



What is PhiloDay?

It is an annual celebration of philosophy where philosophy practitioners and students come together to share ideas, ways of reading philosophical texts, as well as different approaches to philosophical problems. The theme for school year 2023-2024 is “Conflict and Diversity”. The theme encourages us to ask questions such as,

- What is the nature of conflict?
- What is the nature of diversity?
- Is diversity a good?
- Does diversity necessarily lead to conflict?

As a student-organized and student-oriented event, PhiloDay is also

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

Who can participate?

Students and teachers from all types of European Schools, specifically:

- S6 and S7 philosophy students;
- S5 to S7 ethics students (S5 students will need approval from their teachers);
- all philosophy and ethics teachers from the Brussels European Schools and all other European schools



What activities does the event consist of?

PhiloDay consists of 4 main activities, all of which will have concurrent English and French versions:

1. **General Assembly Lecture:** an invited teacher or university researcher will deliver a lecture that touches upon the theme. The goal here is to help students and teachers think about some of the questions that the theme raises.
2. **Workshops:** students and professors prepare and deliver interactive presentations on topics and questions that are of interest to them and relevant to the theme.
3. **Ethical Dilemma Impromptu:** students compete by reflecting on and responding to short ethical problems using philosophical ideas and theories. Their responses will be assessed by a panel of judges.
4. **The Philosophy Commission:** a series of formalized meetings where students write and debate about a given philosophical question. The meetings (discussions and debates) take place online on Teams and before the dates of PhiloDay. The chairs of the Commission, along with the best members, will present a summary of their deliberations and conclusions at PhiloDay.

Where is this all going to take place?

The event will happen in person at the European School of Brussels IV – Laeken.

When is PhiloDay going to take place?

On Thursday, 29 February and Friday, 1 March.



How do I sign up?

We would like to ask all teachers and students to sign up using this [Form](#). Each teacher may select 10 to 15 students from their philosophy and ethics classes. We would also like to ask teachers to assign and prepare students to compete at the Ethical Dilemma Impromptu, to encourage at least 1 student to take part in the Philosophy Commission, as well as to motivate them to give a workshop. The intention to actively participate in any of these activities should be clearly indicated on the registration form. **The registration deadline is 12 January 2024.**

Is there a dress code?

Yes, we expect everyone participating in person to come in formal wear, that is, business jacket, shirt, and pants for boys and business blazer, blouse, and pantsuit or skirt for girls.

Where can I get more information about this event?

You can find information on EEB4's website: <https://eeb4.be/philoday/>

To have an idea of what previous editions of PhiloDay were like, you can also visit: <https://indico.esbergen.eu/event/142/>

Who can I contact if I have questions?

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