of History of Philosophy and Department of Logic, Ethics and Aesthetics

Country: Bulgaria

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The Faculty of Philosophy has been one of the main centres of humanities in Bulgaria ever since the founding of Sofia University “St Kliment Ohridski” in 1888. The Faculty is one of the biggest scientific centres in South-East Europe in the fields of social sciences and humanities, at least when the number of students and the provision of professors, library fund, material and technical facilities and information are concerned. The Faculty is the working place for over 180 highly qualified professors, associated professors and teaching assistants, as well as for around 3000 students from 25 countries, who are doing their studies at three educational levels – BA, MA, Ph.D.

The different BA and MA programmes, along with the respective departments (‘chairs’) provide a large number of postgraduate courses, develop projects and carry out expert and consulting activities in their fields. The faculty has always been distinguished by a high level of education, a strong academic freedom and a principle of civic engagement.

The mission of the educators, students and staff members is to study, explore, develop and transmit human experience in social and political spheres through high scientific and practical qualification. The Faculty of Philosophy acts as an institution of national importance and forms the core of the Bulgarian humanist intellectuals’ society.

The Faculty has 12 departments (‘chairs’) that govern different BA and MA programs. The following of them provide education in English:

- BA Philosophy in English - http://phls.uni-sofia.bg/article/507

- MA Philosophy taught in English - http://ma.su-phls.info/en/?page\_id=33

- MA General Psychology in English - http://ma.su-phls.info/en/?page\_id=168

- MA Organizational Psychology and Cross-Cultural Management (in English) - http://ma.su-phls.info/en/?page\_id=176

- MA Political pathologies of the global world - http://ma.su-phls.info/en/?page\_id=188

- MA Media Communication Culture - http://ma.su-phls.info/en/?page\_id=198\

- MA European Master in Women’s and Gender History (Matilda) - http://ma.su-phls.info/en/?page\_id=196

- MA Politics and Policies of the European Union - http://ma.su-phls.info/en/?page\_id=224

- MA Public Administration - http://ma.su-phls.info/en/?page\_id=214

- MA Europe and the Globalizing world

The philosophy is taught in Sofia University since its foundation in 1888. Now it is taught by three departments: Philosophy, History of Philosophy and Logics, Ethics and Aesthetics. Its long tradition and diversity of disciplines contribute to a broad understanding of what philosophy is and to a variety of approaches to it.

The Department of Philosophy is founded in 1888 and is one of the oldest at the Sofia University. Directors were some of the most notorious philosophers and intellectuals in Bulgaria like Dimitar Michalchev, Krastio Krastev and others. Its present members are concentrated on developing various approaches and methods toward different realities of the human existence: ontology, epistemology, philosophy of science, philosophical anthropology, philosophy of history, philosophy of education, religion and social philosophy.

The Department of History of Philosophy is founded in 1934 and some of the most eminent philosophers took part in it and were its directors: Ivan Gueorgov, Ivan Sarailiev, Sava Ganovsky, Nikolai Iribadjakov, Tzotzo Bojadjev and others. Present members of the Department work on philosophers from Tales to Derrida. In the Department there are specialists on almost all philosophical schools and periods: ancient philosophy, medieval philosophy, philosophy of modern times, contemporary philosophy, oriental philosophy, Russian philosophy, analytical philosophy, marxism, existential philosophy, structuralism and poststructuralism, Frankfort school and many others.

The Department of Logic, Ethics and Esthetics is founded in 1964 and its work is focused on these three philosophical disciplines in both the systematical and the historical approach. Part of the Department were figures as Issac Passy, Nedialko Merdjanov, Kiril Neshev, Angel Bankov and many others.