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PHILOSOPHY AND SPIRITUALITY ACROSS CULTURES

AND RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS

April 19-21, 2012

Moscow

The present development of a global outlook presents both challenges and opportunities. For instance, a new sense of individual identity can not only enrich the sense of personal dignity but endanger the social foundations upon which the values and virtues of the particular cultures rest. In turn, this can lead to a period of confusion, anomie and even lawlessness. This is especially true for the young who lack a mature experience of the values of their own tradition while exploring unfamiliar and as yet unassimilated values of others.

The conference will seek to explore the deeper spiritual roots of the cultures East and West. In particular it will search for ways of understanding what it means to be human, or a philosophical anthropology; how human life can be lived with justice, dignity and

responsibility, or a philosophical ethics; and the spiritual foundations of values and virtues, or metaphysics for our global times.

A point of special interest will be modes of relating the emerging sense of individual identity to the rich commitments to community and social life which mark the many traditions, and of sharing such insights with the younger generation in their formative years.

In this light papers are invited for the following four sessions:

1. **Contemporary Challenges to traditional Values and Virtues**
2. **Philosophical Foundations for Human Dignity and Meaning**
3. **Integration of Philosophy and Spirituality East and West**
4. **Role of Religion in the Secularized World**

As first information on this conference please note the following:

- **Dates:** Thursday, 19 April – Saturday, 21 April 2012.
- **Venue:** Campus of the Peoples' Friendship University of Russia, Moscow, Russia
- **One page abstract** should be submitted by January 31, 2012 to Professor Ruzana Pskhu r.pskhu@mail.ru and cua-rvp@cua.edu. Presentation of accepted papers will be 20 minutes in length followed by 30 minute discussion. Full papers for which there is no upper page limit will be due by July 1 for publication both in Russian and in English.
- **Number of participants** will be around 40.
- **Logistics:** All travel expenses and accommodation will be covered by participants (or their institutions); lunch/dinner will be covered by PFUR; visa support will be provided by PFUR.

PROGRAM

April, 19 (the Main Building of PRUR – Hall of Rectorat, second floor, 6 Mikluho-Maklaya str.)

9:30 – registration

Welcoming speeches

10:00-10:05 – Vice-rector on Research, PFUR, Prof. **Nur Kirabaev**

10:05-10:10 – Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, PFUR, Prof. **Vladimir Tsvyk**

10:10 – Plenary meeting 1. "Contemporary Challenges to traditional Values and Virtues"

Moderators – Nur Kirabaev, Yuri Pochta

João J. Vila-Chã, Italy, SJ Pontificia Università Gregoriana, "The Meaning of Love: Explorations on the Role of Philosophy in Spirituality"

Madina Tlostanova, Russia, PFUR, "Postcontinental Philosophy and Contemporary Axiological Challenges"

Mikhail Maslin, Russia, Lomonosov Moscow State University, "Eurasianism as a Variant of Post-Revolutionary Russian Idea"

12:30-13:30 – Lunch

13.30 (Building of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, 415 room, 10a Mikluho-Maklaya str.)

Karlos Amaral, Portugal, University of the Azores, "Person, Society and Community: Towards an Understanding of the Present Crisis and of the Liberal Project"

Marina Mchedlova, Russia, PFUR, "Islam and Contemporary Political Strategies"

Vladimir Ivanov, Russia, PFUR, "The Natural Rate of Education" as the Factor of Political Stability and the Emerging Global Challenge."

15:15-15:30 – Coffee break

15:30 – Plenary meeting 2. "Philosophical Foundations for Human Dignity and Meaning"

Moderator – Vasili Vanchugov , Vladimir Ivanov

Jeanne Kamat, USA, Catholic University of America, School of Theology and Religious Studies, "Relationship: An Essential Aspect of Human Nature in the Philosophy of Dietrich von Hildebrand".

Gong Qun, China, School of Philosophy, Renmin University of China, Beijing, "On Human Dignity"

Huang Chao, China, Wuhan University, "On the Notion of Mutual Concealment of Wrong Doing Among Family Members"

Ozanan Vicente Carrara, Brasilia, Universidade Federal Fluminense, "The Ethical Responsibility According to Levinas and Jonas"

April, 20

(Building of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, room 415, 10a Mikluho-Maklaya str.)

10:00 – Plenary meeting 3. The Integration of Philosophy and Spirituality East and West

Moderator – Andrei Smirnov, Ruzana Pskhu

Viacheslav Serbinenko, Russia, Russian State University for the Humanities, "Vladimir Solovyov: The Excuse for Philosophy"

Vasili Vanchugov, Russia, Lomonosov Moscow State University, "Synthesis of Theology and Science in "Philosophy of History" by Lev Karsavin"

11:20-11:35 – Coffee break

Jack Harte, Ireland, Chairman, Irish Writers' Centre, "Unraveling the Spiral, Embracing the Serpent"

Ruzana Pskhu, Russia, PFUR, "Integration of Philosophy and Spirituality in Middle Ages India"

Sergei Nizhnikov, Russia, PFUR, "Symbolism of Cultures and Spiritual Archetype of Humankind"

13:30-14:30 - Lunch

14:30 – Plenary meeting 4. "Role of Religion in the Secularized World"

Moderator – Yuri Pochta, João J. Vila-Chã

Andrei Smirnov, Russia, Institute of Philosophy of the Russian Academy of Science, "Happiness as Self-Realization: Suhrawardi and Ibn Arabi"

Mohammad Rezaei, Iran, Islamic Research Institute for Culture and Thought, "The Role of Islam in Removing the Crises Facing Today's Man (and Role of it for Man's Evolution and Sublimity in Development and Progress and Guarantying Social Rules)"

Rodgar Kohpar, Iran, Islamic Research Institute for Culture and Thought, "Rational Conduct and Intuition in Ibn Arabi's Mysticism School"

16:15-16:30 – Coffee break

B.V.S.Bhanusree, India, Department of Philosophy, Andhra University, "Role of Religion in the Secularized World: in Indian Context with Special Reference to the Religion of Saints"

Wilhelm Danka, Romania, Theological Roman-Catholic Institute of Iasi. "Faith and Reason by Antonio Rosmini"

Yuri Pochta, Russia, PFUR, "Civil Society in Muslim World"

Nur Kirabaev, Russia, PFUR, "Civil Society: Overcoming of Stereotypes"

April, 21 (Building of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, room 415, 10a Mikluho-Maklaya str.)

10:00-14:00 – The round table "Philosophy and spirituality across cultures and religious traditions"

Piotr Grechko, Russia, PFUR, "Human Dignity and Ethnic Identity: a Contemporary Opposition"

Elena Grevtsova, Russia, PFUR, "The Basic Issues of Human Life in Pirogov's N.I. Philosophy."

Discussion