

## PHILODAY 2023



### PHILOSOPHY DAY AT EEB4 9-10 February 2023

#### WHAT IS IT?

It is an event where philosophy practitioners and pupils come together to share ideas, ways of reading philosophical texts and approaches to philosophical problems. This year's theme is **THINKING AND DWELLING**.

In other words, PhiloDay is:

- An opportunity to showcase the abilities of our most promising pupils;
- A meeting place for pupils coming from different schools to get to know each other, as well as experts in Philosophy and other fields;
- A venue for pupils to use what they have already written in a slightly different context or the opportunity to produce new writing that can contribute to considerations of relevant philosophical problems;
- A time for Philosophy teachers to become acquainted with their colleagues from all the European Schools.

#### WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Pupils and teachers from all the European Schools, especially:

- S6 and S7 Philosophy pupils;
- S5 to S7 Ethics pupils (S5 pupils will need approval from their teachers);
- All Philosophy teachers from European Schools of Brussels and other European schools.

#### WHAT WILL THE EVENT CONSIST OF?

##### General Assembly Lectures

The opening ceremony will happen simultaneously in English and French in two different venues.

- It will either be a talk or a more interactive presentation/workshop on the theme of **THINKING AND DWELLING**, which would require the active participation of pupils and teachers alike.
- It will be given by a guest speaker or by a Philosophy teacher from any of the European Schools.
- The main goals here are to raise philosophical questions, launch (collective) philosophical ways of thinking, and engage the pupils.

### Workshops

These constitute the core of the event. These smaller gatherings of pupils and teachers in different rooms will happen simultaneously.

Pupils taking part in the workshops will have to write a paper presenting his or her commentary on a philosophical text of his or her own choosing, preferably making a link to the theme of **THINKING AND DWELLING**. The theme or topic of the paper may be chosen from one of the following:

- Ethics
- Theory of Knowledge
- Politics and Society
- Philosophical Anthropology
- Other domains.

The participant's paper may consist of the following:

- A substantial excerpt from a philosophical text;
- A commentary on this text which should explain the main claim and question it tries to answer;
- A counterpoint or counter-argument to the text's main claim (this can either be the writer's own reflections or another viewpoint from another thinker/field of study).

A paper can be delivered in either French or English. Each workshop will last for 1 hour. There should be at least 15 min. for a plenary "question and answer" portion of the session. Each session will be managed by a pupil chairperson (with the support of a teacher).

### The Ethical Dilemma Impromptu

This is a fun, challenging, and competitive activity.

- An ethical dilemma will be given to each contestant. The ethical dilemma will be read out loud and/or be projected onto a screen;
- Each contestant will be given 2 min. to prepare a response, that is, to propose a well-argued solution to the problem;
- The response will have to be delivered under 2 minutes.

- Each response will be assessed by a panel of judges.

### **The Philosophy Commission**

The Philosophy Commission is a deliberating body that consists of student-members who will engage in discussions and debate, with an eye to composing an inclusive position paper, called the Commission Paper, on a chosen philosophical question (**TBD**). English will be the official language of the Commission. The Philosophy Commission will consist of a maximum of 15 members.

### **WHERE IS THIS ALL GOING TO TAKE PLACE?**

The event will happen at the European School of Brussels IV – Laeken and will be open to other schools in situ **and** online.

Opening and closing ceremonies will be livestreamed.

Workshops and parallel sessions will be organized in situ **and** online through TEAMS.

### **APPLICATION FORM**

To register, please follow the link that will be added on the school website as of November 9<sup>th</sup>.

Link: <https://eeb4.be/philoday/>

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