

Karel Kosík
and Dialectics of the Concrete

4.–6. June 2014

Conference program

Weds. June 4, 2014

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8:30am *Registration*

9:00am *Introductory remarks*

Ondřej Ševeček (director of the Institute of Philosophy)

Josef Zúmr (former director of the Institute of Philosophy)

Ivan Landa (chair of the Department of Modern Czech Philosophy)

9:15am *Keynote speaker*

Johann Pál Arnason / “Kosík’s Marxism: Sources, Significance and Limitations”

10:15am *Coffee Break*

10:30am Panel IA. / **G = ground floor**

KOSÍK IN CONTEXT I: THE REFORM YEARS

Tereza Kunešová / “The Reception and Critique of Kosík’s *Dialectics of the Concrete* in Czechoslovakia between 1963 and 1969”

Jan Mervart / “Karel Kosík as a Public Intellectual of the Reform Years”

Vasil Gluchman / “Kusý and Marxist Humanism in the 1960s”

12:30pm *Lunch*

10:30am Panel IB. / **U = upstairs**

KOSÍK AND MARX

Mehmet Tabak / “The Dialectic of Unfolding in Hegel, Marx, and Kosík”

Feng-Yu Zang / “On *Dialectics of the Concrete* in Examining the Academic Relationship between Marx and Engels: An Analysis of Kosík’s Concept of Dialectics and its Contemporary Significance”

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2:30pm Keynote speaker

Michael Löwy / “Spirit of Resistance. Brief Notes for an Intellectual Biography of Karel Kosik”

3:30pm Panel 2A. / U

COGNITION AND IDEOLOGY

Siyaves Azeri / “*Dialectics of the Concrete*, Abstract Labour, and Criticism of Existentialism”

Petr Kužel / “The World of the Pseudoconcrete, Ideology and Theory of the Subject”

4:50pm *Coffee break*

5:00pm Panel 3A. / U

CULTURE

Marc Perelman / “Art between Reflection and Project”

Roman Kanda / “Karel Kosík and Literary Theory”

6:20pm *End for the day*

8:00pm *Informal gathering at a nearby pub*

(Restaurant “Na Slamníku” Wolkerova 566/12,
160 00 Praha 6-Bubeneč)

3:30pm Panel 2B. / G

KOSÍK AND HEIDEGGERIAN MARXISM I

Ian Angus / “Inception of Culture According to Karel Kosík: Appreciation and Critique”

Jan Černý / “Karel Kosík and Heidegger: From Marxism to Traditionalism”

5:00pm Panel 3B. / G

KOSÍK AND HEIDEGGERIAN MARXISM II

Alexei Savin / “The Development of the Materialist Conception of History in Karel Kosík’s *Dialectic of the Concrete*”

Martin Profant / “Herbert Marcuse’s and Karel Kosík’s Heideggerian Marxism – One Title for Two Different Matters”

Thurs. June 5, 2014

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8:30am Keynote speaker
Anselm Min / “Surviving Postmodernism and Globalization:
Kosík’s *Dialectics of the Concrete* Thirty Years Later”

9:30am Panel 4A. / [G](#)
KOSÍK IN ITALY
Laura Boella / “Karel Kosík: Intertwining Philosophy and Life”
Francesco Tava / “A Red Thread between Milan and Prague:
Guido Neri’s Interpretation of Kosík’s *Dialectics of the Concrete*”

10:50am Coffee Break

11:00am Panel 5A. / [G](#)
KOSÍK IN THE AMERICAS
Diana Fuentes / “Karel Kosík in Mexico: Adolfo Sánchez Vázquez and the *Dialectics of the Concrete*”
Peter Hudis / “Karel Kosík and American Marxist Humanism”
Newton Duarte / “*Dialectics of the Concrete* and Historical-Critical Pedagogy in Brazil”

1:00pm Lunch

9:30am Panel 4B. / [U](#)
DIALECTICS AND EPISTEMOLOGY (U)
Athanasios Christakopoulos / “Odysseys of Mind: The Categorio-genesis of Concrete Entities”
Tomáš Hříbek / “Marxist Revisionism and Its Critique of ‘Positivism’”

11:00am Panel 5B. / [U](#)
DIALECTICS AND ONTOLOGY I
Baowen Li / “*Dialectics of the Concrete*: the Construction and Critique Dimension of the Conception of Reality”
Attila Güney / “Kosík and Gramsci: An Assessment of the Marxist Notions of Totality and Praxis”

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2:30pm Keynote speaker
Bertell Ollman / “The Relation of Kosík’s Dialectical Philosophy to Marx’s Dialectical Method: Where to Begin and Why Does that Matter?”

3:30pm Panel 6A. / [G](#)
KOSÍK AND WESTERN MARXISM
Tom Rockmore / “Kosík, Lukács and the Thing in Itself”
Russell Rockwell / “The Freedom and Necessity Dialectic: Marcuse, Kosík, and Today”

4:50pm *Coffee break*

5:00pm Panel 7A. / [G](#)
KOSÍK IN CONTEXT II: EAST-CENTRAL EUROPE FROM REFORM TO REVOLUTION
Aviezer Tucker / “From Kosík to Havel: Debating the Meaning of 1968”
Stephan-Immanuel Teichgräber / “How Kosík’s Thinking Changed the Meaning of 1989”

7:00pm *End for the day*

3:30pm Panel 6B. / [U](#)
DIALECTICS AND ONTOLOGY II
Junya Yuan / “Kosík on Dialectics”
Xinruo Zhang and Xiaohan Huang / “An Ontological Dialectic and a Critique of Modernity: On the Interpretation of Kosík’s ‘Concrete Totality’”

5:00pm Panel 7B. / [U](#)
STRUCTURE AND CONCRETE TOTALITY
Vít Bartoš / “Kosík’s Concept of ‘Concrete Totality’ and Its Criticism”
Denko Skalovski / “Kosík’s Dialectics of Concrete Totality”
Huang Jifeng / “‘Concrete Totality’ and ‘Structuralist Totality’: A Comparison of Kosík and Althusser’s Explanations of Marx’s Theory of History”

Fri. June 6, 2014

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8:30am Keynote speaker

Gáspár Miklós Tamás / “Was“Revisionist”/”Humanist”
Marxism the Beginning of the End? or, Was Dissidence
Doomed to Become Liberal?”

9:30am Panel 8A. / U

THE CONCEPT OF HISTORY

Miloš Havelka / “Kosík’s Conception of the 19th Century”
Tomáš Hermann / “Karel Kosík and His ‘Radical
Democrats’: Moving From a Historical to a Systematic
Approach to Philosophy”

9:30am Panel 8B. / G

PRAXIS I

Ivan Landa / “Labour and the Struggle for Recognition:
Kosík’s Concept of Praxis”
Luka Matić and Anita Lunić / “Gramsci’s and Kosík’s
Notions of the Philosophy of Praxis Revisited”

10:50am *Coffee break*

11:00am Panel 9A. / U

ON THE POLITICAL

Joe Grim Feinberg / “The Dialectics of the People”
Dirk Dalberg / “Europe’s Lost Centre. Karel Kosik’s
Conception of Central Europe“
Lubomír Dunaj / “Kosík’s Concept of Concreteness, the
Everyday, and the Intercultural Dialogue”

11:00am Panel 9B. / G

PRAXIS II

Alessandra Farina / “Praxis and Labour in Kosík’s *Dialectics
of the Concrete* and the Constitutively Needing Nature of the
Subject in *The Functioning of the Sciences and the Meaning of
Man* by Enzo Paci”
Michael Hauser / “Karel Kosík and Post-Marxism”

1:00pm *End of the conference*

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