

PHILO DAY 2024 - CONFLICT AND DIVERSITY

Report of Contributions

Contribution ID: 1 Contribution code: GA1 EN

Type: **not specified**

Rethinking Colonial Legacies in Philosophies of Migration [EN]

Thursday 29 February 2024 13:15 (45 minutes)

Philosophies of migration today face the challenge of decolonization. Despite the formal abolition of colonial rule, its historical legacy continues to shape contemporary trends in migration, border control regimes, as well as our conceptual frameworks thinking about them. This history and legacy, however, has gone largely unnoticed by dominant philosophies of migration. In this lecture I explore what it means to take seriously the decolonization challenge in philosophy and to rethink theories of migration, our conception of the migrant and the responsibilities of states, in its light.

Short bio

Eszter Kollar is Associate Professor of Philosophy and Ethics of Economics at the Center for Political Philosophy and Ethics in Leuven, at the Institute of Philosophy at KU Leuven. She is also an active member of Ethics@KULeuven and the Diversity Committee of the Institute of Philosophy.

Her current research focuses on the political philosophy of social and global justice, the ethics of migration and refuge and the ethics of economic life. She is currently working on a book project theorizing Fairness in Labour Migration; co-authoring a research project reconciling global equality of opportunity and collective self-determination; and developing a research project on the normative implications of colonial legacies for migration justice.

Prior to her professorship in Leuven she was the Interim Chair of International Political Theory at the Goethe University Frankfurt and a Research Fellow at the Normative Orders Excellence Cluster. Before that she was a research fellow in Political Philosophy and Bioethics at the University of Münster; Hoover Fellow in Economic and Social Ethics at the University of Louvain; and Adjunct Professor of Political Theory and International Affairs at the John Cabot University in Rome. She holds a PhD in Political Theory from the LUISS University of Rome, during which she was a graduate researcher at CAPPE - Australian National University/Charles Sturt University, at the University of Pennsylvania, and at King's College London. She holds Master's degrees from the Central European University and the Eötvös Lóránd University in Budapest.

Presenter: Prof. KOLLAR, Eszter (KU Leuven)

Session Classification: GENERAL ASSEMBLY # 1

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Diversité et conflit. Marx et les critiques féministes, écolo et post-coloniales [FR]

Thursday 29 February 2024 13:15 (45 minutes)

Diversité et conflit. Marx et les critiques féministes, écolo et post-coloniales [FR]

Biographie sommaire: Vittorio Morfino est professeur ordinaire et directeur de recherche en histoire de la philosophie à l'université de Milan.

Sa thèse, soutenue en 1998 sous la direction de Jean-Marie Vincent, portait sur la rencontre Spinoza-Machiavel.

Il a depuis publié un certain nombre d'ouvrages, dont trois en français : "Le Temps de la multitude" (Editions Amsterdam, 2009), "Le Temps et l'occasion" (Classiques Garnier, 2012), "La Guerre et la Violence" (Le temps des cerises, 2014).

URL: <https://www.unimib.it/vittorio-morfino>

Presenter: Prof. MORFINO, Vittorio (Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca)

Session Classification: GENERAL ASSEMBLY # 1

Contribution ID: **10**

Type: **not specified**

Opening Ceremony

Contribution ID: **12** Contribution code: **WS02**

Type: **not specified**

WS03 Prof. Marco MANTOVANI (EN)

Friday 1 March 2024 11:15 (45 minutes)

Title: Machiavelli and conflict: the persistence of the origin

Description: In Machiavelli's political reflection, conflict is not a pre-political residue to be eliminated through politics, but rather the permanent origin from which politics constantly re-emerges in view of an increasing conquest of freedom.

Speaker: Marco Mantovani studied philosophy at the Catholic University of Milan (Italy) and obtained a PhD in Philosophy of Social Sciences at the University of Varese (Italy). Nietzsche's philosophy is his main area of research. Before being seconded to the Brussels European School II, he taught philosophy and history in his hometown at the high school where he had been a student.

Presenter: Mr MANTOVANI, Marco (EEB2)

Session Classification: WORKSHOP #3

Contribution ID: **21** Contribution code: **WS09**

Type: **not specified**

WS09 Conflict and diversity in the school (Student - EN/FR)

Thursday 29 February 2024 15:15 (45 minutes)

Title: Conflict and diversity in the school

Description: This presentation will be given in both EN and FR. It will consist in reflections on diversity in our school, focusing on positive connections, and using a number of philosophers.

Speakers: Elisabetta PELLEGRINI, Linda SALVAI

Presenters: Ms PELLEGRINI, Elisabetta (EEB4); Ms SALVAI, Linda (EEB4)

Session Classification: WORKSHOP #1

Contribution ID: 22 Contribution code: **WS11**

Type: **not specified**

WS11 (Post-)Colonialism, Race & Culture (Student - EN)

Thursday 29 February 2024 15:15 (45 minutes)

Title: (Post-)Colonialism, Race & Culture

Description: This presentation covers historical and present conflicts in African countries, caused by the clash of the above-mentioned topics.

Speakers: Emma SEMRADOVA, Tristan LAIN-JANSEN

Presenters: Ms SEMRADOVA, Emma (ES BERGEN); Ms LAIN-JANSEN, Tristan (ES BERGEN)

Session Classification: WORKSHOP #1

Contribution ID: 23 Contribution code: **WS12**

Type: **not specified**

WS12 How can Democracy handle Diversity? Plato, Rawls, Habermas, Popper, and YOU! (Student - EN)

Thursday 29 February 2024 15:15 (45 minutes)

Title: How can Democracy handle Diversity? Plato, Rawls, Habermas, Popper, and YOU!

Description:

Speakers: Ilaria Maria PRINCIVALLI CONTI, Hanna Rita GALLUCCIO

Presenters: Ms GALLUCCIO, Hanna Rita (SE PARMA); Ms PRINCIVALLI CONTI, Ilaria Maria (SE PARMA)

Session Classification: WORKSHOP #1

Contribution ID: **24** Contribution code: **WS13**

Type: **not specified**

WS13 Les relations adolescentes (Student - FR)

Thursday 29 February 2024 15:15 (45 minutes)

Title: Les relations adolescentes

Description: Ce workshop étudiera et analysera les différents types de relations entre les adolescents et le puzzle d'apparences qu'elles constituent. Nous ferons des comparaisons avec certains travaux de Jean-Paul Sartre pour démontrer que ces écrits sont intemporels et s'appliquent toujours aujourd'hui. Il y aura également un moment de discussion pour explorer l'opinion de chacun.

Speaker: Inès IDRISSE

Presenter: Ms IDRISSE, Inès (EEB4)

Session Classification: WORKSHOP #1

Contribution ID: 25 Contribution code: **WS14**

Type: **not specified**

WS14 Art is creation—no, art is destruction (Student - EN)

Thursday 29 February 2024 15:15 (45 minutes)

Title: Art is creation—no, art is destruction

Description: Why can't we be art critics? Exploring everything which makes Art "art", from societal definition to individual perception - through the lens of Freud's Death Drive.

Speaker: Alix BONNAY EGOROFF

Presenter: Mr BONNAY EGOROFF, Alix (ES BERGEN)

Session Classification: WORKSHOP #1

Contribution ID: 27 Contribution code: **WS10**

Type: **not specified**

WS10 Diversity in new cartoons (Student - EN)

Thursday 29 February 2024 15:15 (45 minutes)

Title: Diversity in new cartoons

Description: In new animated movies, like those produced by Disney or Pixar, ethnic diversity, non-heteronormative couples, and interracial couples, have become much more common. What does this say about our understanding of the world?

Speaker: Beatrice BIAVATI

Presenter: Ms BIAVATI, Beatrice (EEB4)

Session Classification: WORKSHOP #1

Contribution ID: **29** Contribution code: **WS07**

Type: **not specified**

WS07 Prof. Tom BOIY (EN)

Friday 1 March 2024 11:15 (45 minutes)

Title: Cultural diversity within one person. Double names in Hellenistic Mesopotamia

Description:

Speaker: Tom Boiy started to study Ancient History out of love for the Romans; during these studies he got more and more interested in the empires of the successors of Alexander the Great and switched Assyriology to be able to use the cuneiform sources. When starting at the EEB4 11 years ago he found his first love again with Latin and Roman history and with this talk he is returning a bit to Mesopotamia and the Near East in general.

Presenter: Prof. BOIY, Tom (EEB4)

Session Classification: WORKSHOP #3

Contribution ID: **31** Contribution code: **WS14**Type: **not specified**

WS02 Prof. Martin STONE (EN)

Friday 1 March 2024 11:15 (45 minutes)

Title: Moral Conflicts: Do they exist? And can they be resolved?

Description: This workshop will review the debate in English-speaking ethics about the nature and status of moral dilemmas. Tracking the discussion from the seminal contribution of Bernard Williams in 1965, it will consider whether moral conflicts are genuine and whether their existence poses significant theoretical problems for historically dominant paradigms of normative ethics such as Kantian deontology and Utilitarian consequentialism. The workshop will also consider several philosophical insights on significant occasions of moral choice advanced by ancient thinkers, specifically Aristotle and Cicero. The presentation will conclude by comparing and contrasting 'modern' characterizations of dilemmas with 'ancient' perspectives on moral conflicts. It will argue that the ancient characterization of the highly contingent nature of decision-making in cases of duress is much more faithful to the reality of our lived experience, than the more rigid conceptions of moral choice advanced by many modern moral philosophers.

Speaker: Mr. Stone studied classics, biblical languages, and philosophy at the universities of Cambridge, Paris and London. He also holds a PhD in philosophy from the University of London. He has taught philosophy, ethics and classics at EEB1 since 2011.

Presenter: Prof. STONE, Martin

Session Classification: WORKSHOP #3

Contribution ID: **32** Contribution code: **WS06**Type: **not specified**

WS06 Mr Jonathan SOSKIN (FR)

Friday 1 March 2024 11:15 (45 minutes)

Title: L'indiscutable

Description: Je voudrais déplier un paradoxe : c'est dans les sociétés où l'on peut en droit discuter de tout que semblent se multiplier aujourd'hui les points où « on ne peut plus discuter ». Faut-il conclure avec stupeur, comme dans l'histoire du gruyère et des trous, que plus il y a de discussion, moins il y a de discussion ?...

Il est en tout cas tentant de voir dans ces impasses de nos dialogues des résidus ou des remontées locales d'obscurantisme ou de totalitarisme dont la raison communicationnelle aurait à venir à bout pour soigner le vivre-ensemble. Mon hypothèse est doublement opposée : ce n'est ni possible ni souhaitable. Les points de nos conversations où l'échange d'arguments semble vain signalent parfois des limites de droit et non seulement de fait à la discussion. Mais justement parce que ces points-limites dessinent des figures de l'indiscutable intérieures et non extérieures à l'activité de discuter, ils ne constituent pas des obstacles à éradiquer dans l'épanouissement de la rationalité en démocratie mais au contraire ses points vitaux.

J'en tirerai deux pistes d'orientation inverses mais complémentaires quant aux manières d'articuler le conflit et la diversité.

Speaker: Jonathan Soskin vit à Bruxelles. Dans le cadre du travail qu'il mène depuis quatre ans à l'ASBL PhiloCité, il donne des ateliers de philosophie principalement avec des enfants, des jeunes et des primo-arrivants, ainsi que des formations dans les secteurs de l'éducation, de l'intégration et de la culture.

Presenter: Mr SOSKIN, Jonathan (PhiloCité)**Session Classification:** WORKSHOP #3

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Type: **not specified**

WS15 Les stéréotypes (Student - FR)

Thursday 29 February 2024 15:15 (45 minutes)

Title: Les stéréotypes

Description: Cet atelier aura pour objectif : Expliquer le concept de stéréotype. Discuter d'exemples, témoignages et voir comment ils sont présents dans la société. Se demander pourquoi l'humain tend vers le stéréotype. Les dégâts que les stéréotypes peuvent avoir à tout les niveaux de la société.

Speaker: Constant LEGROS, Anouck MERMETY

Presenters: Ms MERMETY, Anouck (EEB4); Mr LEGROS, Constant (EEB4)

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Type: **not specified**

WS01 Prof. Louis MILLER (EN)

Friday 1 March 2024 11:15 (45 minutes)

Title: Rights and Religion

Description: In this seminar, I'll review some concrete debates and areas in which religious belief or practice or both have been felt to be in conflict with a shared modern understanding of human rights. Without pretending to offer a resolution to these debates, I will try to contextualise them by offering some reflections on the wider question of the relationship between Christianity and modernity.

Speaker: Philosophy, History, and Ethics teacher, EEB4.

After attending a Jesuit high school in Philadelphia, I studied philosophy and German literature as an undergraduate at Columbia before completing a PhD at Princeton in modern European intellectual history, writing a dissertation on Nietzsche. After 14 years of university teaching in the US at the University of Pennsylvania, Harvard, and the 'Great Books' school St John's College (Annapolis, Maryland), I moved to Brussels in 2007, where for the past 15 years I have enjoyed being a secondary school teacher. I've been at EEB4 since 2015.

Presenter: Prof. MILLER, Louis

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Type: **not specified**

WS05 Mrs Connie HELDER (EN)

Friday 1 March 2024 11:15 (45 minutes)

Title: A good kind of rhetoric: Recovering the lost art of dialogue

Description: Is meaningful dialogue possible in a world governed by competing worldviews and personal truths? The rhetoric of the sophist seeks to convince without truth, while Platonic rhetoric sees the search for truth as an act of love. Can this ancient debate speak to the way we approach conflict and diversity in the 21st century?

Speaker: Connie Helder is a teacher of Philosophy and English at the European School Bergen

Presenter: Mrs HELDER, Connie (ES Bergen)

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Type: **not specified**

WS06 Mrs Anastasia BALASI (EN)

Friday 1 March 2024 11:15 (45 minutes)

Title: Conflicts in relationships: understanding intimate partner violence

Description: This presentation will look into the nature of femicide, as well as identify and reflect on so-called red flags in intimate relationships. The aim is to challenge common ideas of love and good relationships.

Speaker: Mrs Anastasia Balasi is ethics, human sciences and geography teacher at EEB2. She earned her BA in Philosophy from the University of Patras in Greece. During this time, she spent a semester at Charles University in Prague, and completed an internship at the Greek Gymnasium in Bielefeld, Germany. In 2017, she earned her MA in Philosophy at the KU Leuven. Two years after, she received her MA in Bioethics degree at the same institution. She has been teaching at EEB2 since 2018 and has contributed to the organization of Philo Day.

Presenter: Mrs BALASI, Anastasia (EEB2)

Session Classification: WORKSHOP #3

Contribution ID: 44 Contribution code: **WS08**Type: **not specified**

WS08 Mr Man HUA (EN/FR)

Friday 1 March 2024 11:15 (45 minutes)

Title: Activisme écologique - Mouvement non violent ou éco-terrorisme ?”

Description: D’Extinction Rebellion à Sea Sheppard en passant par les Soulèvements de la Terre, de plus en plus de citoyens, partout dans le monde se mettent hors la loi pour interpeller les gouvernements afin qu’ils mènent une politique plus efficace pour lutter contre la crise climatique actuelle. Cette forme de militantisme se veut non violente. Mais certaines personnes n’hésitent pas à qualifier ce militantisme d’éco-terrorisme. Alors comment en est-on arrivé là ? La lutte contre la crise climatique peut-elle tout justifier ?

Speaker: Prof. Man HUA studied Chemistry and launched the project Green School a couple of years ago at Laeken. With a Committee of pupils he successfully introduced sustainable development objectives and initiatives, driving EEB4 to a Green school Label (2022).

Presenter: Mr HUA, Man (EEB4)

Session Classification: WORKSHOP #3

Contribution ID: 45

Type: **not specified**

WS16 Conflicts within the psyche (Student - EN)

Thursday 29 February 2024 15:15 (45 minutes)

Title: Conflicts within the psyche

Description: This presentation will use both Freud, Lear, and potentially Plato in order to demonstrate such conflicts.

Speaker: Kayla TENNANT

Presenter: Ms TENNANT, Kayla (ES BERGEN)

Session Classification: WORKSHOP #1

Contribution ID: 46 Contribution code: **WS04**Type: **not specified**

WS04 Prof. Luca DI PAOLA (EN)

Friday 1 March 2024 11:15 (45 minutes)

Title: Conflict and Diversity in Britain Black Women's political reflections on immigration and citizenship

Description: The goal of the presentation is to tackle some of the most important political reflections of the Black Women's Movement in Britain after WWII concerning immigration, work and citizenship. The migration flows from the Caribbean and the Southeast Asia, which were strongly influenced by the decolonization process, changed the social composition of the British society. London quickly became the center for radical activists coming from the British colonies. Their experiences and discrimination based on race, class and gender laid the ground for the development of critical reflections on their own identity and on the immigration and citizenship policies that were trying to define who was British and who was not. By analyzing the Black British Women's critique of the nationality and immigration system, the aim of the presentation is to reflect on how the contemporary European immigration policies define who is part of that community and on the multicultural and diverse composition of our society.

Speaker: Luca Di Paola obtained his PhD in International Studies at the University of Naples "L'Orientale" with a thesis in contemporary history titled Black Women in Britain Speak Out: il Movimento delle donne di discendenza africana e asiatica tra migrazioni, anti-imperialismo, lavoro e cittadinanza nell'Inghilterra del secondo dopoguerra (1945-1985). During his PhD, research was done on the oral and written sources at the Black Cultural Archives in Brixton, where he focused on the political activism of afro Caribbean and Asian women in Britain, and the collections at the National Archives, at the Lambeth Archives, at the Institute of Race Relations and at the George Padmore Institute. He was a visiting scholar at the University of Reading and he participated in several international conferences, such as the Summer School "Black Europe", held in Amsterdam, and the conference "Gender and Public Space" at the University of Rouen.

His research interests focus on migrations, racism, postcolonialism and black feminism. In 2020 he wrote an essay, titled "Claudia Jones : tra comunismo, femminismo e anti-imperialismo", which was published in the book "Marx nei margini. Dal marxismo nero al femminismo postcoloniale", edited by an Italian editor, Alegre.

Presenter: Prof. DI PAOLA, Luca

Session Classification: WORKSHOP #3

Contribution ID: 47

Type: **not specified**

WS17 European institutions as an exhibit of cultural melange, the interaction between confronting heritages and the results of diversity on various levels (Student - EN)

Thursday 29 February 2024 15:15 (45 minutes)

Title: European institutions as an exhibit of cultural melange, the interaction between confronting heritages and the results of diversity on various levels

Description: European institutions stand as nuanced exhibitions of cultural amalgamation, wherein diverse heritages intersect, influencing outcomes across multiple levels. This interplay shapes policies, societal interactions, and collective identities, portraying the intricate and evolving nature of European societies. Hence, questions like “What is considered morally correct?” and “How do people with different cultural values confront each other?” come up.

Nowadays, diversity is preached like never before, but does this depend on individual perspectives? To what extent is society willing to embrace diversity, and what are the boundaries and limits? These questions will be examined by taking a closer look at consequential policies and conflicts and how those get individually perceived.

Speakers: Katharina LANGE, Elena HAAR

Presenters: Ms HAAR, Elena (EEB4); Ms LANGE, Katharina (EEB4)

Session Classification: WORKSHOP #1

Contribution ID: 48

Type: **not specified**

WS18 Are there truly universal norms that shape the resolution of conflicts and safeguard peace as well as the value and dignity of every human life? (Student - EN)

Thursday 29 February 2024 15:15 (45 minutes)

Title: Are there truly universal norms that shape the resolution of conflicts and safeguard peace as well as the value and dignity of every human life?

Description: First part of the workshop will introduce basic notions of universal Kantian ethics and peace keeping, explain the difference between human rights and international humanitarian law as well as the function of UN, International Court of Justice and the International Court of Human Rights and their flaws made tangible with current political examples.

Speakers: Aryan Vidyarthi, Evelina Malo, Hyoun Seo Kwon, Stella Schaerf

Presenters: Mr VIDYARTHI, Aryan (ES MOL); Ms MALO, Evelina (ES MOL); Mr SEO KWON, Hyoun (ES MOL); Ms SCHAERF, Stella (ES MOL)

Session Classification: WORKSHOP #1

Contribution ID: 50

Type: **not specified**

WS19 FGM- understanding a systemic tragedy (Student - EN)

Thursday 29 February 2024 15:15 (45 minutes)

Title: FGM- understanding a systemic tragedy

Description: We will explore the complex nature of FGM and the multiple layers of sexual violence and inequality to consider. It is also a question of what it is to be a person in the eyes of another and what lets someone else to define other as object. Is defining another [person] as other itself a form of violence? What can be done to establish a healthier society to bring equality among genders?

Speakers: Mila ŽUNEC BRANDT

Presenter: Ms ŽUNEC BRANDT, Mila (EEB4)

Session Classification: WORKSHOP #1

Contribution ID: **51** Contribution code: **WS20**

Type: **not specified**

WS20 Prof. Teresa PULLANO (EN)

Friday 1 March 2024 15:00 (1 hour)

Title: Rethinking the space of citizenship in Europe

Description:

Speaker:

Presenter: Prof. PULLANO, Teresa (Università degli Studi di Milano)

Session Classification: WORKSHOP #4

Contribution ID: **52** Contribution code: **WS21**

Type: **not specified**

WS21 Prof. Kristof VAN ROSSEM (EN)

Friday 1 March 2024 14:00 (1 hour)

Title: Socratic Dialogue/Philosophizing with Children

Description:

Speaker:

Presenter: Prof. VAN ROSSEM, Kristof (KU Leuven)

Session Classification: WORKSHOP #2

Contribution ID: 53

Type: **not specified**

WS22 Can the working class fight effectively despite diversity? (Student - EN)

Thursday 29 February 2024 15:15 (45 minutes)

Title: Can the working class fight effectively despite diversity?

Description: The class struggle is only as powerful as the feeling of unity in the working class.
How does this struggle evolve when that crucial feeling is threatened by diversity

Speakers: Michael COSTELLO

Presenter: Mr COSTELLO, Michael (EEB4)

Session Classification: WORKSHOP #1