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# Program

**25 May, Sunday**      Arrival at Conference Venue – [Masaryk University Conference Center, Šlapanice](#)  
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**(Unless otherwise noted, all meals are at the conference center)**

	19:00	Welcome Dinner (with local beer tasting)
<b>26 May, Monday</b>	8:30 am	Breakfast
	9:30 – 11:00	<b>Keynote Address</b>
	<b>Charlene Seigfried</b>	<i>Relating Identity and Diversity</i>
	11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break
	11:30 – 13:30	Session I <b>Individual and Social Transformation</b>
	<b>Emil Višňovský</b>	<i>Social Action and Social Transformation</i>
	<b>James Campbell</b>	<i>We Are What We Believe: Social Transformation and Individual Transformation</i>
	13:30 – 14:30	Lunch
	14:30 – 16:30	Session II <b>Community</b>
	<b>Krystyna Wilkoszewska</b>	<i>The Community of Experience</i>
	<b>Scott Pratt</b>	<i>Mistaken Identity</i>
	16:30 – 17:00	Coffee Break
	17:00 – 18:00	Session III <b>Logic</b>
	<b>Igor Hanzel</b>	<i>Dewey's Logic: The Theory of Inquiry – Modernization and Transformation</i>

	19:00	Dinner
		Walks and Talks
<b>May 27, Tuesday</b>	8:00 am	Breakfast
	9:00 – 11:00	Session IV <b>Morality</b>
	<b>Carlos Mougan</b>	<i>Moral Virtues and Social Transformation</i>
	<b>Kathleen Wallace</b>	<i>Subjectivity and Moral Transformation</i>
	11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break
	11:30 – 13:30	Session V <b>Pragmatic Naturalism</b>
	<b>Rein Gerritsen</b>	<i>Nothing if not Critical: The Case of Paul Feyerabend's Attitude towards Naturalism, Humanism and Pragmatism</i>
	<b>John Ryder</b>	<i>The Value of Pragmatic Naturalism</i>
	13:30 – 15:00	Lunch
	15:00 – 17:00	Session VI <b>Identity in Literature</b>
	<b>Richard Hart</b>	<i>The Will to Believe and Resistance to Occupation: Is the Moon Down?</i>
	<b>Lyubov Bugaeva</b>	<i>Judgment and Identity: The Case of The Last Puritan</i>
	17:00	Free Time
	19:00	Dinner
		Walks and Talks
<b>May 28, Wednesday</b>	8:00 am	Breakfast
	9:00 – 11:00	Session VII <b>Identity and Ethics</b>
	<b>Sami Pihlström</b>	<i>On the Relation Between Ethics and Metaphysics in Pragmatism</i>

	<b>Majorie Miller</b>	<i>Who Am I? Who Are We? Identity and Social Change in Dewey and Confucius</i>
	11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break
	11:30 – 12:30	Session VIII <b>History and Culture</b>
	<b>Sándor (Alex) Krémer</b>	<i>Rorty on Society and History</i>
	<b>Marilyn Fischer</b>	<i>Masaryk and Addams on Humanitarianism and Cultural Reciprocity</i>
	12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
	14:00	Excursion to the Austerlitz Battlefield and Austerlitz Castle
	19:00	Dinner: Fixed Buffet at Austerlitz Castle; Professionally Guided Moravian Wine Tasting
<b>May 29, Thursday</b>	8:00 am	Breakfast
	9:00 – 11:00	Session IX <b>Personal Identity</b>
	<b>Donald Morse</b>	<i>Pragmatism and Personal Identity</i>
	<b>Ramón Rodríguez</b>	<i>Personal Identity and Political Community Under a Global Strain</i>
	11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break
	11:30 – 13:30	Session X <b>Democracy and Social Transformation</b>
	<b>Jane Skinner</b>	<i>Dewey's Pragmatic Technology as Economic Thinking: A Route towards Social Transformation</i>
	<b>Larry Hickman</b>	<i>Representative Democracy, Participatory Democracy, and the Trajectory of Social Transformation</i>
	13:30 – 15:00	Lunch
	15:00 – 17:00	Session XI <b>Responsibility</b>

**Armen Marsoobian** *Memorials, Modernity and Self-Identity: How Do We Memorialize Genocide?*

**Martin Kilanowski** *The Necessity of Freedom as Responsibility – A Pragmatic Approach*

17:00 Free Time

19:00 Dinner

Walks and Talks

**May 30, Friday**

8:00 am Breakfast

9:00 – 11:00 Session XII **Pragmatism and Things Czech**

**Radim Šip** *The Pragmatic Conception of the Nation and its Application for Understanding Modernity (A Czech Case)*

**Chris Voparil** *Havel between Emerson and Rorty: On Pragmatism, Identity and Social Change*

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 – 13:30 Session XIII **Politics**

**Michael Eldridge** *Pragmatism, Agency and Power: Identity Politics as a Model for Pragmatism*

**Miklós Nyiró** *Identity, Politics and Culture in Rorty's Thought*

13:30 – 15:00 Lunch

15:00 – 17:00 Session XIV **Literary Sensibilities**

**Tony Graybosch** *No Station and No Duties II: Thoreau*

**Wojciech Malecki** *The Unforced Flowers of Life? Richard Rorty on Religion and Literature*

**Final Thoughts**

18:00 English Theatre at Masaryk University's Faculty of Arts, Downtown Brno

19:00 Farewell Dinner: Paegas Micro-Brewery with Brewery Tour, Downtown Brno

**May 31, Saturday** Bon Voyage!