



Invitation to the

14th International Conference on Philosophical Practice (ICPP) 2016 Bern (CH)

Philosophical Practice is based on the conviction that philosophizing does not merely aim at attaining knowledge, but primarily at developing a deeper awareness of questions of human existence and of everyday life. Philosophical dialogue thus supports us in the search for our path in life. Therefore, the aim of Philosophical Practice is a better understanding of the other and of oneself.

In recent years, a remarkably varied international movement has been developing, and periodical **International Conferences of Philosophical Practice** have taken place since 1994. For the year 2016, the Netzwerk für Praktisches Philosophieren *philopraxis.ch* is organizing the 14th *ICPP*. We warmly invite you to participate in this event.

The 14th International Conference of Philosophical Practice (ICPP) 2016 in Bern (CH)

Place: Campus Muristalden, Muristrasse 8, Bern. The place is 5 minutes to walk from the old town center and has a restaurant as well as a cafeteria on campus.

Time: From Thursday, 4th August, to Monday, 8th August, 2016.

Subject of the conference: Understanding the other and oneself.

The 14th *ICPP* 2016 is, as usual, a conference by Philosophical Practitioners for Philosophical Practitioners. However, there will also be public events in cooperation with the *Volkshochschule Bern*. Most importantly, we aim at exchange and dialogue.

Languages: Generally English. In addition, some events will be delivered in German, French and Italian (partial translation being provided).

Planning, Organization and Management

Detlef Staude (Bern, Chairman), Mike Roth (Konstanz; program), Imre Hofmann (Zurich; media and internet), Eckart Ruschmann (Bregenz; program), Christine Mok-Wendt (poster-sessions), Oriana Brückner (Geneva; translations), Albert Hoffmann (Zurich; organization and Facebook), Vander Lemes (Bern; project-management and translation), Bernadette Hagenbuch (Basel; finance), Margrit Spanknebel (registration), and others.

Structure

— As a novelty, poster-sessions will be held. The posters will be placed conspicuously during the entire conference, and will be presented by the authors twice for a duration of 30 minutes. After the presentation, interested participants will have the opportunity to discuss the topic for 30 minutes in a nearby room. The *ICPP* will organize and pay for the printing of 2 posters in the format A0 (119 x 84 cm). Those scheduled to present a poster will receive further details.

— In addition, there will be praxis-oriented events (workshops), panel-sessions, a few lectures, mini-sessions and reflection groups.

— Selected events will be filmed (in case of consent) and made accessible on the Internet (AGORA; www.philopractice.org).

— A short overview is the first draft of the program. Naturally, it is subject to changes.

Further Schedule

You now are able to register for participation in the conference. For our planning, early application is helpful. Early applicants will be given a discount until the end of January 2016. In April, you will receive the detailed program and by beginning of July 2016 the ready-for-print program as a PDF-file.

Financial information and registration

You will be fully registered as soon as we receive your participation fee. The amount is:

- from November 2015 until 31st of January 2016 **CHF 295.-** (which is about 270 €).

- February or later: CHF 340.- .

- A reduction of registration fee to CHF 150.- is possible for financially needy participants. If you want to apply for that reduction, please inform us about it when you register. We decide as soon as possible whether we are able to grant the reduction.

We would like to appeal to participants of the ICPP in Bern to support other philosophical practitioners with limited financial abilities. To do so, please transfer 45. - CHF (or more) in addition to the participation fee. Thank you in advance in the name of those will find a financial relief through your solidarity.

Please transfer the congress fee (and the possible solidarity contribution) to the

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Please sign in with an e-mail to the following address: registration-icpp2016@philopraxis.ch .

For the registration we need your first and last name(s), e-mail-address, mobile number, URL of your own practice (if you have a website), name of the university where you studied philosophy, and a very brief description of yourself and your philosophical practice. If you apply for reduction (or granted a solidarity contribution), or if you are interested in a cheap dormitory or sleeping place at private volunteers' homes during your stay, please indicate that as well.

Confirmation

You will get from us a confirmation as soon as you have registered. If you apply for reduction, please send your money as soon as you get our answer. Participants who offer presentations at the conference must also pay the participation fee, but they will get some benefits such as vouchers for meals or drinks.

Accommodation

The number of hotels in Bern is small, and August is touristic high season. It is therefore advisable to book early. The leaflet "accommodation" gives you an overview of the cheapest hotels. Only the 4*-hotel offers special prices for the conference. If the prices are still too high for you, very cheap accommodation in 6-bed-dormitories is available in a hotel close to the Campus Muristalden. Let us know in case you are interested. It might also be possible to stay in private volunteers' homes for free. If you are open for that, please tell us too.

The way to your destination

Bern is the capital of Switzerland, but its airport is small (<http://www.flughafenbern.ch> , Bern-Belp, BRN) with flights from some European cities. You can also drive to Bern by train or fly to one of the

other Swiss airports (Basel/Mulhouse, BSL, 1 ½ hours from Bern; Zurich, ZRH, 1 ½ hours from Bern, Geneva, GVA, 2 ½ hours from Bern) and take the train from there. The Bern train station is close to the center, and you can easily walk from it to most hotels.

For the Campus Muristalden take the bus number 12 (direction: Zentrum Paul Klee) until *Liebegg*. The conference starts at the 4th of August at 15:00. The registration desk is open from 13:00 until 17:00. The conference ends on the 8th of August 22:00 with a final dinner.

For further information, please contact <http://www.philopraxis.ch/14th-iccp-2016> or send an e-mail to icpp2016@philopraxis.ch.