A message to the 11th Congress of ISUD.


Dear Colleagues,

It is a privilege to share with you, albeit in absentia, the joy of ISUD’s return to Warsaw where it was founded 27 years ago, as well as an honor to address you at this 2016 World Congress of ISUD.

In the present time, few efforts are more urgent and mandatory than the efforts to engage in dialogue, to reach mutual understanding, and to be guided by generosity in addressing each other’s views. These efforts are at the core of our moral world, and they can hardly be conceived on any scale other than a universal one.

On behalf of the scholarly community gathered in FISP, we, as philosophers, are therefore proud of ISUD’s mission of expanding philosophical dialogue to an ever wider audience. May I ensure you that FISP fully supports your endeavor in pursuing this highly necessary and important task.

A future opportunity to practice dialogue, openness, and mutual understanding may also be found at the upcoming World Congress of Philosophy, to be held in Beijing in August 2018. FISP is honored to extend to you all an invitation to join us there, and to make the presence of ISUD, of its network and its constitutive views, as visible and influential as possible. Thank you.

Luca Maria Scarantino.
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11–16 July 2016 Warsaw, Poland

VALUES AND IDEALS: THEORY AND PRAXIS

The Congress has been organized by the International Society for Universal Dialogue, in cooperation with the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences, the host congress organizer.

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PROGRAMME

11 JULY 2016, OPENING DAY
STASZIC PALACE

Lustrzana Hall, second floor
9:00 — 11:00 Registration

11:00 — 14:00 Plenary Session

Address by Professor Andrzej Rychard the Director of the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences
Address by Professor Janusz Kuczyński, the ISUD Honorary President

KEYNOTE LECTURES:

Charles Brown — Distinguished Professor of Philosophy, USA The Dialectics of Identity and Difference

John Rensenbrink, Professor of Philosophy, former ISUD President, USA — Co-Evolution: The Ontological Context for Dialogue

Steven Hicks — Professor of Philosophy, former ISUD President, USA Challenges of Universal Dialogue

Mogobe Ramose, Professor Extraordinarius in Philosophy, University of South Africa, South Africa — Fragmenting Be-ing according to the One Tune of Uni-versalism: a Recipe for Human Relations?

PIANO RECITAL

fourth floor, PAS Club

14.00 — 15.00 Lunch — provided by ISUD and Polish Academy of Sciences

15.00 — 18.00 Warsaw sightseeing by tour buses — provided by ISUD
Programme

18.30 Lustrzana Hall
STASZIC PALACE
BANQUET

TUESDAY, 12 JULY
STASZIC PALACE
9.00 – 10.20 – 4 parallel sessions, halls A, B, C, D

Section 1: DIALOGUE ON THE ISSUES OF THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD
Hall A
Chairperson: Robert Allison
Lloyd Steffen — Overvaluation: An Obstacle to Dialogue
Columbus Ogbujah — Ideals and Values: Pivots to Meaningful Intercultural Dialogue
Jean Campbell — What Does the Global Perspective Mean?
Andrzej Karalus — Wither Recognition? Dialectics of “Recognition”, “Other” and “Justice” in the 20th-century Social and Political Philosophy

Section 2: PHILOSOPHICAL IDEALS FOR A MORE DECENT HUMAN WORLD
Hall B
Chairperson: Pauline Marie Eboh
Steven Hicks — Hegel on International Relations and the Logic of Recognition
Aborisade Olasunkanmi — Natural Constitutionalism and the Attainment of Ideals and a More Decent Human World
Hisaki Hashi — How Do We Overcome the Dualism of Theory and Practice?
Shiladitya Chakraborty — Gandhi Darshan: A Panacea to the Evil of Political Corruption in India

Section 3: CULTURES — THEIR IDEALS AND VALUES
Hall C
Chairperson: Richard Evanoff
Titus Lates — The Adventures of Nobility of Spirit in Romanian Philosophy
Keqian Xu — The Confucian Philosophy of Zhongtaology and Its Practical Significance in Resolving Conflicts

Pramod Bhattarai — Cultural Rights and Politics in Nepal

Oyeshile Olatunji — Democratic Elements in Traditional Yoruba Society as a Basis for Culture of Democracy in Africa and Global Social Order

Section 4: IDEALS AND VALUES IN SOCIAL AND POLITICAL LIFE – FROM THEORIES TO PRAXIS

Hall D

Chairperson: Andrew Fiala

Jean-François Gava — A Political Reappraisal of Marxian Value Theory

Vihren Bouzov — Security as Political and Social Value

Gabriela Tănăsescu — The New Eastern European Axiology of Politics, Aetiology and Implications

Pepa Petkova — How to Build a Just Society: in Defense of Communitarianism

10.20 – 10.50 Staszc Hall – COFFEE BREAK

10.50 – 12.10 – 4 parallel sessions

Section 1: DIALOGUE ON THE ISSUES OF THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD

Hall A

Chairperson: Steven Hicks

Elizabeth Okeke — Education: a Mechanism for Sustainable Cultural Integration of Personal and Societal Values and Ideals in this Era of Globalization

Iryna Stepanenko — Personal Axiological Competence as a Component of Society’s Values Capital: the Call for Higher Education in the Globalized World

Katarzyna Klimowicz — New Social and Political Movements and the Democratic Ideals

Ramanath Pandey — Value Based Education and Social Integration
Section 2: PHILOSOPHICAL IDEALS FOR A MORE DECENT HUMAN WORLD

Hall B

Chairperson: Lloyd Steffen

Adriana Neacșu — Virtue and Vice in Plotinus’ ENNEADS

Hülya Şimga — Eternal Feminine Myth and Hermeneutical Injustice: Reading Beauvoir through Fricker

Xiaoyi Zhang — How to Become a Decent Person in the Modern World: On Agnes Heller’s Philosophy of Morals

Marina Zajchenko — The Principle of Recursiveness in the Contemporary World

Section 3: CULTURES — THEIR IDEALS AND VALUES

Hall C

Chairperson: Columbus Ogbujah

Ronald Olufemi Badru — Ethical Values and the Conflictual Phenomenon of Terrorism in Africa

Hanna Schreiber — UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage Convention 2003 and the Question of Universal Values in Times of Cultural Diversity

Ewa Danuta Białek — The Social Education (Mass Therapy) or the Extermination

Hanna Faizullina — Ethno-Cultural Motives in Works of Ukrainian “Sixties”

Section 5: IDEALS AND VALUES IN SOCIAL AND POLITICAL LIFE — FROM THEORIES TO PRAXIS

Hall D

Chairperson: Guo-zhong Xing

Jingzhao Liu — The Theoretical and Practical Logics of Social Advancement as Promoted by Transformation in Ideology

Abdul Rashid — Nexus for Justice, Harmony and Peace with Pakistan Praxis

Dan Chițoiu — The Seek of Identity and the Recognition of Otherness: Theoretical Approaches and Practical Solutions in Today Challenges

Deyan Deyanov — Once Again: How Is It Possible to Think Capitalism through Historical Limits?
12.10—14.30 — LUNCH

14.30 – 15.50 — 4 parallel sessions

Section 6: IDEALS AND VALUES IN RELIGION AND MYTH
Hall A
Chairperson: Juichiro Tanabe

Marshall Lewis — Ideals, Values, and Strategies for Addressing Religious Intolerance
Konrad Waloszczyk — On Three Philosophical Premises of Religious Tolerance
Dilipkumar Mohanta — Interreligious Dialogue and Vivekananda’s Vedantic Model of Pluralism
Volodymyr Lychkovakh — Dialogue of Cultures in the Christian Philosophy of the Name

Section 7. IDEALS AND VALUES IN ARTS
Hall B
Chairperson: Li Zhongyuan

Paweł Kuczyński — Concepts and Images: an Uneasy Dialogue
Tatiana Shatunova — Why Be Beautiful?
Ilektra Stampoulou — Re-framing the Abyss: The Visual Writing of Jacques Derrida in The Truth in Painting”
Maftei Stefan-Sebastian — Aesthetic Cosmopolitanism as a Case for Everyday Aesthetics: A Proposal

Section 8: VALUES AND IDEALS OF SCIENCE AND VALUE OF SCIENCE
Hall C
Chairperson: Małgorzata Czarnocka

Richard Evanoff — Worldviews and Intercultural Philosophy
Seweryn Blandzi — Truth as the Highest Ontological Value
Barbara Krygier — Creating a New Cognitive Map of the World
Emiliya Tajsina, Timur Halitov — The Origins of the Philosophical-Anthropological Turn in Theory of Knowledge: Brentano
Section 9: HUMAN VALUES AND IDEALS. THEIR ROLE IN PERSONAL AND CULTURAL IDENTITIES

Hall D
Chairperson: Keqian Xu

Andrzej Targowski — Wisdom as Information
Sanghamitra Mohanta — Feminist Spirituality and Motherhood
Chioma Opara — Women’s Perennial Quest in African Writing: Idealistic, Realistic or Chimerical?
Elena Tashlinskaya — Ethical Values and Ideals of Modern Personality

15.50 — 16.20
CREAM TEA — INFORMAL DISCUSSION WITH LIGHT REFRESHMENTS FOR ALL

16.20 – 17.10 – Panel


WEDNESDAY, JULY 13

STASZIC PALACE, halls A, B, C, D

09.00 – 10.20 – 4 parallel sessions

Section 1: DIALOGUE ON THE ISSUES OF THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD

Hall A
Chairperson: Victor Krebs


Radu-Cristian Petcu — Reminded of Shared Future Identity: European Culture of Remembrance as Prospective Inter-cultural Memory

Sheldon Richmond, Elken Richmond — How to Alleviate the Cultural Obstacles to Dialogue: Socratic Teaching as Social Architecture

Ellen Hansen — *Teaching and Learning about White Privilege*
Section 2: PHILOSOPHICAL IDEALS FOR A MORE DECENT HUMAN WORLD
Hall B
Chairperson: Adriana Neacșu

Ruth Burch — On Jean-Jacques Rousseau’s Ideal of Natural Education
Temisanren Ebijuwa — Africa Values and the Universality of Human Rights
Yuliya Shcherbina — “Participative Reason” as the Basis of a Decent Human World
Oleksandr Naydonov — The Motion Vector of Informational Civilization

Section 3: CULTURES – THEIR IDEALS AND VALUES
Hall C
Chairperson: Guo-zhong Xing

Ashok Kumar Malhotra — Values and Praxis: The Rise and Fall of the Buddhist and Christian Civilizations
Felix Olatunji — The Travails of Authentic Development in the Face of Dependency Theory in Africa: A Proposal for Cultural Ideology
Li Zhongyuan, Guo Jie, Ma Zhichao — What is Culture, by Human or for Human?
Giuseppe Menditto — Some Remarks on Identity and the West within the Iranian Philosophical Debate

Section 5: IDEALS AND VALUES IN SOCIAL AND POLITICAL LIFE – FROM THEORIES TO PRAXIS
Hall D
Chairperson: John Rensenbrink

Andrew Fiala — Transformative Pacifism in Theory and Practice
Finney Premkumar — Theory and Practice: Why We Can’t Have One without the Other
Marie Pauline Eboh — Discrepancy between Theory and Practice: the Bane of the Human World
Jingzhao Liu — The Theoretical and Practical Logics of Social Advancement as Promoted by Transformation in Ideology
10.20 – 10.50 Staszic Hall — COFFEE BREAK

10.50 – 12.10 – 4 parallel sessions

Section 6: IDEALS AND VALUES IN RELIGION AND MYTH
Hall A
Chairperson: Raghunath Ghosh
David Eisenberg — Before Reason and God: The Leveling of Man and the Ascension of Western Civilization
Michail Mantzanas — Values and Ideals in Religion and Myth in Ancient Greece
Helena Perelomova, Valentin Vandshev — Values and Ideals in Philosophical and Religious Dimension
Qiong Wang — Knowing and Acting: Examples from Confucianism and Buddhism

Section 7: IDEALS AND VALUES IN ARTS
Hall B
Chairperson: Charles Ed Emmer
Manjulika Ghosh — Autonomy of Art and Its Value
Marta Morozova — Literature as A Mode of Reality-Making: About the Role of Fiction for Human Values
Edith Krause — Claire Zachanassian’s Body in Dürrenmatt’ds The Visit: Part(s) and Parcel of a Value System
Tetiana Gardashuk — BioArt as a Dialogue

Section 8: VALUES AND IDEALS OF SCIENCE AND VALUE OF SCIENCE
Hall C
Chairperson: Vladimir Przhilenskiy
Martha Beck — Neuroscience and Ancient Greek Civilization
Wojciech Wrotkowski — Platonic Inspirations and Reminiscences in Osler’s Suggestions for all Physicians about their Education, Choice of Authorities, Autonomy, Character and Relation to the Truth and Falsehood in Medicine
Maria Kli — The Ethical and Political Significance of Foucault’s Technology of the Care of the Self
Sanjeeewanie Priyanga — Putting Gender into the Migration-development Nexus: a Micro Level Case Study of Sri Lanka
Section 10: MORAL SYSTEMS AND MORAL PRACTICES
Hall D
Chairperson: Kevin Brien
Richard Stichler — Are Universal Moral Principles Useful in International Politics? Burke and Kant on Theory and Practice
Shuang Zhang — Justice of Law and Ethical Justice: to Begin with “the Banality of Evil”
Sergey Nizhnikov — Striving for Moral Policy
Raghunath Ghosh — Contemporary Relevance of Vedantic Moral Principles

12.10 — 14.30 – LUNCH
14.30 – 15.50 – 4 parallel sessions

Section 7: IDEALS AND VALUES IN ARTS
Hall A
Chairperson: Topi Heikkerö
Charles Ed Emmer — Burkean Sublimity and Beauty in the Service of War
Elçin Maraşli — The Orange Alternative at the Convergence of Play, Performance and Agency
Muk Yan Wong — Frommian Love in the Movie Her
Zhongyuan Li, Guo Jie — “For-human” and “By-human”: How to Understand the Value of Culture

Section 8: VALUES AND IDEALS OF SCIENCE AND VALUE OF SCIENCE
Hall B
Chairperson: Martha Beck
Małgorzata Czarnocka — The Ideal and Practice of Science
Vladimir Przhilenskiy — Philosophy, Theoretical and Post-theoretical Thought
Artur Karimov — John Locke on the Values of Cognition
Anna Ivanova — The Trustworthiness of Science – Toward an Axiological Notion of Scientific Objectivity
Section 9: HUMAN VALUES AND IDEALS. THEIR ROLE IN PERSONAL AND CULTURAL IDENTITIES

Hall C
Chairperson: Chioma Opara

Topi Heikkerö — On Compassion: The Good beyond Values
Svetlana Nagumanova — What is Human Enhancement?
Michal Sládeček — Impartiality, Neutrality, and Perfectionism
Krystyna Najder-Stefaniak — Security and Sustained Development

Section 10: MORAL SYSTEMS AND MORAL PRACTICES

Hall D
Chairperson: Fidel Gutiérrez Vivanco

Kevin Brien — Toward a Critical Appropriation of Aristotle’s Nicomachean Ethics
Jianqing Ma — Historical Consciousness and Moral Salvation. On Agnes Heller’s Philosophy of History in Fragments
Nil Avci — Inquiry into the Forms of Intersubjectivity in Kant’s Practical Philosophy with a View of the Cosmopolitan Ideal
Elena Iakovleva — The Value of an Inclusive Mode of Existence

15.50 – 16.20 Staszic Hall
CREAM TEA — INFORMAL DISCUSSION WITH LIGHT REFRESHMENTS FOR ALL

16.25 – 17.15 FILM SCREENING
"THREE FRIENDS" (Kevin Brien, Charles Brown, John Rensenbrink), 50 min., a documentary by Pawel Kuczyński
THURSDAY, JULY 14

STASZIC PALACE, halls A, B, C, D

09.00 – 10.20 – 4 parallel sessions

Section 1: DIALOGUE ON THE ISSUES OF THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD

Hall A

Chairperson: Temisanren Ebijuwa

Tadeusz Buksinski — Universal Goods and Metavalues in Politics

Emiliya Tajsina — The Seven Sages on the Issues of Universal Dialogue: a Message to the Contemporary World

Jonathan Keir — Meta-Ethical Consensus as a Condition for Intercultural Dialogue

Mikhail Pronin — Dialogue as a Knot

Guo-zhong Xing — “Moral Capital”: the Core Question in Contemporary China Ethics Research

Section 2: PHILOSOPHICAL IDEALS FOR A MORE DECENT HUMAN WORLD

Hall B

Chairperson: Mikhail Pronin

Juichiro Tanabe — A Buddhist Philosophy of Global Mind for a Sustainable Peace

Józef Leszek Krakowiak — On a Quest for the Foundations of an Activistic and Relational Axiology of a Universalistic Philosophy of Life

Jonathan Chimakonam, Uti Ojah Egbai — The Value of Conversational Thinking in Building a Decent World: the Perspective of Postcolonial Africa

Sandeep Gupta — From Static Individuality to Dynamic Personality – The DNA of the Value Called “Dharma”

Section 4: ECOPHILOSOPHY FOR THE HUMAN AND MORE THAN HUMAN WORLD

Hall C

Chairperson: Samuel Cocks

Charles Brown — Critique, Clarification, and Renewal Husserl’s Contribution to Radical Ecology
Catherine Firpo — The Eco-Psychology of Humanism—A New Ethic—Placing the Earth First Altering the Paradigm in a Post–Post Modern World

Georgi Medarov — The Incommensurabilities in the Interpretations of the Current Environmental Crisis

**Section 5: IDEALS AND VALUES IN SOCIAL AND POLITICAL LIFE – FROM THEORIES TO PRAXIS**

**Hall D**

Chairperson: Andrzej Targowski

Shervin Moghimi, Shima Shasti — Contemplation on the One Dissonance: Place and Status of the Political Life in Aristotle’s Philosophy

German Melikhov — L. Wittgenstein: Philosophizing as a Gesture of Keeping Silent

Daniel Onyebuchi Nlewem — State Failure and the Underdevelopment of Africa by Africans

Daniela Camhy — Reflective Cosmopolitanism and the Concept of the Community of Inquiry

10.20 – 10.50 Staszic Hall – COFFEE BREAK

10.50 — 12.25 — 4 parallel sessions

**Section 6: IDEALS AND VALUES IN RELIGION AND MYTH**

**Hall A**

Chairperson: Dilipkumar Mohanta

Anna Aravantinou — Nature and Society in Hesiod

Adrian Boldișor — The Importance and Actuality of Interreligious Dialogue for the Contemporary World

Robin Sahaya Seelan — Humanizing and Dignifying Cultures: Dialogues with “Religious Utopias”

**Section 10: MORAL SYSTEMS AND MORAL PRACTICES**

**Hall B**

Chairperson: Richard Stichler

Werner Krieglstein — Universal Cooperation and the Natural Evolution of Morality
Fidel Gutiérrez Vivanco — Philosophy of Ideals and Values
Alejandro Rosas Lopez — The Holy Will of Ethical Machines
Chi-shing Chen — Justice and Law in the Republic and Mencius

Section 4: ECOPHILOSOPHY FOR THE HUMAN AND MORE THAN HUMAN WORLD
Hall C
Chairperson: Charles Brown
Samuel Cocks — The Naturalness of Environmental Pluralism, Polar Harmonies, and Resolution
Renat Apkin — Environmental Health Ethics in the Health Assessment of the Radon
Nadja Furlan Štante — Eco-feminist Ethics of Interdependence
Marzena Adamiak — Escaping from Exclusion. Karen Barad’s Metaphysics of Entanglement as an Answer to the Problem with Oppressive Mind

Section 2: PHILOSOPHICAL IDEALS FOR A MORE DECENT HUMAN WORLD
Hall D
Chairperson: Sergei Niznikov
Victor Krebs — The Daemonic Temptation. A Kierkegaardian Critique of the Digital Networks
Tetiana Matusevych — Transitional Society: (Re) evolution of Values
Paul Schafer — A Service Learning Cure for Men without Chests
Emmanuel Davies — Public Service in Nigeria
Lyudmyla Gorbunova — The Ideal of Cosmopolitan Cultural Citizenship as an Educational Strategy for Contemporary Ukraine

14.25 — 18.00 — FREE TIME
The following museums are recommended: the National Museum, the Chopin Museum, the Etnographic Museum, POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews, Zachęta National Gallery of Art

18.00 STASZIC PALACE, Reception Hall
CLOSING BANQUET
FRIDAY, JULY 15
Staszic Palace, Lustrzana Hall
10.00 — 13.00

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Nominations for the next Board
Perspectives for the XII Congress of ISUD
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Other Business

End of the Congress
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The secretariat members and volunteers are available in room 164. You also can contact them by phone, especially if you are not in the Staszic Palace. They would be happy to assist the congress attendees and accompanying persons in various matters.

There are many restaurants near the Staszic Palace — at Nowy Świat Street as well as at Krakowskie Przedmieście Street and in the Old Town (about 10 minutes of walking from the Staszic Palace). Bills of fare are accessible at entrances, frequently also in English. There is also a restaurant in the Staszic Palace, fourth floor (you should choose: 3 in the lift).

Warsaw is a rather safe city, but we recommend to omit some its areas. Please ask a secretariat member on details, concrete cases etc.

Banks in Poland can pay out you money if you have a card, for instance Visa, Master card. Two banks are very near the Staszic Palace. Using bank cards is very common as well as ATMs. In ATMs one can pay out only 1000 zloty at a time.

Recommended walks:
1. The University Campus, of historical importance – about 100 m from the Staszic Palace, the main entrance: Krakowskie Przedmieście Street 26;
2. The Old Town – 10 minutes from the Staszic Palace;
3. Nowy Świat Street;
4. Plac Zwycięstwa (Victory Square), Opera Building;
5. Krakowskie Przedmieście Street;
6. Bednarska Street and Mariensztat.
THE HISTORY OF THE STASZIC PALACE

The history of the Staszic Palace has been closely connected with the history of Poland.

1820–1830. The Staszic Palace was erected in 1823 to serve as the seat of the Society of Friends of Science and named after Stanislaw Staszic, the founder of the Society and of the building. The Palace was built in 1820–1823 according to designs by Antonio Corazzi, an Italian architect, on the site of a 1668 Dominican church. On Staszic's initiative, the Copernicus monument, designed by Bertel Thorvaldsen, a Danish sculptor, was erected in 1830 in front of the Palace. At that time Poland was partitioned, Warsaw being located in the area under Russian authority (the so-called Congress Kingdom, formed after the 1814 Vienna Congress). Under these circumstances, Stanislaw Staszic, who was one of the most distinguished representatives of the Polish Enlightenment, focused the Society's activity on fostering the country's development in the areas of the economy, science and education. Staszic was both President of the Society of Friends of Science, and also one of the founders of Warsaw University (1816). Staszic’s activity also included, but was not limited to initiating the construction of a coal mine in Dabrowa Gornicza, forming an Agricultural Association in Hrubieszow, carrying out research into geology and preparing a geological map of Poland and neighbouring countries.

The Society of Friends of Science, founded by Staszic, aimed at defending Polish culture and at developing science. The Society brought together in the Staszic Palace many Polish works of art, as well as materials referring to Polish history.

1830–1918. Following the defeat of the November 1830 uprising, the Society of Friends of Science was dissolved by the Russian authorities. Since then, the Palace has served different purposes, i.e. it housed the offices of the State Lottery, and since 1862, a secondary school for boys. In 1892–93 the Palace was rebuilt in Russian Byzantine style. The central part was turned into an Orthodox chapel.

1918–1939. After Poland had regained independence, from 1919–1924 the Palace was leased to the Warsaw Scientific Society, which con-
continued the work of the Society of Friends of Science. In 1924–1926 the Palace was restored to its original neo-classical style, although the design by Lalewicz differed from Corazzi’s version.

1939–1946. After the outbreak of the Second World War, the Warsaw Society for Science ceased its activities. The Palace was heavily damaged, in particular during the 1944 Warsaw uprising. However, some parts of it remained above ground.

Since 1946. 1946–1950 reconstruction of the Palace is an attempt to restore the original 1820 design. The architects in charge of the reconstruction faced many difficulties, since no authentic materials, pictures or designs by Corazzi were available. Thus, the comprehensive research was carried out both on Corazzi’s work as a whole, and on the remaining walls of the Palace. In 1948, the Warsaw Society for Science officially took over use of the Palace. At present, the Palace is used by the Polish Academy for Sciences, the supreme scientific institution in Poland, formed in 1951.
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On behalf of the scholarly community gathered in FISP, we, as philosophers, are therefore proud of ISUD’s mission of expanding philosophical dialogue to an ever wider audience. May I ensure you that FISP fully supports your endeavor in pursuing this highly necessary and important task.

A future opportunity to practice dialogue, openness, and mutual understanding may also be found at the upcoming World Congress of Philosophy, to be held in Beijing in August 2018. FISP is honored to extend to you all an invitation to join us there, and to make the presence of ISUD, of its network and its constitutive views, as visible and influential as possible. Thank you.

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