



CALL FOR PAPERS

The Dutch Association for Philosophical Practice (VFP) is proud to organize the 10th International Conference on Philosophical Practice. In her closing meeting on the 9th ICPP in 2008 the philosophical practitioners, gathered in Carloforte (Italy), agreed with the proposal of the VFP that the theme of the 10th ICPP should be

'Experience in Philosophical Practice'.

From the first days of philosophical practice in the '80ties, the Dutch approach had and still has above all the ambition to be practical. Philosophical practice is supposed to create experiences, insight, and new possibilities of being or acting. True to this Dutch tradition, the 10th ICPP will be first of all a community of inquiry in philosophical practice. The aim of the conference is to deepen and improve our practice by sharing and discussing our experiences in philosophical practice. Our challenge is, not just to talk about philosophical practice, but to make the 10th ICPP an happening of philosophical practice itself in which we will learn from each other's practices.

Learning implies reflection. But reflection without experience could easily lead to discussions without practical value for our philosophical practice. To avoid this, we ask you not only to talk about your practice and your experience, but to show us what you do in 'your' philosophical practice. We also ask you to create reflective experiences in which the minds of the conference could meet.

During the conference, practices will be shown and discussed in **workshops and seminars** centered around **three main areas**:

Experience in philosophical counseling ('Beratung'): this refers to the most common way philosophical practice is understood, as counseling with individual clients or small groups working on *major life questions*.

Philosophical practice in the public, institutional and business spheres: this refers to the growing field of philosophizing in political and governmental institutions, business environments, and civil communities working on questions of justice, emancipation, quality of life etc.

Philosophical practice in education: this refers to philosophical practice in schools, educational institutions working on moral, vocational, professional and intellectual education.

In these three areas we wish to address **three kinds of questions**:

Experiences in philosophical practices. What kind of experiences are brought into your practice by the clients? What happens in the interaction between the clients and you, the practitioner?

Experience oriented working. What kind of experience do you, as a practitioner, want to create in your practice? And how do you work to realize this?

Reflection on experiences in philosophical practices. How can 'experience', in the context of philosophical practice, be considered 'philosophical'? How do you justify your practice for the outcome of your interventions?

The conference committee kindly invites you to send us your paper with a proposal for a workshop or seminar.

The conference will take place in **workshops and seminars**. There are two kinds of these:

- (A) **Practice in action**. Share your practice with the participants. Show it in a *live* session, or on video, or in another way. Give a demonstration with one client/participant, or with a group. Do it *real* or in a simulation. Find your own creative way to show how you work, and have the participants experience this practice.
- (B) **Reflections on practice**. Realize a (practical or theoretical) reflection on philosophical practice with the participants. Do it in a way, that the participants can experience the practice you want to reflect on. This is possible because you use audiovisuals or tell about striking examples. Also the way you arrange the seminar can be helpful for the participants to experience situations of the topic you are discussing.

Your workshop or seminar should contribute to the above mentioned *areas and questions*.

Your proposal must include the following *information*:

- Your name (both first and last name)
- Your address
- Your email address
- Your relation to philosophical practice
- Is your contribution 'practice in action' or 'reflection on practice'?
- A short description of the main idea of your workshop or seminar
- An outline of the program

In addition we would like you *to refer to the following questions*:

- How will you involve the participants into your workshop or seminar?
- What kind of experience do you want to create?
- How will you have the participants reflect on this experience?
- What do you want to be the result of your workshop or seminar?
- How does it enhance the quality of philosophical practice?

The maximum size of the proposal is 2000 words.

Send in your proposal to the conference committee: proposals@icpp10.org.

The (new) term of submitting papers ends at March 1st, 2010.

More information: info@icpp10.org.

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