



10th Congress of the ÖGP: "Being Human – Foundation, Imperative or Platitude?" 4 – 6 June 2015, University of Innsbruck

The 10th congress of the *Austrian Society for Philosophy* (Österreichische Gesellschaft für Philosophie) is dedicated to the central theme *Being Human – Foundation, Imperative or Platitude?* The question of what it means and implies to be human is fundamental to philosophy as well as to society in general. At the same time, it runs the risk of eliciting mere platitudes in response.

Even today, being human involves various questions: Is it possible to distinguish humanity, whether biologically or according to our forms of life, from other species or artificial life forms in a meaningful manner? In which respects do human beings differ from persons? Are the faculty of speech or free will perhaps basic criteria of being human?

In particular, the normative term of humanity is worthy of discussion since it tends to oscillate between ideality and triviality. In the area of tension created between fundamental convictions, imperative demands and idle talk, it is important to examine conceptions of humanitarian ethics with their basic principles of humaneness, human dignity, living a good life and conceptions of species boundaries. Moreover, from the perspective of the philosophy of law, one has to consider interpretations of international humanitarian law, crimes against humanity and the foundation of human rights.

Further information: <http://oegp.org/congress-2015/>

Main sections dedicated to the central theme of "being human"

1. Anthropology, Social and Cultural Philosophy
2. Philosophy of Language and Philosophy of Mind
3. Ethics and Philosophy of Law
4. Science and Technology

Apart from these sections, there will be eight general sections grouped according to the major philosophical disciplines, in which research results independent of the congressional theme may be presented.

Keynote speakers

- Prof. Nikita Dhawan (University of Innsbruck)
- Prof. Luciano Floridi (University of Oxford)
- Prof. Rahel Jaeggi (Humboldt University Berlin)
- Prof. Julian Nida-Rümelin (Ludwig Maximilian University Munich)

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