Students of Philosophy Association (USF)

is inviting you to apply for the international symposium

PHILOSOPHY AND SCIENCE

which will be held on 15 and 16 May 2014 at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Zagreb.

Philosophy and science are set in a particular relationship which is hard to define. Despite the fact that that relationship reaches deep into the past, their individual roles in the modern world are not self-evident. While science holds a prominent position, philosophy itself questions its own importance due to a growing tendency of its marginalization. Can the dialogue between philosophy and science help illuminate their relationship and their special place in the modern world? In that sense it is necessary to problematize the place of philosophy between knowledge and interest, science and socio-economic circumstances, and even the ethical consequences in a scientific and technological society. Seeing that scientific methods and theories do not emerge within a social vacuum, it is important to observe the presupposed rationality and the objectivity of science from that point of view as well. By problematizing that relationship from the very foundations to the ultimate consequences, we can contribute greatly to the future of philosophy, but of science itself as well.

The proposed range of topics

-the role of philosophy in a scientific and technological society

-scientific and philosophical discourse

-philosophical foundations of science and scientific methods

-philosophy and the natural sciences

-philosophy and the humanities and social sciences

-philosophy as a mediator between knowledge and interest

-knowledge, philosophy and postmodernity

-dispositives of the academic field

-the delineation between continental and analytical philosophy

-ethics and sciences/ethics in science

It is possible to submit papers which do not follow the listed suggestions, but belong to the specified thematic framework of the symposium. Likewise, the author does not have to limit his work to strictly one theme from the range of topics.

Applications:

Participation in the symposium is applied by filling out the application form which is enclosed with the invitation. The deadline for submitting applications and summaries is 15 April 2014, and 1 May 2014 for submitting the papers if the summaries are accepted. The summaries (from 200 to 500 words) and the papers (from 15 to 30 standard pages) need to be submitted in Croatian or English to usf.simpozij@gmail.com.

The official language of the symposium is Croatian, with the possibility of presenting in English.

Participation on the symposium is free, and the presenters will have secured accommodation. The Students of Philosophy Association is unable to subsidize travel expenses for the participants.

The papers from the symposium will be published in a compilation.

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