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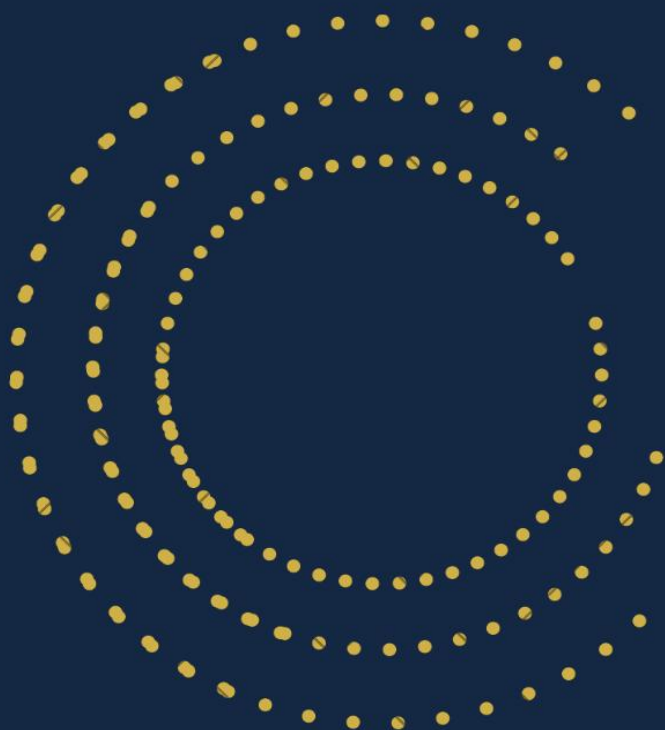


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# Philosophy and Reality

International Conference

Faculty of Philosophy,  
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**Call for Participation  
International Conference**

**PHILOSOPHY AND REALITY  
80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Institute of Philosophy**

Skopje, 15–16 September

The Institute of Philosophy, Faculty of Philosophy – Skopje, is pleased to invite scholars, researchers, and practitioners to participate in an international conference marking **80 years since the foundation of the Institute of Philosophy**.

The keynote speakers confirmed at present are: **Stephen Priest from the University of Oxford** and **María Carmen Velayos Castelo from the University of Salamanca**.

**Philosophy and Reality**

In an age marked by rapid technological change, global crises, social fragmentation, and redefinitions of knowledge, values, and human agency, the question of *reality* has re-emerged as a central philosophical concern. What does it mean to speak of reality today—material, social, virtual, political, or symbolic? How do philosophical concepts shape, interpret, critique, or transform lived reality? Conversely, how does contemporary reality challenge traditional philosophical frameworks?

This conference aims to foster dialogue between classical philosophical problems and contemporary contexts, encouraging both theoretical reflection and interdisciplinary engagement. Contributions may address reality as it is experienced, constructed, mediated, contested, or transformed across different domains of human life.

**Suggested Subtopics (indicative, not exhaustive)**

**Core Philosophical Disciplines**

- **Metaphysics and Ontology of Reality**  
Being and existence; realism and anti-realism; material, ideal, social, and virtual realities; plurality and levels of reality; contingency, necessity, and possibility.
- **Epistemology and Theories of Truth**  
Reality and knowledge; perception, representation, and construction of reality; objectivity and relativism; scientific realism; post-truth and epistemic crises.

- **Ethics and Practical Philosophy**  
Moral reality and normativity; values and facts; ethical responses to contemporary realities (technology, medicine, war, inequality); responsibility in a changing world.
- **Philosophical Anthropology**  
Human reality and the human condition; embodiment, vulnerability, finitude; freedom and agency; identity and recognition in contemporary societies.
- **Logic, Language, and Reality**  
Language as a mediator of reality; meaning, reference, and truth; formal structures and real-world applicability; discourse, narratives, and framing of reality.
- **Philosophy of Mind**  
Mental reality; consciousness and subjective experience; mind–body problem; artificial intelligence and cognitive reality; emotions and affective life.
- **Social and Political Philosophy**  
Social and political reality; power, ideology, and institutions; democracy, crisis, and collective action; public discourse and manipulation of reality; historical processes, temporality, and meaning in social change (philosophy of history).
- **Philosophy and Religion**  
Reality of divinity; philosophical-religious conceptions of God as supreme reality; religious worldview(s) of reality; sacred vs. profane reality; *homo religiosus*' worldview and reality-perception.
- **Philosophy of Science**  
Scientific representations of reality; models, simulations, and explanation; realism and anti-realism; theory–world relations; measurement, objectivity, and values; emergence, reduction, causation, and scientific uncertainty.
- **Aesthetics and Philosophy of Culture**  
Artistic representations of reality; fiction, imagination, and the real; media, images, and cultural realities; reality and illusion in contemporary art.
- **History of Philosophy**  
Conceptions of reality, being, truth, and appearance from ancient, medieval, modern, and contemporary philosophy; continuities, transformations, and critical reinterpretations of philosophical traditions.

### **Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Reality**

- **Philosophy and Psychology**  
Psychological reality and lived experience; construction and perception of reality; trauma, mental health, and subjective worlds; selfhood and identity.
- **Philosophy and Pedagogy**  
Educational realities and learning environments; formation of knowledge and values; reality of institutions, curricula, and pedagogical practices; education in digital and plural realities.
- **Philosophy and Sociology**  
Social construction of reality; everyday life and symbolic interaction; institutions, norms, and power structures; social imaginaries and collective meaning.
- **Philosophy and Politics**  
Political realities and ideologies; governance, democracy, and crisis; war, migration, and geopolitical realities.

- **Philosophy and Economics**  
Economic reality and abstraction; labor, value, and commodification; inequality and social stratification; realities of capitalism, globalization, and precarity.
- **Philosophy and Technology/Digital Reality**  
Virtual and augmented realities; technological mediation of reality; mediated worlds; artificial intelligence and algorithmic governance; data, surveillance, and control; human agency in digitally digitalization.
- **Philosophy and Ecology**  
Environmental reality and climate crisis; human–nature relations; ecological limits; ethical implications of planetary change.

## Languages

The official languages of the conference are **Macedonian and English**.

## Conference Fee

The participation fee is **60 EUR**.

## Application Instructions

Participants are invited to submit their applications by completing the conference application form and sending it to the following email address:

**80yearsphilosophy@fzf.ukim.edu.mk**

Abstracts should clearly present the research question, methodological approach, and relevance to the conference theme.

## Important Deadlines

- **Abstract submission:** 10 May
- **Notification of acceptance:** 25 May
- **Registration and fee payment:** 30 July
- **Full paper submission:** 15 October

Further details regarding the conference program and venue will be provided upon acceptance.

## Publication

Accepted papers, subject to peer review, will be published in the international journal *Philosophy*, issued by the Institute of Philosophy, Faculty of Philosophy – Skopje.

We warmly invite colleagues from the field of philosophy and from related disciplines to join us in reflecting on the meaning, limits, and transformations of reality, from philosophical perspective and beyond.

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