

WORLD PHILOSOPHY DAY 2020

World Philosophy Day (JMP) 2020 will take place on **Thursday, November 19**. The celebration spans three days, November 18, 19 and 20.

The main components are as follows:

- ◆ On November 19 and 20, **four high-level roundtables** will be organized, with eminent philosophers from all regions, who will be invited to reflect on the meaning of the current pandemic from different tools and philosophical perspectives. The axes of discussion will be: **fear**, in relation to trust, and therefore risk; **being-together**, in relation to solidarity; **health**, in relation to illness, but also to well-being; and finally the **language** of the pandemic. The round tables will be spread over the two days to ensure worldwide coverage of time zones, taking into account the complementarity with other events, and in particular with the Night of Philosophy redesigned in virtual format.
- ◆ On November 19 and 20, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., the **19th International Meetings on New Philosophical Practices (NPP)** will be held, in cooperation with the **UNESCO Chair on Philosophical Practices with Children** at the University of Nantes. Detailed program and connection links: https://philo.sciencesconf.org/data/pages/Programme_NPP_version_finale_10.pdf
- ◆ On November 18 and 19, a series of webinars organized by the **Network of Latin American Women Philosophers (Reddem)** will take place.
- ◆ On November 19, a special **World Philosophy Day Master Class** will be organized online with young people on the use of critical thinking in the fight against racism.
- ◆ On November 19, the **French National Commission for UNESCO** is offering an online event proposed by around the book "**Covid-19, towards a new world?** », Under the direction of Christian Byk in collaboration with Bénédicte Boyer-Bévière and Damien Aftassi.
- ◆ And finally, all night from 20 to 21 November, the word of philosophers will be heard online, with short videos of philosophers from around the world and of philosophy students who will speak freely about the current pandemic, and the rebroadcasting of content from the Day. The major event of this philosophical vigil, broadcast from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m., will be an unprecedented interview with Edgar Morin, who will offer his perspective on the pandemic.

Additional information is given in the annex.

◆ HIGH LEVEL ROUND TABLES

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Registration: https://unesco-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_fhNHw0TxT_yeo_RUTaj6FA

Introduction: Audrey Azoulay, Director-General of UNESCO / Thursday 19 November 11:30 a.m.

Round table 1: Being together in the face of the pandemic / Thursday 19 November 11:40 am-1:30pm

The pandemic questions us about our relationship to being-together: at a local level, as evidenced by the multiple outbursts of solidarity, showing that attachment to the common good comes out of abstraction in times of crisis; and at a more international level: the lack of international cohesion responds to the pressure exerted on multilateralism, as the only effective response in the management of this pandemic. Where does this need for unity come from? How is the pandemic pushing us to rethink our ties?

With: **Jean-Luc Nancy** (France), **Serena Parekh** (United States), **Luca M. Scarantino** (Italy), **Joëlle Zask** (France)

Moderator: **Lamine Diagne** (UNESCO)

Round table 2: The languages of the pandemic / Thursday 19 November 4 pm-6pm

From the first days, the pandemic is mainly a matter of language: how to name the pathogen, how to designate the situation, how to give meaning to the measures required in an emergency. The philosophy makes it possible to make a real diagnosis of the ways of speaking about the crisis, from one region to another, and to understand the relationship between language and political decisions. On the other hand, while metaphors may be common internationally, such as the war metaphor, they do not necessarily mean the same thing depending on the geopolitical and cultural context. Finally, more broadly, if the pandemic has effects on the way in which we experience the world, it also influences the way in which we describe it.

With: **María Lucía Rivera Sanín** (Colombia), **Divya Dwivedi** (India), **Ali Benmakhlouf** (Morocco)

Moderator: **Phinith Chanthalangsy** (UNESCO)

Introduction: Altay Cengizer, President of the General Conference of UNESCO / Friday 20 November 11:00 a.m.

Round table 3: Health as a philosophical issue / Friday, November 20, 11:10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The very old question of what health consists of, which has occupied philosophers since antiquity, takes on a new face in the face of a pandemic which, much more than the plague at La Fontaine, affects including those it does not affect. . But it does not affect all equally: thinking about health at the level of a society poses essential questions of inequalities and fractures.

With: **Bjorn Morten Hofman** (Norway), **Luis de Miranda** (France), **Paulina Rivero Weber** (Mexico)

Moderator: **Eleonora Lamm** (UNESCO)

Round table 4: Fear, confidence, risk in times of pandemic / Friday 20 November 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

It is interesting to wonder about fear in this context of health crisis, whether it is irrational, instrumentalized, pure survival instinct or even positively mobilizing affect, and how it influences the construction of our societies. Fear questions in particular the conception of the state which embodies unity and protection, this contract of submission mentioned by Hobbes which entails consent to the sovereign in exchange for security. How to accept this risk-taking and maintain this contract of trust in the face of the weakness of the political response, which fails to understand and respond to the crises of our time?

With: **Tanella Boni** (Ivory Coast), **Luc Foisneau** (France), **Hartmut Rosa** (Germany), **Julian Baggini** (United Kingdom)
Moderator: **Jamie Lombardi** (USA)

◆ **CONFERENCE "COVID-19, TOWARDS A NEW WORLD? »/ Friday November 20 5 pm-7pm**

Registration: https://unesco-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_f2fxalSaRGuK8mO90dVnXq

With:

- **Serge Tisseron:** Psychiatrist, doctor in psychology HDR, member of the Scientific Council of CRPMS (University of Paris), member of the Academy of Technologies, President of the Institute for the History and Memory of Catastrophes (IHMEC)

- **Michèle Stanton-Jean:** researcher, Center for Research in Public Law, University of Montreal, Deputy Minister of Health of Canada (1993-1998), President of the International Bioethics Committee of Unesco (2002-2005)

- **Penelope Dufourt:** Graduated in philosophy, political science (Sciences Po Lyon) and public law, currently a doctoral student at Paris-X Nanterre University, attached to CREDOF (Center for Research and Studies on Fundamental Rights) and in sciences of education at the University of Nantes on "The practice of philosophy with children: condition of human rights education guaranteeing normative interculturality"

- **Eric Chenut:** Deputy Vice-President MGEN

Moderators: **Gabriela Ramos** (Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO), **Christian Byk** (Judge at the Paris Court of Appeal and Chairman of the Science Ethics Committee of the French Commission for UNESCO)

◆ **MASTER CLASS AGAINST SPECIAL RACISM WORLD PHILOSOPHY DAY / November 19 from 1:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.**

Registration: https://unesco-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Blo_4iqgReWX-mRwluWuhg?_x_zm_rtaid=tCxfc2w8QeiFknAavBWxiq.1605534469467.8762338bde1461bf0cae105e464f5339&_x_zm_rhtaid=676

This special edition of the Master Class Against Racism and Discrimination invites young secondary school students to question themselves, with the help of a philosophy teacher, about the social prejudices and stereotypes that lead to racism and discrimination through the study of the concept of "the other". The analysis of racism as a philosophical object will lead these students to dissect the concept of "race", deconstruct their preconceived ideas and adopt innovative anti-racist strategies that they can then put in place in their institutions and communities. .

With: Carole Reynaud-Paligot, Rose Boswell, Sanele Xaba.

♦ **WEBINARS OF THE REGIONAL NETWORK OF PHILOSOPHICAL WOMEN OF LATIN AMERICA (REDDEM) [Note: all times correspond to Montevideo time]**

Complete agenda and links to connect : <https://es.unesco.org/news/unesco-y-mujeres-filosofas-celebran-dia-mundial-filosofiaunete-esta-propuesta-regional>

Wednesday 18th November

2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Presentation of the book "Philosophers thinking to the world"

Moderator: Fanny del Río (from ReMMuF)

Participants: Dr. María Elena García-Peláez Cruz (Universidad Panamericana), Dr. Leticia Flores Farfán (Faculty of Philosophy and Letters, UNAM), Dr. Ana Rosa Pérez Ransanz (Institute of Philosophical Research, UNAM)

5 pm-7pm

Webinar (REDDEM): "Philosophies in Times of Crisis: Contingency, World and Humanity"

Opening: Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy of the UBA, Dr. Américo Cristófalo and Lidia Brito (UNESCO)

Presentation and moderation: Karina Pedace

Participants: Diana Maffía (Argentina), Xiomara Bu (Honduras), Verónica Tozzi (Argentina), Angélica Bernal Olarte (Colombia)

7 p.m.

First meeting of Uruguayan women philosophers

Thursday 19 November

12 pm-1.30pm

Tribute to María Lugones (Brazil)

Participants: Maria Clara Dias, Letícia Gonçalves, Suane Soares, Daniela Rosendo, Tânia Kuhén, Paula Gonzaga y Martina Davidson

2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Language and gender

Participants: Carolina Scotto, Diana Pérez, Eleonora Orlando

Moderator: Dra. Laura Danón

5 pm-7pm

Webinar (REDDEM): "Philosophies in Times of Crisis: Contingency, World and Humanity"

Presentation: Susana Vidal

Participants: Ángeles Eraña (Mexico), Nastassja Pugliese (Brazil), Ana Fascioli (Uruguay), Pamela Soto Garcia (Chile)

7-8 p.m.

"Aesthetics round table: body art and philosophy"

Participants: Dr. Ana María Martínez de la Escalera (Uruguay-Mexico), Dr. Lena Ortega (Mexico), Prof. Gabriela Galindo (Mexico)

Moderator: Jeremy Uribe Cisneros

7-8 p.m.

Round table: "Where are the women philosophers in the history of philosophy? "

Participants: Silvia Manzo (National University of La Plata, Argentina), Viridiana Platas (El Bosque University, Colombia), Katarina Peixoto (University of the State of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)

Moderator: Teresa Rodríguez (UNAM, Mexico)