

Institute of Philosophy, the Czech Academy of Sciences, is pleased to announce

6th Colloquium on the Modalities of the Good

8th – 10th August 2018
Prague, Czech Republic

The Colloquium on the Modalities of the Good seeks since its beginning in 2009 to facilitate a conversation between thinkers of broadly speaking Platonic tradition in ethics, and to open it to the philosophical public. The tradition is marked not only by its commitment to absolute value and to the irreducibility of basic ethical concepts, but also by viewing understanding less as a work of reason than of thought and thus also of emotions. Internal to this conception, and so to the tradition itself, is thus the problem of how to approach the issues: of the relation between the what and the how in philosophical, particularly ethical, thinking. Reflection about the give-and-take between the substance and the method goes back to Socrates' and Plato's exploration of the philosophical dialogue. It characterises not only thinkers who acknowledge their kinship to Plato, such as Søren Kierkegaard or Simone Weil, but also some who do not, such as Ludwig Wittgenstein. Contemporary 'Platonic' tradition, associated in English-speaking philosophy with the names of Roy Holland, Iris Murdoch, Peter Winch, Raimond Gaita or Cora Diamond, is marked by this dual concern, and the Colloquium thematises to an equal extent the problem(s) of ethics, of thinking about ethics and of ethical thinking. For those same reasons, the Colloquium is emphatically a col-loquium: a conversation about issues of shared interest, offered for discussion by the speakers, rather than a forum for presenting 'finished' results.

Speakers and invited participants:

Arthur Archer (Tilburg University)
Marina Barabas (Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic)
Michael Campbell (Centre for Ethics, University of Pardubice)
Sam Clark (Lancaster University)
Christopher Cordner (University of Melbourne; Centre for Ethics, University of Pardubice)
Christopher Cowley (University College Dublin)
David Levy (University of Edinburgh)
Hugo Strandberg (Centre for Ethics, University of Pardubice)

Organisers: Marina Barabas, Christopher Cowley

Venue: Academic Conference Centre, Husova 4A, Praha 1.

Web: <http://www.flu.cas.cz/en/6th-colloquium-on-the-modalities-of-the-good>

For registration please e-mail Marina Barabas (mbarabas@volny.cz) as soon as possible since capacities are limited. Final date of registration is 31st July 2018.

Attendance is free of charge.

Colloquium language: English