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Socratic Dialogues in the Akademie Frankenwarte 9 – 12 February 2018



Dear friend of Socratic Dialogue

We cordially invite you to our first Socratic seminar in 2018. As usual, in addition to the Dialogues in German there will also be a Dialogue in English.

For our first Socratic event in 2018 we strongly recommend early registration, as experience shows that this seminar is quickly fully booked.

- ➔ On page 3 of the attached enrolment form the costs for board and lodging are shown.
- ➔ On page 2 the topics of the Dialogues offered and explanatory comments can be found.

Information on the procedure of our Socratic seminars and the terms of payment:

Procedure of our Socratic Seminar:

We will work in groups of up to ten participants on the topic chosen using the (Neo-)Socratic Method. In the afternoons or if needed the group has the opportunity to discuss problems of their joint work or methodological questions (Meta-Dialogue). Some evenings are reserved for a plenary discussion on important aspects of Socratic Dialogue ("Socratic Evening") and/or the discussion focusing on a (socio-)political topic ("Political Evening"). A new offer is the "Feldenkrais-Evening".

Please note: Uninterrupted continuity from the first to the last day of the seminar is an important prerequisite for the success of a Socratic Dialogue. Therefore neither the change between groups nor partial participation (late arrival/early departure) can be tolerated.

A reduction of the fees will be granted to pupils, students, apprentices, unemployed persons, and welfare recipients. You can apply for a reduction on the enrolment form. The non-profit association „Freunde und Förderer des Sokratischen Gesprächs“ ("Friends and Supporters of Socratic Dialogue"), which finances the reductions, also grants, on application, subsidies for travel costs. (Please contact the chairman Peter Heckmann: Peter.Heckmann@gmx.net).

Terms of payment:

All payments should be transferred to the bank account of Philosophisch-Politische Akademie: Sparkasse KölnBonn, account number: 19 31 53 98 84; bank identification code: 370 501 98; IBAN: DE16370501981931539884; BIC: COLSDE33XXX indicating your name and the seminar number (see enrolment form below). Due to the fact that the number of participants is limited, the registrations are dealt with on a "first come, first served" basis. Having received your enrolment and the advance payment we will inform you about the opportunity to participate. If your application cannot be accepted we will, of course, refund your money.

Your enrolment and the advance payment of 25 € should be done two weeks before the seminar starts. Ten days before the seminar starts we should have received the entire fee. It is imperative to mention the seminar number (SD 01/2018) on the bank transfer form. Should you need to cancel your enrolment later than ten days before the seminar starts we will keep 25 € to cover the costs incurred. If we receive your cancellation later than four days before the seminar starts you will have to pay the cancellation fee which the venue may charge.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

Dieter Krohn (PPA/GSP/SFCP)

Klaus Blesenkemper (PPA/GSP)

Horst Gronke (PPA/GSP)

Julie-Marie ffrech Devitt (SFCP)

Philosophisch-Politische Akademie e.V.

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GSP eingetragen im Vereinsregister des Amtsgerichts Hannover: VR 6688

SD 01/2018: 9 – 12 February in Akademie Frankenwarte in Würzburg

Start: Friday, 9th of February, 18:00 (Dinner), End: Monday, 12th of February, 13:00 (after lunch)

Akademie Frankenwarte, Gesellschaft für Politische Bildung e.V., Leutfresserweg 81-83, 97082 Würzburg,

Website: www.frankenwarte.de – phone: 0049-(0)931-80464-0.

Horst Gronke: Sollten wir nach einer „Leitkultur“ streben? / Should we strive for a ‘dominant’ culture?

An dem Gespräch, das in deutscher Sprache stattfindet, kann auch teilnehmen, wer nicht so gut Deutsch, stattdessen besser Englisch spricht. / Participating in this dialogue doesn't require perfect German if you are able to express yourself better in English.

Nachdem der Begriff der („europäischen“ oder „deutschen“) „Leitkultur“ vor etwa 20 Jahren als Gegenentwurf zum „Multikulturalismus“ in die gesellschaftlich-politische Debatte eingeführt worden ist, hat er sich im politischen Feld (etwa von der „linken Mitte“ bis zu „Rechtsaußen“) in einer gewissen Bedeutungsvielfalt ausgebreitet. Im Blick auf unsere eigenen Erfahrungen können wir untersuchen, nach welcher Art von „Leitkultur“ wir eventuell streben sollten, oder wonach, wenn nicht nach einer „Leitkultur“, wir stattdessen streben sollten.

Since the term (‘European’ or ‘German’) ‘dominant culture’ was introduced into the social-political discussion as a counter-concept to ‘multi-culturalism’ twenty years ago, it has spread over the political spectrum (from the ‘left wing of the political centre’ to the ‘extreme right-winger’). It has taken on a multitude of different meanings. Relating to our experiences we could investigate into *which kind of ‘dominant culture’* we should probably strive for, or – in case we should not at all strive for any kind of it – what we should strive for instead.

→ Vander Lemes: Under what circumstances is it justified to break certain rules? (SD in English)*

Our lives in society are shaped by a set of rules. It is on the most basic level of morality to respect those rules in order to avoid punishment. On higher levels of morality one goes beyond the rules themselves and recognizes other reasons, like principles or the expected consequences to the overall good or whatsoever as criteria for the evaluation of concrete rules. The full acceptance of the code of rules might therefore depend on this evaluation. Based on concrete experiences of our own, I propose to explore the limits of such criteria to determine which acts are morally right or wrong.

Veit Siegmund: Was bedeutet es, für das, was ich sage, verantwortlich zu sein?

„Das habe ich doch nur mal so gesagt“ oder „Das habe ich so gar nicht gemeint“. Wie oft kommt es vor, dass etwas gesagt wird, was man besser nicht oder anders hätte sagen sollen? „Du hast doch gesagt, dass ...“. Was bedeutet nun, für das, was ich sage, verantwortlich zu sein? Mir kommt diese Frage bedeutsam vor, weil unser alltägliches Leben nicht selten davon beeinträchtigt wird, was wir sagen und wie wir etwas sagen. Besonders wenn wir urteilen und bewerten, stellt sich die Frage nach der Verantwortung für das, was wir aussagen. Aber nicht nur im alltäglichen Umgang miteinander, sondern auch in der öffentlichen Auseinandersetzung erscheint es oft so, dass wenig Wert auf Verantwortlichkeit für das, was gesagt wird, gelegt wird.

Lucie Winklerová: „Vorsicht Rutschgefahr!“ – Wann ist es gut, ein Risiko einzugehen?

Wir leben in einer Gesellschaft, die jedes Risiko zu vermeiden versucht. Jeder Artikel im Laden gibt über seine Zusammensetzung Auskunft; man versucht sein Leben durch verschiedenste Sicherheitsmaßnahmen zu schützen. Man könnte meinen, dass es umso mehr Angst vor Risiken gibt, je sicherer unsere Umwelt ist. Andererseits geht man in seiner Freizeit oft freiwillig Risiken ein (im Risiko-Sport, per Freizeitdrogen). Kann es auch gut sein, ein Risiko einzugehen? Unter welchen Bedingungen? Wozu und wieso?

Feldenkrais-Evening with Veit Siegmund [Saturday, 10th of February, 19:30 – 21:00]

Awareness through movement – Movement within limits and beyond

Enrolment for a Socratic Dialogue in 2018

Last name, First name	Address (street, postal code, residence, country)
E-Mail and telephone number / remarks	

Registration:

via post to: Philosophisch-Politische Akademie/Gesellschaft für Sokratisches Philosophieren
c/o Dr. Horst Gronke, Leuthener Str.3, D-10829 Berlin

online: www.socraticdialogue.com

via e-mail to: gsp@sokratisches-gespraech.de

I would like to enrol in the following seminar. This enrolment is binding.

➔ Please tick (v) as appropriate. (Prices include board and lodging, unless stated otherwise)

Seminar number (Time and place)	Double room	Single room	Double, reduced	Single, reduced
SD 01/2018 Akademie Frankenwarte 9 to 12 February, Würzburg	160 €	220 €	120 €	170 €
SD 02/2018 HVHS Springe 24 to 29 March, Springe	280 €	330 €	210 €	260 €
SD 03/2018 Evangelische Diakonie 22 to 24 June, Berlin	160 €	190 €	110 €	140 €
without accommodation, meals included	70 €; reduced: 35 €			
LEK/2018 Haus am Seddiner See (near Potsdam) 13 to 15 July [Reading seminar]		170 €		130 €
without accommodation, meals included	60 €; reduced: 30 €			
SD 04/2018 DRK Tagungshotel 19 to 21 October, Münster (Westphalia)	180 €	220 €	140 €	180 €
without accommodation, meals included	60 €; reduced: 30 €			

➔ Please tick as appropriate:

() The advance payment (25 €) has been transferred indicating my name and the seminar number (e.g. SD 01/2018).

() The entire participation fee has been transferred indicating my name and the seminar number.

() Reasons for the reduced rate und supporting documents are attached.

! I know that I can only participate if I arrive in time and stay till the end.

() I would not like to have my address/telephone number/e-mail address appear on the list of participants, which will be sent to all those who participate before the seminar.

()* I bindingly register for the Socratic Dialogue in English knowing that it will only take place if the desired number of at least six participants will be reached.

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(Place, Date)

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(Signature, necessary only on postal enrolments)

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