

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 Institute of Philosophy)

Josef Zúmr (former director of the Institute of Philosophy)

Ivan Landa (chair of the Institute of Philosophy's Department for the Study of Modern Czech Philosophy)

9:30am Keynote speaker: Johann Pál Arnason, "Kosík's Marxism: Sources, Significance and Limitations"

(Moderator: Joseph Grim Feinberg)

10:30am *Coffee Break*

10:45am Panel 1A. Kosík in Context I: The Reform Years (G = ground floor)

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"

(Moderator: Joseph Grim Feinberg)

10:45am Panel 1B: Kosík and Marx (U = upstairs)

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"

(Moderator: Xinruo Zhang)

12:45pm

Lunch

2:30pm

Keynote speaker: Michael Löwy, "Spirit of Resistance: Brief Notes for an Intellectual Biography of Karel Kosík"

(Moderator: Peter Hudis)

3:30pm

Coffee break

4:00pm

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"

(Moderator: Šimon Svěrák)

4:00pm

Panel 2B. Kosík and Heideggerian Marxism (G)

Ian Angus, "Inception of Culture According to Karel Kosík: Appreciation and Critique"

Jan Černý, "Karel Kosík and Heidegger: From Marxism to Traditionalism"

(Moderator: Peter Hudis)

6:00pm

End for the day

8:00pm

Informal gathering at pub "Na Slamníku," Wolkerova 566/12, 160 00 Praha 6 - Bubeneč

Thurs. June 5, 2014

- 8:30am Keynote speaker: Anselm Min, “Surviving Postmodernism and Globalization: Kosík’s *Dialectics of the Concrete* Thirty Years Later”
- (Moderator: Michael Hauser)
- 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*”
- (Moderator: Jan Černý)
- 9:30am Panel 4B. Dialectics and Epistemology (U)
- Tomáš Hříbek, “Marxist Revisionism and Its Critique of ‘Positivism’”
- (Moderator: Junya Yuan)
- 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”
- Newton Duarte, “*Dialectics of the Concrete* and Historical-Critical Pedagogy in Brazil”
- (Moderator: Russell Rockwell)
- 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 of the Marxist Notions of Totality and Praxis”
- (Moderator: Michael Hauser)
- 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?”
- (Moderator: Mehmet Tabak)

- 3:30pm Panel 6A. Kosík and Western Marxism (G)
Tom Rockmore, "Kosík, Lukács and the Thing in Itself"
Russell Rockwell, "The Freedom and Necessity Dialectic: Marcuse, Kosík, and Today"
(Moderator: Michael Löwy)
- 3:30pm Panel 6B. Dialectics and Ontology II (U)
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'"
(Moderator: Mehmet Tabak)
- 4:50pm *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"
(Moderator: Joseph Grim Feinberg)
- 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's and Althusser's Explanations of Marx's Theory of History"
(Moderator: Petr Kužel)
- 7:00pm *End for the day*

Fri. June 6, 2014

9:30am Panel 8A. The Concept of History (U)

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"

(Moderator: Jan Mervart)

9:30am Panel 8B. Praxis I (G)

Ivan Landa, "Labour and the Struggle for Recognition: Kosík's Concept of Praxis"

Anita Lunić, "Gramsci's and Kosík's Notions of the Philosophy of Praxis Revisited"

(Moderator: Francesco Tava)

10:50am *Coffee break*

11:00am Panel 9A. On the Political (U)

Joe Grim Feinberg, "The Dialectics of the People"

Dirk Dalberg, "Europe's Lost Center. Karel Kosík's Conception of Central Europe"

Ľubomír Dunaj, "Kosík's Concept of Concreteness, the Everyday, and Intercultural Dialogue"

(Moderator: Aviezer Tucker)

11:00am Panel 9B. Praxis II (G)

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"

(Moderator: Francesco Tava)

1:00pm *End of conference*