International Conference

Philosophical Anthropology and Evolutionary Biology:

Historical Context and Current Debates

Bordeaux,
November 30 - December 1st, 2023
Schedule
Thursday, November 30
Bordeaux University, Building B2, Conference room, groundfloor (bâtiment B2, Salle des séminaires, rez-de-chaussée)

2.30 pm: Welcoming of the speakers

2.45 - 4.15 pm: Chair: Mathilde Lequin

Prof. Dr. Hans-Peter Krüger (Potsdam University): Six Developmental Potentials of Personal Life Forms.


Break

4.30 - 6.00 pm:


Alexandre Iagodkine (Bordeaux Montaigne University, SPH): Understanding Evolution in a Philosophical-Anthropological Perspective: Helmuth Plessner’s Positionality as an Alternative to Darwin’s Selection?
Friday, December 1st
Bordeaux University, Building B2, Conference room, groundfloor (bâtiment B2, Salle des séminaires, rez-de-chaussée)

9.15 – 10.45 am: Chair: Alexandre Iagodkine

Prof. Dr. Joachim Fischer (TU Dresden): Philosophical Anthropology - a third way between Darwinism and Foucaultism.

Filip Jaroš (University of Hradec Králové): Animal Cultures: The Triumph or the Pitfall of Naturalism?

Break

11.00 – 12.30 am:


Étienne Bimbenet (Bordeaux Montaigne University, SPH): Philosophical Anthropology and Evolutionary Psychology: a Debate.

Lunch

2.30 – 4.00 pm: Chair: Étienne Bimbenet


Corijn van Mazijk (University of Groningen): The Evolution of Social Intentionality: Reading Husserl’s Theory of Empathy from a Contemporary Perspective.

Break

4.15-5.00 pm:

Mathilde Lequin (Bordeaux University, CNRS, PACEA): Looking at Philosophical Anthropology from the Philosophy of Paleoanthropology.
In the past decades, German philosophical anthropology (Scheler, Plessner, Gehlen, Blumenberg) has enjoyed a resurgence of interest. This rediscovery is particularly taking place through the question of anthropogenesis and man’s place among living beings. What is modern human’s relationship with his phylogenetic past? What in his evolution brings him closer to other forms of animal life? And what may distinguish him? Historically, philosophical anthropology has thoroughly discussed these topics. It has questioned the significance of evolution theory for our own understanding of humanity, of what it means to be human. These problems remain critical in modern models for defining the development of cognition, sociality, and culture, in the human sphere as well as in the animal world. The International Conference “Philosophical Anthropology and Evolutionary Biology: Historical Context and Current Debates” invites us to reflect on these issues.

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