

Rethinking peace

Series of international online workshops

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Description :

We have witnessed in the last years and months a global upsurge of violent conflicts that jettison every form of respect of international law, human rights and principles of justice, despite the decades-long existence of international juridic and peace-keeping instances, such as the United Nations, or of political projects that are built on the idea of universal human rights and rule of law, such as Europe.

The aim of these workshops is to reflect on the causes which made possible this global critical situation but also and above all on future perspectives which could replace this situation. If it is commonly admitted that violence and war are opposed to or amount to absence of peace, how should we conceive this notion and which possibilities can philosophy offer in this respect? Should we think peace as a mere absence of violence and war, or should we concede to peace an ontological primacy and positive consistency, as does Levinas? Is peace opposed to every form of conflict or can it be on

the contrary built only on the basis of conflicts which lead to mutual recognition (Ricœur) or radical democracy (Mouffe)? Does peace necessarily entail a specific global political and juridical form of organization, such as the Kantian idea of a world republic, with all the ambiguities that it entails? What kind of living together (Dewey) and thinking together (Arendt) does it presuppose?

These questions will not be analysed only from a general perspective, but also grounding in a reflection on concrete forms of violence and peace. Ultimately this initiative aims at developing a philosophical vocabulary of peace, which would be embedded in different philosophical traditions but at the same time also attuned to the challenges of the contemporary world.

March 28: Peace and Common World

Speakers:

Neal DeRoo (Institute for Christian Studies): A Phenomenological Basis for Nonviolence

Lindokuhle Gama (Rhodes University): Free-Minded Obedience is not Solidarity

Michael Weinman (Indiana University Bloomington): Hannah Arendt and the Minimal Expectation of an Earth Fit for Human Habitation

Chair:

Nataliia Viatkina (Skovoroda Institute of Philosophy of National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine)

Hour: 6 – 8 pm CET

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