

CALL FOR PAPER 2011
**1st Bajo Palabra-UAM International
Philosophy Conference:
“Reflections for a pluralistic world”
Madrid, 21-25 November 2011**

Registration

from January the 1st to April 15th, 2011
<http://conferencebajopalabra.wordpress.com/>

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Presentation and aims

Bajo Palabra Philosophy Association (*Asociación de Filosofía Bajo Palabra*) was founded in the Autonomous University of Madrid. During the last few years, the Association has been engaged in the task of spreading philosophy within and beyond the academic world. As a way of continuing these efforts, Bajo Palabra Philosophy Association has launched for the first time its own *International Philosophy Conference*, with the purpose of opening a pluralistic arena for the development and discussion on the reflections of philosophers and researchers. For the inaugural event, the *1st Bajo Palabra International Philosophy Conference* will take as its main, general topic of discussion that of the challenges of the present world with its complex realities. In the present conjuncture, there can be no doubt as to the importance of the contribution of discourses from the various disciplines of Humanities for a better understanding, as well as for the improvement, of our environment; equally fundamental to this purpose are the interactions between these and other disciplines and practices: philosophy, film and the arts, historiography, natural sciences or politics. All of these will have a chance to communicate and share the results of their respective efforts. On the other hand, nowadays it is clear that the ambition of developing a pluralistic and complex form of thought can no longer be developed without assuming an international scope; because of this, our Conference in its very origins is born out of a close collaboration between both European and American research centres.

Sections of the Conference

Following this general vocation that aims to share “reflections for a pluralistic world”, the following sections are presented to those researchers interested in presenting a paper (of about 25-30 minutes, including some minutes for debate) in the Conference:

1. Metaphysics and Philosophy of Religion:

The branch of the conference on Metaphysics and Philosophy of Religion proposes an open debate on three fundamental concepts in the history of Western thought: Necessity, Contingency, and God. The modal coordinates of the concepts of necessity and contingency open possibilities for multiple philosophical approaches, all of them turning around one and the same core issue: the necessity of God and the contingency

of the world. Our expectation is to open a historical and conceptual debate on the conflict between two antagonistic ontological modalities: that of the “cosmologies of necessity”, as opposed to that of the “ontologies of contingency”. Such an approach has the advantage of its great versatility as for the range of relevant questions and issues it covers.

Branch coordinators: Ana Carrasco Conde, Iván de los Ríos and Miguel Ángel López.

2. Aesthetics and Theory of Arts:

The contemporary modes of experience, be it sensory or artistic, that are so characteristic of our present times, are confronting the new challenges of the virtual or digital universes, opening a wide range of issues that extend from the materiality of their technological supports to the many different ways in which these technologies enable global connectivity and exchange fluxes. Taking these new conditions of existence as a background, we would like to open a debate concerning the aesthetic phenomenon, in order to examine its present coordinates and its still unexplored potentialities – including references to classical issues, or to more traditional modalities of aesthetic experience whose reassessment may prove particularly pertinent in this context.

Branch coordinators: David Díaz Soto, Javier Lareu y Rubén Prada.

3. Ethics, Political Philosophy and Philosophy of Law:

We are in a situation which everyone seems to agree in describing as a “crisis”, be it political, economical or at the level of values. Such a crisis has taken place following the fall of ideologies and the rise of liberal conceptions as a dominant paradigm. In Western philosophy, the influence of Post-structuralism has given place to a lack of structural and systematic stability, making the present situation a rather confused and unpredictable one. On such a context, some are already warning against a regression with respect to our previous social achievements, while others speak about the weakening of political discourse. All of this presents us the urgent task of rethinking the reality or virtuality in which we could reformulate the political, ethical, moral and legal issues, and reconsider how these can affect and transform reality.

Branch coordinators: Delia Manzanero, José David Sánchez Melero, Diego Fernández Peychaux y Diana Constantinescu.

4. Philosophy of History:

Philosophy of History is represented in this Conference with two lines of research. The first one stimulates a critical reflection on the different conceptions of time that have been proposed in the past, emphasizing the debate on the issue of whether history may have been understood as a secularized theology. The second line of work examines the present notion of temporality that has emerged in globalized societies and which is held by a post-modern thought that has warned of the problems and dangers of theleological thinking.

Branch coordinators: Cayetana Martínez, Martin Eyrich and Eduardo Zazo Jiménez.

5. Philosophy of Education:

This branch will address the current situation and the vigor of international contemporary discussions that are taking place within the field of philosophy of education. The panel of philosophy of education intends to be an open space of reflection for those researchers interested in thinking about and discussing different educational issues, from a large variety of philosophical perspectives. Living as we do in a world of increasingly pluralistic dimensions requires a reflective effort from both the educational and pedagogical stands.

Branch coordinators: Bianca Thoilliez, Marina Schwimmer and John Tillson.

6. Spanish and Iberoamerican Philosophy:

The Spanish and Iberoamerican Philosophy branch of 1st Bajo Palabra International Philosophy Conference calls all researchers interested in this field to collaborate, with papers focused on the following subjects: “New proposals coming from Spanish and Iberoamerican thought in the face of the crisis of Western reason”; “The humanistic dimension of Spanish and Iberoamerican thought”; “Multiculturalism and new forms of global organization”.

Branch coordinators: Marta Nogueroles, Gemma Gordo Piñero and Carmen Arriaga.

7. Logic, Philosophy of Science and Philosophy of Language:

The main purpose of this Branch is to stimulate research on issues relating to the fields of Logic, Philosophy of Language, History and Philosophy of Science, Epistemology and related disciplines. Proposals offering innovative approaches, as well as pertinent reassessments of more traditional issues will be particularly appreciated.

Argumentation and philosophical consideration of issues will be given preference over their merely erudite exposition.

Branch coordinators: Alejandro Rodríguez Peña and Jorge Ruíz Abánades.

Organization and management

The organization and management of the Conference will be conducted by the members of Bajo Palabra Philosophy Association. The selection of papers for the Conference will be supervised by the coordinators of the different branches outlined above, who will also have the support of an Advisory Board composed of university Staff members from national and international research centres, who will act as an advisory committee to look after the quality of contributions and the development of the Conference.

1st Award Competition of Bajo Palabra Journal of Philosophy for Young Researchers

To encourage participation of young researchers and to promote the inclusion of their work in the journal, the present competition is announced. It is open to any researcher under 35 years old, who is registered in the Conference and who has submitted an unpublished work to one of the proposed branches. Several prizes will be awarded. Works will be selected by an international jury, based on their originality, academic rigor and accuracy. Each of the winners will get: a certificate from the Autonomous University of Madrid, the outstanding publication of the paper in a journal issue, and the return of the registration fees.

For more information about the competition's rules and selection criteria, please visit: <http://conferencebajopalabra.wordpress.com/>

Works have to be submitted by email to: revistabajopalabra@uam.es. The deadline for the reception of works for taking part in the competition will be on **September 15th, 2011**. The decision will be made public over the celebration of the Conference (21-25 November 2011).

Registration

The submission period will open on January 1st, 2011 and will close on April 15th, 2011. Prospective speakers should submit the abstract of their proposals in: <http://conferencebajopalabra.wordpress.com/>

Registration fees are 30€, both for attendees and speakers. Registration period will be open until November 18th, 2011. All assistants will receive a certificate of attendance and participation in the Conference.

* The recognition of 3 credits for attendees is being processed.

Important dates

15 April 2011: deadline for submissions to the Conference.

15 September 2011: deadline for submissions to the "1st Award of Bajo Palabra Journal of Philosophy for Young Researchers".

18 November 2011: closing date for Conference registration.

21-25 November 2011: Conference celebration.

30 November 2011: deadline for submitting full papers presented at the Conference for evaluation and possible publication in *Bajo Palabra. Journal of Philosophy*.

For more information:

<http://bajopalabraconference.wordpress.com/>

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