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IX International Conference on Intercultural Philosophy

Topic: Living together: Problems and possibilities in today's world. An intercultural approximation

Place: University of Costa Rica

Date: from February 14 to February 18, 2011

The initiative to dedicate the IX International Conference on Intercultural Philosophy to discuss the topic of living together emerges from the final debates at the VIII International Conference on Intercultural Philosophy in Seoul, South Korea. It was thought then that such a discussion could serve as a motive to reflect on some of the most relevant problems in today's contemporary world.

During that conference, the consensus was that cultures not only see living together as a way of living essential in human development, but as a program to be developed in all cultures and which encompasses practically all areas of human activity: sciences, art, literature, education, religion, politics, language, entertainment, work, and, of course, philosophy. The idea was that the next conference would serve as a means to study more thoroughly, not only about the knowledge regarding the conceptions on living together in various cultures, but on the proposals derived from each.

The globalized development in today's contemporary world has brought about new processes in human history that bring up new challenges. Such is the case with global warming, migration, cultural intolerance, terrorism of various sorts, economical crises, etc. Intercultural Philosophy cannot stay apathetic before these new obstacles; instead, it must reflect on its perspective, as well as research inside the cultural baggage of all towns in search of what were valid answers at different times, and on new proposals for the new times.

The focus at the IX Conference will primarily consist of: 1. Each of the various cultures' perceptions regarding living together; 2. The discussion of the various proposals provided by each culture in relation to living together from an intercultural point of view; 3. The analysis of the possible interpretations of living together for human beings under the current conditions of today's global society.

The debates will focus, explicitly and permanently on intercultural confrontation, based on the those three objectives:

Objectives:

General Objective:

To know the various dimensions of human living together according to diverse current cultures of the world, particularly as ways of life in today's societies.

Specific Objectives:

1. To create a space for conversation between various cultures as an area to develop new perspectives on living together, from the perspective of Intercultural Philosophy.
2. To examine the proposals from the main cultures in light of the challenges of today's contemporary world.
3. To construct a space for reflection regarding the emerging of new applications of Intercultural Philosophy in the framework of living together as a way of life.
4. To build the study of the different conceptions on living together as a meeting point for Intercultural dialogue.
5. To analyze the conceptions that the various cultures offer regarding human living together as a way of life.

Program

Monday February 14th 2011:

- 9:00 Opening
10:00 Introduction: *Raúl Fornet-Betancourt*
11:00 Inaugural Conference: *Franz Hinkelammert*
"Ethics for living together"
11:30 Discussion
12:00 Pause

1st Section: Concepts and practices of living together in human cultures

- 14:00 „Living together“ in Asian Traditions
Anand Amaladass (Indien)
Jau-hwa Chen (Taiwan)
- 15:15 Discussion
- 16:00 Pause
- 16:30 Round table: “Living together” in Korean Society and Culture (Section of the Korean Society for Intercultural Philosophy)
Hyondok Choe
Heisook Kim
Kwang-Sun Joo
Sang-bong Kim
- 18:00 Discussion
- 19:00 Intercultural Activity

Thursday February 15th 2011:

- 9:00 „Living together“ in African and Arab Traditions:
Albert Kasanda (Congo)
Sarhan Dhouib (Tunisia)
- 10:00 Discussion
- 10:45 Pause
- 11:15 „Living together“ in European Traditions:
Bärbel Frischmann (Germany)
Hans Schelkshorn / Franz Gmainer-Pranzl (Austria)
- 12:30 Discussion
- 13:30 Pause
- 15:00 „Living together“ in Latin-American Traditions:
Dina Picotti (Argentina)
Milton Cáceres (Ecuador)
- 16:00 Discussion
- 17:00 Pause
- 17:30 Round table: “Living together” in the actual Mexican Society
Javier Corona
Francisco López
- 18:30 Discussion
- 19:00 Intercultural Activity

Wednesday February 16th 2011 :

2nd Section Problems and possibilities of living together in today's world. Intercultural proposals

- 9:00 Living together: One intercultural perspective of the current problems
Josef Estermann (Bolivia/Suiza)
- 9:30 Roundtable: "Migrations and living together"
Alexander Jiménez Matarrita: Migrations, Interculturality and living together.
Rina Cáceres: African Diaspora
Mayra Achío: Chinese Migrations and living together
Carlos Sandoval: Migrations, Interculturality and Labor
- 10:30 Discussion
- 12:00 Pause
- 12:30 Activity in the surroundings of San José

Thursday February 17th 2011:

- 9:00 For a culture of coexistence in conflict situation
Héctor Samour (El Salvador)
- 9:30 Roundtable: "Education, Interculturality and living together".
Maestría en Educación Intercultural (UNA)
Escuela Ecuménica de Ciencias de la Religión (UNA)
Ministerio de Educación Pública
- 10:30 Discussion
- 11:30 Pause
- 14:00 Music, Interculturality and living together
Manuel Obregón (Costa Rica)
- 14:30 Gender, Interculturality and living together
Úrsula Hauser (Costa Rica)
- 15:00 Round table: Smells, colors and flavors for living together
Marjorie Ross
Isabel Campabadal
Patricia Sedó
- 15:30 Discussion
- 17:00 Pause
- 19:00 Intercultural Activity



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Friday February 18th 2011 :

09:00 Plenary
10:30 Closing Ceremony
12:00 Reception

Registration:

All Congress participants must register in advance in order to be entitled to attend all sessions and other activities scheduled for them, as well as to receive all materials of Congress. Registration will begin on August 1st, 2010 through the web site of Congress.

Fees:

Participants	\$ 50
Students	\$ 20

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