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*Current Challenges in Philosophy Teaching*

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## **Organization**

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Department of Philosophy  
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## **Aim**

Educational innovation implies a challenge for contemporary Philosophy teaching. It is a challenge because it leads us, once again, to examine Philosophy teaching in light of the latest advances in educational research; and it helps us to return with renewed energies to the original sources of the philosophical attitude of vigilance and exhaustive exploration of both knowledge and truth, which have given birth and enlightenment to every philosophy.

Each kind of teaching involves transmission of a certain knowledge. Tradition offers therefore a contribution which is especially fruitful from the philosophical point of view, for instance through research on classic thinkers. Nevertheless, it is worth considering whether acknowledgement and appropriation of the intellectual baggage of great thinkers leads to inhibit innovation or, on the contrary, if the combination of tradition and innovation proves highly productive where these fitly complement each other. How feasible could that complementarity be, in the practice of teaching?

The European Commission has highlighted the need of such innovation. The Europe 2020 Strategy incorporates innovation as one of the essential elements to raise “smart, sustainable and inclusive growth”. In what sense is it possible to contribute to this aim from the Philosophy-teaching perspective?

Educational innovation in Philosophy presents a challenge because innovation implies the generation of disruptive ideas which can be successfully carried into the market. That leads us to point out, once again, the role of Philosophy in contemporary society. Is it possible to innovate in the field of Philosophy? Which modalities of innovation do we find? Can we outline ground-breaking, philosophical answers to solve specific, current problems?

It is true that despite the fact that this kind of innovation depends on market requirements, it also features another element in harmony with the primary sense of Philosophy, and thus must be taken in account, namely: cultivating humanity. Beyond the scope of specific applicability, the value of Philosophy lies precisely in generating and cultivating the humus from which it is possible to educate persons and citizens. This value could never be replaced by market prizes. Nevertheless –taking into account this priority task of Philosophy– we must go on asking: how is innovation possible?

## Sending of Proposals

The organizing committee invites proposals for thematic panels, symposia, workshops or activities such as video recordings of innovative teaching experiences.

- a) **Thematic panels.** Proposals are invited for suggestion of topics for panels that later will be open to sending of papers.
- b) **Symposia.** Proposals invited for coordinator, topic and speakers, to open a well-defined symposium in the context of the congress.
- c) **Workshops.** Especially welcome are suggestions for interactive activities where learning-through-doing methodologies are applied.

Requirements: name(s) of the coordinator, title and abstract (aprox. 500 words). For symposia, an abstract of the proposal is required of each speaker.

Particular appreciation will be given, in the selection procedure, to those proposals that focus specifically and clearly the point of view of educational innovation in Philosophy by showing ground-breaking ways in Philosophy teaching.

- Deadline for proposals: June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. **Extended: July 31, 2015.**
- E-mail address for sending of proposals: [innovaphilo@gmail.com](mailto:innovaphilo@gmail.com).
- The authors of accepted papers will be notified by e-mail before September 15<sup>th</sup>.
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