



# CEEPUS programme and the network *Philosophy and Interdisciplinarity*

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# CEEPUS



- „Central European Exchange Network for University Studies”
- 16 signatory countries of the CEEPUS III Agreement in Central and South-East Europe (but not Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Greece)
- CEEPUS IV Agreement in 2025:
  - Austria still remains within CEEPUS, Ukraine and some other countries of East Europe (maybe Belarus) and the Caucasian region (Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan) may join the CEEPUS programme.
  - It will partly keep virtual and hybrid mobilities as complementing the traditional physical way of academic exchanges, which will nevertheless remain the priority.



# Genesis of the network



- SS 2014/2015 and WS 2015/2016 first contacts and first network application

Academic year	Status of the network	Rank of the network	Number of countries	Number of partner institutions	Number of mobility months awarded
2016/2017	<i>Umbrella</i>	<b>79</b> / 100	6 / 16	<b>11</b> (12)	0 (+30)
2017/2018	Full-fledged	<b>48</b>	8	<b>14</b> (15)	47 (+19)
2018/2019	Full-fledged	<b>21</b>	9	<b>16</b> (18)	69 (+15)
2019/2020	Full-fledged	<b>20</b>	10	<b>19</b> (22)	90 (+?)
2020/2021	Full-fledged	<b>16</b>	12	<b>22</b> (25)	103 (+?)
2021/2022	Full-fledged	<b>18</b> / 86	14	<b>24</b> (27)	111 (+?)
2022/2023	Full-fledged	<b>30</b>	14	<b>25</b> (29)	118 (+?)
2023/2024	Full-fledged	<b>20</b>	14	<b>26 (30)</b>	99



# Name and goal of the network

## *Philosophy and Interdisciplinarity*



- **First network** within CEEPUS dedicated primarily to **philosophy**
- Fosters **interdisciplinary research on a broad philosophical basis**
- Investigates foundation, potentials and purposes of interdisciplinary research
- Connects institutions of Central and SE Europe
- **Institutionalization** of the existing international cooperation between departments and institutes for philosophy in C and SE Europe (*thèse en cotutelle*)
- **Internationalization** of education at the institutions of SE Europe



# Internationalization of education in SE Europe



1. More circulation of foreign students and teachers
2. More opportunities for student and teacher mobilities when combining Erasmus+ with CEEPUS
3. Introduction of new courses in English/German/French



# Partner institutions in the network (26)



1. Poland: *Uniwersytet Warszawski + Uniwersytet Jana Pawła II w Krakowie*
2. Czech Republic: *Univerzita Karlova + Ostravská univerzita*
3. Slovakia: *Trnavská univerzita*
4. Austria: *Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz*
5. Hungary: *Károli Gáspár Református Egyetem (Budapest)*
6. Romania: *Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara*
7. Slovenia: *Univerza v Ljubljani + Univerza v Mariboru*
8. Croatia: *Sveučilište u Zagrebu + Splitu + Osijeku*
9. B&H: *Univerzitet u Zenici + Sarajevu*
10. Serbia: *Univerzitet u Novome Sadu + Nišu*
11. Montenegro: *Univerzitet u Crnoj Gori (Filozofski fakultet, Nikšić)*
12. Kosovo: *Universiteti i Prishtinës*
13. Macedonia: *Univerzitet Sv. Kiril i Metodij (Skopje) + Universiteti i Tetovës*
14. Bulgaria: *Sofijski universitet Sv. Kliment Ohridski*



## *(27) + 4: Silent partner institutions*



Research institutions within the network:

1. Zagreb: *Centre of Excellence for Integrative Bioethics*
2. Prague: *Central-European Institute of Philosophy*
3. Graz: *Österreichische Gesellschaft für Kinderphilosophie*
4. Osijek: *Center for Interdisciplinary Research of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Osijek*



# Annual coordination meetings and conferences



- Coordination meetings
  1. Zagreb 15.-16. 9. 2017
  2. Split 21.-23. 9. 2018
  3. Zagreb 20.-22. 9. 2019
  4. Virtual meetings 18.-19. 9. and 30. 10. 2020
  5. Virtual meeting 18. 9. 2021
  6. Virtual meeting 16. 9. 2022
  7. Virtual meeting 30. 9. 2023( + regular communication between the main coordinator and other coordinators or NCOs through e-mail)
- Conference *Pluralismus und interdisziplinäre Perspektiven / Pluralism and Interdisciplinary Perspectives* (Institut für Philosophie, Graz, 15.-18. 11. 2018.)



# Summer Schools



## **First summer school: „The Role of Philosophy in Interdisciplinary Research and the Encounter of European Societies”**

July 12-18, 2021, University of **Graz**

- 12 lecturing teachers (Czech Republic 1, Austria 4, Poland 2, Croatia 2, Serbia 3; 6 of them were local network coordinators; cancellations from Romania, Slovenia, Bulgaria, B&H)
- 31 (BA/MA/PhD) foreign students (Czech Republic 1, Slovakia 5, Poland 4+6, Croatia 5+2, Serbia 4+4)
- Lectures and discussions, seminars, round tables (relaxed, interactive, and improvised when needed; *café philosophique* in leisure time)
- Extra funding (2000 euros) for travel costs from the project *Dimensionen der Europäisierung* of the University of Graz.



# Summer Schools



## **Second summer school: „Interdisciplinarity within Philosophy, Philosophy behind Interdisciplinarity“**

July 10-16, 2023, [Center for Interdisciplinary Research](#), Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of **Osijek**

- 17 lecturing teachers (Germany 1, Czech Republic 3, Austria 1, Poland 1, Romania 1, Slovenia 2, Croatia 4, Serbia 4; 10 of them were local network coordinators)
- 30 (BA/MA/PhD) foreign students (Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Serbia, Bulgaria) and ca. 10 Croatian students (from Osijek, Split and Zagreb)
- Lectures and discussions, seminars, round tables (relaxed, interactive, and improvised when needed)
- Extra organizational and financial support for travel and accommodation from various Croatian institutional sources.



# Summer Schools



## Future summer schools

- **Frequency: every 2 years**
- **Location of the next summer school (July 2025):** Faculty of Humanities, Prague
- **Topics of summer schools in the future:** either the general topic(s) of the network or some special topic within interdisciplinary fields connected to philosophy



# Interdisciplinarity of research fields in the network



- 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**.



# Joint programs



- In principle joint BA, MA or PhD studies (at least *thèse en cotutelle*)
- Since 2018/2019 other, less formalized and defined forms of joint programs are also possible and valued:
  - **Joint courses** (courses held together at 2 or more institutions within the network and courses made up of guest lecturers):  
E.g. WW 2018/2019 professors Igor Mikecin and Lj. F. Ježić (Zagreb) and Una Popović (Novi Sad) at Charles University, Department of German and French Philosophy created and held a new course *Die Rolle der Sprache in Philosophie, Kunst und Religion*.



# Possible mobilities within CEEPUS



- Student (semestral) mobility
- Short-term student mobility
- Teacher mobility
- Short excursion (only students, primarily for summer schools)

More at: [official CEEPUS website](#) (with the click on the flag of each country scholarship amount and details are presented for incoming mobilities to that country)

[Guidelines for incoming students and teachers at partner institutions within the network „Philosophy and Interdisciplinarity”](#)



# How to retain and improve the network rank?



➤ responsible quota fulfillment

i.e. if *physical mobilities* aren't feasible because of pandemic, please conduct *virtual mobilities* !

➤ through joint program implementation:

1) *thèse en cotutelle* and 2) *joint courses*





Thank you for your attention!

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