Karel Kosík
and Dialectics of the Concrete

4.–6. June 2014
Conference program
Weds. June 4, 2014

8:30am  Registration

9:00am  Introductory remarks
Ondřej Ševeček  (director of the Institute of Philosophy)
Josef Zumr  (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 1A. / 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 1B. / 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”
2:30pm  Keynote speaker

3:00pm  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)

Weds. June 4, 2014
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”

11:00am 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’”

1:00pm Lunch
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?”

3:00pm  Panel 6A. / G
KOSÍK AND WESTERN MARXISM
Tom Rockmore / “Kosík, Lukács and the Thing in Itself”

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’”

4:50pm  Coffee break

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”

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