Karel Kosík and Dialectics of the Concrete

Conference program

Keynote lectures: 40 mins. + 20 mins. discussion (held in the large conference room on the ground floor, “G”)

Panel presentations: 30 mins. + 10 mins. discussion per presentation (parallel sections held in the large conference room on the ground floor, “G,” and in the small conference room upstairs, “U”)

Weds. June 4, 2014

8:30am Registration
9:00am Introductory remarks:
   Ondřej Ševeček (director of the Philosophy Institute)
   Ivan Landa (chair of the Philosophy Institute’s Department for the Study of Modern Czech Philosophy)
9:15am Keynote speaker: Johann Pal Arnason, “Kosík’s Marxism: Sources, Significance and Limitations”
10:15am Coffee Break
10:30am Panel 1A, Kosík in Context I: The Reform Years (G = ground floor)

10:30am Jan Mervart, “Karel Kosík as a Public Intellectual of the Reform Years”
10:30am Vasil Gluchman, “Kusý and Marxist Humanism in the 1960s”
10:30am Tereza Kunešová, “The Reception and Critique of Kosík’s Dialectics of the Concrete in Czechoslovakia between 1963 and 1969”
10:30am Mehmet Tabak, “The Dialectic of Unfolding in Hegel, Marx, and Kosík”
10:30am 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”

12:30am Lunch
2:30pm Keynote speaker: Michael Löwy, “Spirit of Resistance. Brief notes for an intellectual biography of Karel Kosík”
3:30pm Panel 2A, Cognition and ideology (U)

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”
3:30pm  Panel 2B. Kosík and Heideggerian Marxism I (G)
Ian Angus, “Inception of Culture According to Karel Kosík: Appreciation and Critique”
Jan Černý, “Karel Kosík and Heidegger: From Marxism to Traditionalism”

4:50pm  Coffee break

5:00pm  Panel 3A. Culture (U)
Marc Perelman, “Art between Reflection and Project”
Roman Kanda, “Karel Kosík and Literary Theory”

5:00pm  Panel 3B. Kosík and Heideggerian Marxism II (G)
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”

6:20pm  End for the day

8:00pm  Informal gathering at a nearby pub (details TBA)
Thurs. June 5, 2014

9:30am  Panel 4A. Kosík in Italy (G)
        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”

9:30am  Panel 4B. Dialectics and Epistemology (U)
        Athanasios Christakopoulos, “Odysseys of Mind: The Categorio-genesis of Concrete Entities”
        Tomáš Hříbek, “Marxist Revisionism and Its Critique of ‘Positivism’”

10:50am  Coffee Break

11:00am  Panel 5A. Kosík in the Americas (G)
        Diana Fuentes, “Karel Kosík in Mexico: Adolfo Sánchez Vázquez and the Dialectics of the Concrete”
        Peter Hudis, “Karel Kosík and American Marxist Humanism”

11:00am  Panel 5B. Dialectics and Ontology I (U)
        Baowen Li, “Dialectics of the concrete: the construction and critique dimension of the conception of reality”
        Attila Güney, “Kosík and Gramsci: An Assessment on Marxist Notions of Totality and Praxis”

12:00am  Lunch

2:30pm  Panel 5A. Kosík in the Americas (G)
        Tom Rockmore, “Kosík, Lukács and the Thing in Itself”

3:30pm  Keynote speaker: Bertell Ollman, “The Relation of Kosík’s Dialectical Philosophy to Marx’s Dialectical Method: Where to Begin and Why Does that Matter?”

4:50pm  Panel 6A. Kosík and Western Marxism (G)
        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  Coffee break

5:00pm  Panel 7A. Kosík in Context: East-Central Europe from Reform to Revolution (G)
Aviezer Tucker, “From Kosík to Havel: Debating the meaning of 1968”

Stephan-Immanuel Teichgräber, “How Kosík’s Thinking Changed the Meaning of 1989”

5:00pm Panel 7B. Structure and Concrete Totality (U)

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”

7:00pm End for the day
**Fri. June 6, 2014**

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