

*'The created spirit embraces knowingly, happy and freely accepting also itself'*

## ***Edith Stein's Challenge to Contemporary Anthropology***

International Conference

Faculty of Catholic Theology, University of Vienna and

Pontifical Institute Benedict XVI, Heiligenkreuz (EUPHRat)

In collaboration with IASPES, ESGÖ, KHG, Catholic Academy of Vienna and ESGD

### Programme

It is difficult to bring contemporary anthropology under one heading. A malleable identity seems to have become the motto of a many-gendered culture, in which the total projection of oneself has gained currency as a utopian ideal.

Many contemplate the proximate integration of nano-computers into the human body in order that we might be programmed at will. Such new technologies entail that the border between self-construction and external manipulation has become blurred. More than ever, therefore, we need a meaningful engagement with the question: **'What is the human being?'**

This question was thought through by the philosopher Edith Stein (1891 Breslau – 1942 Auschwitz). Existence reveals itself ascending towards an ever fuller realisation of itself: from the non-living to the living, over plant and animal to the being who disposes of freedom and self-consciousness: the human being. This still more living, still freer and still more open existence is not without value: there is nothing in Creation without value. Being itself is already meaningful. It is still more meaningful in its relation to the human and spiritual self consciousness that opens itself to it. The human being does not give things their value subsequent to their being: they themselves communicate their fullness of value to it. In human reason the light of creation is lit as beauty, truth and goodness. From there the human being can accede to the creative origin, to the original light. This is Edith Stein's answer to the auto-construction of an I, which regards its own existence only as a play on a meaningless stage.

'[Love] is entirely turned towards God, but the created spirit embraces also itself in knowledge, bliss and self acceptance. The surrender to God is at the same time surrender to one's own self as loved by God and to the whole of creation.'

## Friday 23 October 2015 in Vienna

Morning: Gathering of the international participants for common transportation from the airport Wien-Schwechat to the University of Vienna. Storing of the luggage in the University of Vienna (address: Universitätsring 1, 1010 Wien).

10.30-14.30: Touring the City of Vienna in the footsteps of Edith Stein with Dr. Elisabeth Maier, President of the Austrian Edith Stein Society (ESGÖ)

### Group A moderated by Prof. Ingeborg Gabriel, University of Vienna

15.00 Opening of the conference at the University of Vienna (Room 47, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor). Address by **Prof. Sigrid Müller**, Dean of the Faculty of Catholic Theology. Words of welcome from the Austrian Edith Stein Society (ESGÖ), the German Edith Stein Society (ESGD), the International Association for the Study of the Philosophy of Edith Stein (IASPES) and the Vienna Carmel.

15.20 **Prof. Wojciech Zyzak**, *President of the Pontifical University of Krakau, Poland:*  
Die Familie in Leben und Schriften der hl. Teresia Benedicta vom Kreuz

16.00 **Dr Francesco Alfieri OFM**, *The Lateran University, Rome, Italy:*  
'Der Mensch baut sich nicht allein von sich aus!' Grundbausteine von Edith Steins Anthropologie

16.40 Coffee break

17.00 **Dr Christof Betschart OCD**, *Theresianum, Rome, Italy:*  
Der Teresianische Einfluss auf Edith Steins Anthropologie

17.40 **Dr Viki Ranff**, *University of Trier, Germany:*  
'Die Kirche persönlich verkörpern'? Edith Steins Sicht der Jungfräulichkeit

18.20 Pause

19.00 **Prof. emer. Hanna-Barbara Gerl-Falkovitz**, *Heiligenkreuz, Austria:*  
,Gottgeliebtes selbst'. Edith Steins Herausforderung heutiger Anthropologie

20.15 *Agape* with bread and wine (in the Theology Department)

21.00 Transfer to Heiligenkreuz and to the Hotels

## Saturday 24 October in Heiligenkreuz

- 7.30**            **Mass**  
**8.15**            **Breakfast**  
**9.00**            **Words of welcome from**  
**Abbot Dr. Maximilian Heim OCist and**  
**the President of the Pontifical Institute Benedict XVI Prof. Rev. Karl Wallner**  
**OCist**

### **Group B moderated by Dr Mette Lebech, *Maynooth University, Ireland***

- 9.30**            **Dr Beate Beckman-Zöller, *Munich Catholic College, Germany:***  
**'Geist-begabt'. Erlösung der Geschlechter in der Anthropologie Edith Steins**  
**10.00**            **Prof. Sarah Borden Sharkey, *Wheaton College Illinois, USA:***  
**Capacity or Castle? Thoughts on Stein's Creative (Carmelite) Contribution to**  
**the Discussion on the Soul**  
**10.30**            **Dr Clio Francesca Tricarico, *Federal University of Sao Paolo, Brazil:***  
**Die Seele des Menschen aus der Sicht Edith Steins.**  
**Ein Vergleich mit Hedwig Conrad Martius**  
**11.00**            **Coffee Break**  
**11.15**            **Dr Tonke Dennebaum, *Mainz, Germany:***  
**Gottes Heil und die ‚Grenzen der sichtbaren Kirche‘.**  
**Soteriologische Erwägungen Edith Steins als Antizipation von *Nostra Aetate***

### **Group C moderated by Robert McNamara, *Steubenville European Outreach Programme,*** ***Gaming, Austria***

- 9.30**            **Dr Michele Kueter Petersen, *Mount Mercy University, Iowa, USA:***  
**The Heart of Meaning in the Life and Thought of Edith Stein: A Hermeneutical**  
**Inquiry**  
**10.00**            **Jennie Latta, *Memphis, Tennessee, USA:***  
**The Philosophical Anthropology of Edith Stein: Possible Applications to**  
**Current Questions**  
**10.30**            **Dr Alexandra Szulc, *Independent Researcher, Poland:***  
**Stein's Philosophy of the Cross as Philosophy of Vocation**  
**11.00**            **Coffee Break**  
**11.15**            **Fr Christopher Fajardo SJ, *University of Oxford, UK:***  
**Awakening to Thee: Retracing Edith Stein's view on evolutionary**  
**anthropology and its directionality towards the emergence of free, self-**  
**communicating and believing persons**

### **Group D moderated by Dr Rosalia Caruso, *Palermo***

- 9.30 **Dr Anna Varga-Jani**, *Eötvös University, Budapest, Hungary:*  
Edith Stein und Peter Wust. Eine philosophische Sicht des *ganzen* Menschen
- 10.00 **René Raschke**, *Technical University Dresden, Germany:*  
Bildungsimpulse aus der anthropologischen Sicht Edith Steins
- 10.30 **Prof. Marian Maskulak CPS**, *St John's University, New York, USA:*  
The Human Being. The 'Becoming' Being in Relationship
- 11.00 Coffee Break
- 11.15 **Dr Ilse Kerremans**, *Gent, Belgium:*  
Die Rezeption Edith Steins im Niederländischen Sprachraum. Wie ist es ihrem Nachlaß ergangen?

**12.00 Sext/Non (Liturgy of the Hours)**

**12.30 Dinner**

**Group E moderated by Prof. Kosmas Thielmann OCist**, *Theologische-Philosophische Hochschule Benedikt XVI, Heiligenkreuz*

- 14.30 **Dr Thomas Bahne**, *University of Erfurt:*  
Hingabe als anthropologische Topos. Ein tugendetischer Ansatz bei Edith Stein.
- 15.00 **Dr Anna Maria Pezella**, *The Lateran University, Rome, Italy:*  
Construction and Auto-Construction of a Human Being.  
A Pedagogical Perspective in Edith Stein's Thought
- 15.30 Coffee Break
- 16.00 **Dr Thomas Gricoski OSB**, *St Meinrad, Indiana, USA:*  
Towards a Steinian Neo-Essentialism
- 16.30 **Dr Valentina Gaudiano**, *Instituto Universitario Sophia, Loppiano/Florence, Italy:*  
Edith Stein's Vision des Menschen als Mann und Frau:  
Eine Antwort auf Gender
- 17.00 **Prof. Claudia Marièle Wulf**, *Tilburg University, the Netherlands:*  
Freiheit – individual, gebunden, existentiell.  
Vorschläge zur Weiterarbeit mit Edith Steins Anthropologie

**Group F moderated by Prof. Antonio Calcagno**, *King's College, University of Western Ontario, Canada*

- 14.30 **Prof. Walter Redmond**, *Texas, USA:*  
Stein and Aquinas on the Analogy
- 15.00 **Dr Haddy Bello**, *Pontifical Catholic University of Chile:*  
On the Problem of Freedom as the Basis of the Question about Man
- 15.30 Coffee Break
- 16.00 **Prof. Michael Andrews**, *University of Portland, USA:*

- Edith Stein: Beyond Reason, Faith and Ethics
- 16.30 **Dr John Sullivan OCD**, *ICS Publications, Washington DC, USA:*  
ICS Publications: Contributions or Source of 'Stratospheric' Stein Sales?
- 17.00 **Dr Feliciano Merino**, *Academia Internacional de Filosofia/Instituto de Filosofia Edith Stein, Granada, Spain:*  
The Response of Edith Stein to Contemporary Gender Theory

**Group G moderated by Prof. Marian Maskulak**, *St John's University, New York*

- 14.30 **Dr Mark Joseph Calano**, *Ateneo de Manila University, Quezon, Philippines:*  
Analogia Entis and the Incomprehensibility of Finite Being
- 15.00 **Prof. Juvenal Savian-Filho**, *Federal University of Sao Paulo, Brazil:*  
'Person' in Edith Stein and Medieval Tradition
- 15.30 Coffee Break
- 16.00 **Dr Pamela Fitzpatrick**, *University of Mount Olive, North Carolina and Orange County Schools, North Carolina, USA:*  
The Female Teacher
- 16.30 **Prof. Bernardo Alvarez Gutierrez OSB**, *Pontifical Catholic University of Chile:*  
God's Personal Manner. Edith Stein's Trinitarian Wager in *Finite and Eternal Being*
- 17.00 **Jordan Varberg**, *Wheaton College, Illinois, USA:*  
Stein's Critique of Heidegger: On Dasein's Orientation to Fullness
- 18.00 Vesper (Liturgy of the Hours)**
- 18.30 Supper**
- 19.30 **Prof. Angela Ales Bello**, *the Lateran University, Rome, Italy:*  
Edith Stein und die Psychologie

**Sunday 25 October 2015 in Heiligenkreuz**

- 9.00 Mass. Main celebrant: **Prof. Kosmas Thielmann OCist**

**Gruppe H moderated by Tonke Dennebaum**

- 10.30 **Dr Mette Lebech**, *Maynooth University, Ireland:*  
Geistige Gesundheit und Krankheit bei Edith Stein
- 11.20: Final Discussion: Whereto for Stein Research?  
**Prof. Antonio Calcagno**, *King's College, University of Western Ontario, Canada*  
**Prof. Claudia Marièle Wulf**, *Tilburg University, the Netherlands*

**12.00**      **Sext/Non (Liturgy of the Hours)**  
**12.30**      **Dinner**

**For members of IASPES only:**

14.30 IASPES General Assembly

**For members of the advisory board to the translations of Stein only:**

16.30 Meeting of the board of scientific advisors to the ICS Publications' English translations of Stein's Works



In principle students can claim ECTS for their participation in the conference.

**Fees:**

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| Students, in all                 | 5 €  |
| Ordinary participant             | 15 € |
| Members of ESGD, ESGÖ and IASPES | 12 € |

**Included in the fee is:**

Transport from Vienna-Schwechat airport

Agape and coffee

Transport on Friday evening from Vienna to Heiligenkreuz

**Not included in the fee is:**

Dinner and Supper

**How to book:**

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