

**5<sup>th</sup> International Conference 2005 in Berlin**  
**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2.00 p.m., to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July, after lunch**

# **The Challenge of Dialogue**

## **Socratic Dialogue and Other Forms of Dialogue in Different Political Systems and Cultures – a Global Perspective**

The conference will concentrate on the challenges of dialogue as they emerge in different contexts. How can the means of dialogue be rationally applied in order to

- promote intra- and cross-cultural understanding
- develop political awareness
- critically reflect upon one's own values
- reach fair and just decisions within voluntary and state sectors?

In particular: What types of dialogue are there and how can dialogue live up to the challenges mentioned above? What are the strengths and achievements of Socratic Dialogue on the one hand and what could be contributed by other types of dialogue on the other? How could the different types of dialogue fruitfully interchange and cooperate so as to improve upon their respective strengths?

The conference will comprise workshops, papers, panel discussions and actual dialogues. The Conference language will be English.

Please send in your proposals for papers and workshops on the following subjects:

- Development of Socratic Dialogue;
- Exchange of ideas: Socratic and other forms of dialogue;
- Examples of dialogue practised in different political systems – notably those recently developed in Central and Eastern Europe;
- The role of dialogue in mutual understanding within and between different cultures and in the political and economic sectors.

### **Conference Convenors**

#### **GSP**

Gesellschaft für Sokratisches Philosophieren,  
Germany  
[www.sokratisches-gespraech.de](http://www.sokratisches-gespraech.de)

#### **PPA**

Philosophisch-Politische Akademie, Germany  
[www.philosophisch-politische-akademie.de](http://www.philosophisch-politische-akademie.de)

#### **SFCP**

Society for the Furtherance of Critical Philosophy,  
Great Britain  
[www.sfc.org.uk](http://www.sfc.org.uk)

#### **bpb**

Bundeszentrale für Politische Bildung, Germany  
[www.bpb.de](http://www.bpb.de)

### **Conference Venue**

ver.di – Bildungs- und Begegnungszentrum Clara  
Sahlberg, Koblanckstr. 10, 14109 Berlin-Wannsee,  
Germany

### **Conference Fee**

60, - Euro without board and lodging.  
No conference fee for those who actively contribute  
(paper, workshop, facilitating dialogues).

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### **Further Information**

[www.philosophisch-politische-akademie.de/ic2005.html](http://www.philosophisch-politische-akademie.de/ic2005.html)