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Philosophy on the rocks

The paper deals with key collisions (during late 2014 — late 2015), concerning the state of philosophical community and prospects of philosophy as the education and research discipline in Ukraine, related to the ambiguous introduction of the new Law about Higher Education. The author describes the attempts of the philosophical community to give such a response to the challenges which would rather agree with the principal propositions and a spirit of the new Law (principles of the university autonomy, in particular) and would simultaneously favor the improvement of teaching philosophy than would remove the latter from the education field. The principles which serve as foundation of the philosophy state in the reformed Ukrainian education have been formulated: (1) the balanced state of narrow-specialized and general education competences; (2) the basic place of philosophy in the system of the Western intellectual culture, reflected in the intersectoral strategy of UNESCO concerning philosophy (philosophy — school of freedom and democracy); (3) a necessity of confirmation of critical thinking, autonomy of intellect and mechanisms of non-totalitarian formation of the person identity. The stress is laid on the amorphous character of the home philosophical community as the cause of indeterminacy of its future.

Keywords: philosophy, philosophical education, education reformation, university autonomy, philosophical community

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Silence of intellectuals

The paper deals with civic position of an intellectual in conditions of significant historical transformations. Great historical events inspired thinkers of the past for great ideas, their influence being felt even now. Instead, in the situation of challenges to the present liberal civilization, in particular, reanimation of the Russian imperial project, which has posed the world on the brink of global opposition, we have faced the Philistine silence of western intellectuals and, first of all, European ones. Their voices lapsed into silence in the so-called period of post-modern with its industrialized cynicism and an outbreak of the loss of meaning.

Keywords: position of intellectual, period of post-modern, liberal civilization, outbreak of the loss of meaning.

Events which did not take place

Information devoted to certain philosophical events notable by the fact that they did not take place. The question is in the competitions for the best achievements of young researchers in the field of philosophy, as well as in the All-Ukrainian Philosophical Congress. The long-term absence of these events, in spite of all their urgency, evidences for the defects of our intellectual life. Firstly, the understanding of this situation has impelled at last to announce a competition for obtaining Prizes in philosophy of 2016 and National competition in the field of philosophical translation in two subnominations (in translations of classical and modern philosophical literature). Secondly, the working group of the H.S. Skovoroda Institute of Philosophy of NAS of Ukraine appeals to philosophical community with preliminary propositions concerning the preparation of All-Ukrainian Philosophical Congress “Philosophy for the Future of Ukraine”.

Keywords: the event, Competition for obtaining Prizes in philosophy, National competition in the field of philosophical translation, All-Ukrainian Philosophical Congress

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Language and discourse as a subject of Martin Heidegger’s hermeneutic phenomenology

Peculiarities of consideration of the language and discourse issue by “early” M. Heidegger, namely within the limits of his hermeneutic phenomenology project (such an approach is isolated from the philosophy of language by “late” M. Heidegger) have been studied in the article. It is shown that next to the existentials of “disposedness” and “understanding” there arises the existential of «discourse» as a key to comprehension of socio-cultural and historical conditionality of Dasein. Particularly, an emphasis is made on such aspects of discourse as listening and silence (closely related to conscience) and, on the other hand, the attention is focused on the distortion of discourse in the idle talk act as inauthentic mode of human being. It is proven that the attempts of interpreting the position of “early” M. Heidegger as “linguistic pragmatism” are the unjustifiable extreme.

Keywords: language, discourse, Dasein, hermeneutic phenomenology, existential, disposedness, understanding, publicity, conscience, silence, idle talk

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Identity: from phenomenology to ethics

Principles of formation of the notion of personality and certification of his/her identity in creative work of three outstanding philosophers of the 20th century: Husserl, Heidegger and Lévinas have been considered in the article. An attempt is made to demonstrate that, in spite of the gnosiological context, these searches had a pronounced ethical trend. Reinterpreting classical legacy, the Cartesian philosophy in particular, these authors have made a lot to inscribe it in the present context, both in its gnosiological and ethical dimension. The reincarnation of ideas of the human Ego as well as those paradoxes which arise in the process of how this Ego is given to itself in various situations have been considered in succession.

Keywords: Ego, personality, self-certification, identity, temporality