



CROATIAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

26th Days of Frane Petrić

International interdisciplinary conference

PHILOSOPHY AND ECONOMY

Cres, Croatia, 24–27 September 2017.

General information

Date	24.–27. 9. 2017.
Venue	hotel <i>Kimen</i> , Cres, Hrvatska
Official languages	hrvatski, engleski, njemački
Programme	plenary lectures presentations in parallel sessions round tables
Additional programme	presentation of books cultural programme sightseeing of the town of Cres excursion
Contact address	dfp@hrfd.hr

Important dates and deadlines

Sending the completed <i>Application Form</i>	15 May 2017
Confirmation of acceptance of presentations (including an <i>Accommodation Form</i>)	15 June 2017
Sending the completed <i>Accommodation Form</i>	15 July 2017
Conference registration fee payment	15 September 2017

Croatian Philosophical Society

The Croatian Philosophical Society (CPS) was established in 1957, and is one of the oldest professional associations in Croatia and the region of South-East Europe. During the course of half a century, the CPS has become an unavoidable platform for philosophical life in the region and one of the key cultural institutions in Croatia.

During the first decades, the activities of the CPS revolved around the journal *Praxis* and the *Korčula Summer School*, which contributed with their international reputation to the affirmation of the Society in the region and wider, and became a prolific communication base for both domestic and foreign authors. At the beginning of the 1980s, the further development of Croatian philosophy was greatly invigorated once the journal *Filozofska istraživanja* was established, which filled the void after *Praxis* closed in the mid-1970s. Shortly after the first issue of *Filozofska istraživanja*, CPS also started publishing the journal *Synthesis philosophica*, and in 1990 the journal *Metodički ogledi* as well. The “*Filozofska istraživanja*” and “*Collected Works of Pavao Vuk-Pavlović*” book series are to be singled out as the Society’s the most known and influential publishing successes.

The Croatian Philosophical Society has been active in organising conferences, public discussions and roundtables, always looking to critically reflect current states of affair with their choice of topic. Amongst the conference activities of the CPS, the following are to be singled out: the *Days of Frane Petrić* (since 1992, Cres), the *Lošinj Days of Bioethics* (since 2002, Mali Lošinj), *Philosophy and Democracy* (since 2005, Dubrovnik), the *Mediterranean Roots of Philosophy* (since 2007, Split), *Philosophy of Media* (since 2011) and the regular *Annual Symposium* of the CPS in Zagreb, held since the Society was established in 1957.

The rich tradition of the Croatian Philosophical Society and the activities that correspond to current issues, along its interdisciplinary and international orientation, have ranked the Society amongst the relevant philosophical societies in the world. Accordingly, the CPS has been a permanent member of the International Federation of Philosophical Societies (*Fédération Internationale des Sociétés de Philosophie – FISP*) since 2006, and has to date hosted the annual meeting of the FISP Steering Committee twice.

Days of Frane Petrić

In collaboration with the Town of Cres, the hometown of the Renaissance philosopher Frane Petrić, the Croatian Philosophical Society co-founded an international scientific conference the *Days of Frane Petrić* in 1992. During the past quarter of a century of continuous work, the *Days* have become one of the leading scientific-cultural events gathering philosophers and scientists of the widest range of backgrounds. Many world renowned authors have partaken in the *Days of Frane Petrić*, and in the last 25 years over a thousand presentations were given by participants coming from more than 40 countries.

Each year, the *Days of Frane Petrić* comprise two conferences – one with regular annual theme dedicated to Croatian philosophy, and especially to the work of the great Renaissance polyhistorian from the Island of Cres, after whom the event was named, while the other focuses on a new topic each year. This year the main topic is “*Philosophy and Economy*”. Since 2013 the central activity of the project “*Scientific Incubator: Training in Scientific Research*” is also held in the framework of the *Days of Frane Petrić*. The aim of the “*Scientific Incubator*” project is to motivate students for scientific research and way of thinking.

Since the very beginning, the distinguishing features of the *Days of Frane Petrić* have been interdisciplinary approach, promoting dialogue, and adopting a pluri-perspective attitude which accepts and appreciates both scientifically and non-scientifically relevant contributions, and which values different cultural and philosophical traditions and specificities.

“Philosophy and Economy” conference circular

In an effort to philosophically interpret the phenomenon of the world and human life, the relationship between economy and philosophy imposes itself as a multi-layered, intriguing, and necessary subject of consideration. The initial question is how to understand the problem of economy. The further course of investigation of various levels and nuances of possible philosophical reflection on the phenomenon of economy depends on the answer to this question. First of all, let us say that we understand 'economy' as a rational, measurable, and generalizable explanation of a society's production capacity, as well as social (and maybe “cultural”) capability of a community of people to satisfy material needs of their lives, achieve benefits of living together, and generate a higher level of content for everyone. Even this “definition” points out to numerous problems and contradictions in understanding the phenomenon of economy, the more so because it was expressed in extra-economic terms. Surely, this kind of conference is needed to re-open the discussions on different positions in considering the mentioned issues, by having philosophy as a “host” to the discussions on subjects that have been receiving a growing attention lately.

Since its beginnings in the Antiquity (where we can certainly take Plato's and Aristotle's thought as reference points), philosophy has pondered on the range of topics that we today associate with the economic thought. In the Middle Ages (if we want to adhere to this Eurocentric division of periods in the history of mankind) the issue of economy is conceived in different ways, with a marked relationship with the transcendent interpretations of human existence, and these understandings in many ways limit the importance of the material as well as the production. Protestantism is here also worth mentioning because the motives of its emergence can be found in the relationship towards material goods. The Modern Age brings epochal changes in social structures: the development of the civil society, social stratification caused by the economic power of agents different from those in earlier periods, the beginning of colonial conquest, the development of the New World phenomenon and the destruction of the *Ancien Régime* concept, the revolutionary changes in Europe which were spread throughout the world by the inertia of more economic than political events. The industrial society, and its developmental and perhaps partly also its emancipatory power, saw completely new explanations of mankind's development path in the field of economy. In addition to the epochal changes, this age also brought epochal interpretations of these changes – certainly we cannot bypass the thought of Karl Marx in this regard. The 20th century in its numerous manifestations (the neo-colonial conquest, world wars, different forms of totalitarian movements, the Cold War, genocidal conflicts, the destruction of the natural environment, the emergence of multinational corporations, IT and genetic revolutions, globalisation, the dominance of the neoliberal economy etc.) brings landmark and global phenomena that transform the society and trace a particular path in the development of mankind. Needless to say, all these issues require special attention, and this conference presents a call for reflection on these and numerous other related issues.

We present the thematic unfolding of the relationship between philosophy and economy in the following way:

- classical philosophical insights regarding economic issues and theories;
- economy and history – the society in flux of different understandings of production capacity;
- the relationship between economy and religion – philosophical, social, and cultural manifestations;
- civil society and democracy – understanding the economic transformations;
- political aspects of economic changes: from colonialism and planned economies to multinational corporations, global market as a universal value, and transitional economies;
- the issue of economic growth and contradictions in mechanisms that measure human wellbeing and social development;
- economic aspects of natural resources exploitation – the destruction of biodiversity and unidimensionality of cultural patterns;
- possibilities of sustainable tourism;
- economy and education – the role of knowledge in the contemporary post-industrial society;
- economic and ethical aspects of the phenomenon of corruption and its effects;
- philosophy and economic aspects of contemporary social movements (anarchism, naturalism, eco-regionalism etc.);
- economy and projections of the future of mankind: from transhumanism to cataclysm;
- economy as a challenge to creativity – artistic and cultural contributions to understanding economic issues.

Through these and, of course, numerous other fields of inquiry we aim to create a platform for fruitful discussions and a wide scope of cooperation. Thus we would like to involve experts from other fields of knowledge besides philosophy and economics. By using the existing scientific infrastructure, we will encourage transfer of acquired knowledge in the society as well as wide cultural exchange of thought. In this regard, we would like for this conference to be a successor of prominent and important scientific and cultural efforts which have been carried forward by the *Days of Frane Petrić* for more than a quarter of a century, and for philosophy in Croatia and neighbouring countries to remain a promotor of dialogue, critical thinking, and creativity.

Assist. Prof. Tomislav Krznar, PhD
President of the Programme Committee
of the "Philosophy and Economy" Conference

Application

If you are interested to participate in the work of the conference, please send us the completed **Application Form** (in the attachment to this circular) at the e-mail address: dfp@hrfd.hr. Alternatively, registration forms can be faxed (fax no.: +385 (0)1 6117 012) or posted (postal address: Hrvatsko filozofsko društvo, Days of Frane Petrić, "Philosophy and Economy" Conference, Krčka 1, HR-10000 Zagreb, Croatia).

Working languages of the conference are Croatian, English, and German. The deadline for sending completed Application Forms is **15 May 2017**. Received applications will be considered, and the participants informed of the organisers' acceptance of their presentations by 15 June 2017 at the latest.

Presentations will be given in parallel sessions. Each presentation is allotted 15 minutes (discussions are to be held at the end of each session which consists of three to four presentations), except plenary presentations which are allotted 30 minutes. Each conference room is equipped with a computer and projector. The symposium programme will be sent to participants at the beginning of September, while the abstract booklet will be available at the opening ceremony.

The Croatian Philosophical Society plans to publish a selection of papers from the conference in the journals *Synthesis philosophica*, *Filozofska istraživanja*, and *Metodički ogledi*. The deadline for sending papers based on presentations given at the "Philosophy and Economy" conference is **31 December 2017**.

Registration fee

All participants have to pay registration fee of **1400 HRK (190 €)**. There are two kinds of registration fee:

- **FEE 1: 1400 kn ili 190 €**
(includes double-room hotel accommodation with full board, participation in all events organised during the conference, and conference materials);
- **FEE 2: 1700 kn ili 230 €**
(in addition to the above includes an organised round trip by bus Zagreb–Cres–Zagreb, 24 and 27 September 2017).

The **deadline for payment is 15 September 2017**. Participants from abroad need to pay the amount to the account of the Croatian Philosophical Society:

IBAN: HR4423600001101509268

SWIFT-CODE: ZABAHR2X (Zagrebačka banka; Bank Address: Zagrebačka banka d.d., Trg bana J. Jelačića 10, HR-10000 Zagreb).

Accommodation

All participants are provided double-room accommodation with full board at the *Kimen* hotel at which the conference will be held. Single-room accommodation is also available to participants, and is charged an extra 23 € a day, which is to be paid at the reception upon departure. Participants will also be sent an *Accommodation Form* containing all accommodation details (dates of arrival and departure, choice of room, persons arriving in company) together with the organisers' confirmation of acceptance of presentations.

For further information about accommodation, please contact us at dfp@hrfd.hr.

Travel information

The town of Cres is located on the island of Cres, Croatia. Conference will take place in the *Kimen* hotel (Melin I/16, Cres).

By a personal vehicle or a regular bus line: The Town of Cres is approximately 180 km south from Zagreb, easily accessible via highway Zagreb–Rijeka. There are regular ferry lines operating between the mainland and the island of Cres: from Brestova (mainland–Istria) to Porozina (island Cres), and Valbiska (island Krk) to Merag (island Cres). Round trip Zagreb–Cres–Zagreb prices with a regular bus line range from 230 HRK (30 €) to 320 HRK (42 €).

By plane: Zagreb is connected with all major cities in Europe. Zagreb airport is located at the outskirts of the city, 30 minutes of a bus ride from the city centre. Shuttle bus operates between Zagreb Airport (Pleso) and Zagreb main bus station every 30 minutes. From main bus station in Zagreb participants can use regular bus line to Cres.

The island of Krk (next to the island of Cres) has a small airport (Rijeka airport) so you may also take it under consideration. Other possibilities are airports in Zadar, Pula, and Trieste. Notice that regular bus connections between island of Krk and the island of Cres are not so often.

By an organized bus from Zagreb to the *Kimen* hotel, Cres: Organized bus for participants of the “Philosophy and Economy” conference will departure from Zagreb on **Sunday, 24 September 2017**, at **13:00** h. Gathering place is in front of the International hotel (Miramarska 24, Zagreb). Traveling with the organized bus provides a comfort of arriving directly from Zagreb to the *Kimen* hotel in Cres.

Departure of the organized bus from Cres (*Kimen* hotel) to Zagreb is on Wednesday, 27 September 2017, at 15:00 h (estimated time of arrival in Zagreb is 19:30 h).

The seat in organized bus can be reserved using the *Accommodation Form* that will be sent together with confirmation of acceptance of presentation till 15 June 2017 at the latest. *Accommodation Form* should be sent to the organizers with all the details noted till 15 July 2017 (to the address: dfp@hrfd.hr). If you plan to travel to Cres this way, you need to pay **Registration Fee 2**.

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Cres, Croatia

Main features of the Island of Cres:

- Valun Tablet – one of the oldest Croatian Glagolitic monuments from the 11th century, written bilingually: the first row in the Glagolitic alphabet, and the second and third in the Latin alphabet (Carolingian), displayed in the Valun Parish Church;
- The only preserved Roman bridge on the Eastern coast of the Adriatic just outside Beli;
- Lubenice – a stone town with 4000 years of uninterrupted history. It is a Medieval fort, erected on the edge of a 378 meter high precipice, and a jewel of Croatian rural architecture. One of the most beautiful beaches on the Island is the one beneath Lubenice, in the cove of St. Ivan, which the German newspaper *Bild* listed as the 15th most beautiful beach in the world.

Main features of the Town of Cres:

- The remains of a rampart in Cres: a cylindrical tower to the Northwest of the Town, three city gates (Bragadina, the Northern Gate of Marcela and St. Mikula);
- The parish church of St. Mary of the Snows from the 15th century with a bell tower from the 18th century;
- A City Loggia from the 16th century with the stocks. The Loggia has always been the heart of the town's public life, today it is the liveliest in the morning when it turns into an open market;
- A City Museum from the 15th century, the house in which the philosopher Frane Petrić of Cres was born. It is also called Arsan because in the past it used to be an arsenal;
- A Franciscan friary with the Church of St. Francis from the 14th century. The distinguishing feature of the friary is a double cloister: the outer Renaissance cloister with family crypts, in which members of eminent Cresian families were buried, and the inner, older cloister with a centrally placed well, on which the oldest Cresian coat of arms from the 14th century is engraved. The friary also contains a museum with a collection of old master paintings and sculptures, an ethnographic collection and a collection of liturgical books. A true rarity of the museum is a Glagolitic missal, printed in Senj in 1494.

Contact

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We are looking forward to meeting you in Cres!

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