

**Third Moscow International Conference on Comparative  
Philosophy**

*“Philosophy and Science in the Cultures of East and West”*

**Institute of Philosophy, Russian Academy of Sciences,**

**May 21-26, 2012**

Monday

May 21, 2012

Arrival of foreign participants. Hotel check-in. Registration.  
Distribution of the Conference programs and papers in Russian and English.

Tuesday

May 22, 2012

Plenary session

**10. 30 - 13.00** Session Chair: **Abdusalam A. Guseinov**, Director, Institute of Philosophy,  
Russian Academy of Sciences (RAS)

10.45 - 11.30 **Vyacheslav S. Stepin**, Councillor of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Honorary  
Director of the Institute  
« Scientific Knowledge in a Socio-cultural Dimension »

11.30 - 12.15 **Alexei A. Starobinsky**, L.D. Landau Institute for Theoretical Physics RAS  
“Recent Radical Change in Basic Concepts of Fundamental Physics  
and Cosmology - from Universe to Meta-Universe (Multiverse)”

12.15 – 13.00 **Roger Smith**, (Great Britain/Russia).  
“Science and Philosophy of Free Will”

13.00 -14.00 Lunch

## **Thematic session: Traditions of the Far East**

14.00 - 15.30 Session Chair: **Mitsuru Eguchi**, Institute of Oriental Philosophy (Japan)

14.00 - 14.30 **Arteym I. Kobzev**, Institute of Oriental Studies, RAS  
"Chinese Culture and Atomism"

14.30 - 15.00 **Irina V. Belaya**, Moscow Regional Institute of High Socio-economic Education, Kursk branch.  
"About Principles of "female alchemy" in "Xiwang mu nüxiu zhengtú shize" (ten rules of the queen mother of the west on the proper path of women's cultivation)"

15.00 - 15.30 **Stanislav A. Rykov** (IPh RAS)  
« Some Features of Later Mohist Interpretation of Shi 實 "Object" »

15.30-16.00 Discussion

**16.00 - 18.00** Chair: **Arteym I. Kobzev**, Institute of Oriental Studies, RAS

16.00-16.30 **Mitsuru Eguchi**, (Japan) Institute of Oriental Philosophy  
"Orientation in the Development of Sciences and Technology after the Tragedy on 11 March, 2011 Suggested by the Contemporary Japanese Philosophers"

16.30 - 17.00 **Lubov B. Karelova** (IPh RAS)  
"Some Features of the Development of Science and Technology in the 17th – 19th Century Japan in the Context of National Spiritual Tradition".

17.00 – 17.30 General discussion

**18.00 – 20.00** - Reception on behalf of the Director, Institute of Philosophy, RAS

Wednesday

May 23, 2012

## **Thematic session: Indian Traditions**

10.00 - 13.00 Session Chair: **Viktoria G. Lyssenko**, (IPh RAS)

10.00 - 10.30 **Arindam Chakrabarti**, (India), University of Hawaii, USA

“Can there be a Science of Meditation?”

- 10.30 - 11.00 **Natalya A. Kanaeva** (IPh RAS)  
«The Relation between *shastra* and *darsana* in Traditional Indian Culture »
- 11.00 - 11.30 **Malhar Kulkarni** (India), Indian institute of technology  
"Language Science and Philosophy of Language- A Mutually Complimentary Development: A Case of Indian Thought"
- 11.30 - 12.00 **Vrinda Dalmiya**, (India), University of Hawaii, USA  
“Preserving Objectivity and Reclaiming Traditional Knowledges: Philosophy of Science Looks at the Spiritual EcoFeminism of Vandana Shiva”
- 12.00 -12.30 **Victoria V. Vertogradova** (Russia) Institute of Oriental Studies, RAS  
“On certain Speech and Cultural Presuppositions for the Emergence of the Theory of Science in ancient India based on the Painting Treatise “Citrasūtra”
- 12.30 -13.00 General discussion
- 13.00 - 14.00 **Lunch**
- 14.00 - 18.00** Session Chair: **Arindam Chakrabarti**, (India), University of Hawaii, USA
- 14.00 - 14.30 **Audrius Beinorius** (Lithonia) Director, Centre of Oriental Studies, Vilnius University  
“The Epistemological and Cosmological Foundations of Indian Astrology and Divination”»
- 14.30 -15.00 **Viktorija G. Lyssenko**, (IPh RAS)  
"The Buddhist Atomism in the Light of the Modern Concepts of Emergence and Qualia" (according to the Abhidharmakoshabhashya of Vasubandhu)"
- 15.00 - 15.30 **Andrey A. Terentyev** (St. Petersburg) Editor-in-chief, 'Buddhism of Russia' magazine  
“Some Buddhist Concepts of 'Reality' and the "Extended Everett's Concept" by M.B. Mensky”.
- 15.30 -16.00 General discussion
- 16.00 - 17.00 Presentation of “**Buddhist Philosophy. Encyclopedia**”. Ed. by Marietta Stepanyants. Moscow: “Vostochnaya literatura”, 2011.
- 17.00 -18.00 **HE Mr. Ajai Malhotra, Ambassador of India to the Russian Federation will release the Encyclopedia and host a reception for the delegates of the Conference.**

**Thursday**

**May 24, 2012**

## **Thematic session: Muslim Traditions.**

- 10.00 - 13.00** Session Chair: **Gerhard Bowering** (USA) Yale University
- 10.00 - 10.30 **Gholamreza A'avani** (Iran) Iranian Institute of Philosophy  
"How Can Islamic Philosophy Contribute to a Comparative Study of Philosophy"
- 10.30 - 11.00 **Taufik Ibrahim**, (Syria/Russia), Institute of Oriental Studies, RAS  
«Koran Epistemology and Scientific Discourse»
- 11.00 - 11.30 **Mehmet Bayrakdar** (Turkey), Yeditepe University, Istanbul  
"Philosophy and Science in Islam. An Outlook"
- 11.30 - 12.00 **Natalia V. Efremova**, (IPh RAS)  
«Scientific Method of Ibn Sina»
- 12.00 - 12.30 **Andrey V. Smirnov** (IPh RAS)  
«How Scientific is Ibn-Khaldun's Philosophy of History?"
- 12.30 - 13.00 General discussion
- 13.00 - 14.00 **Lunch**
- 14.00 - 18.00** Session Chair: **Andrey V. Smirnov** (IPh RAS)
- 14.00 - 14.30 **Gerhard Bowering** (USA) Yale University  
"Visions of Time in Islam"
- 14.30 - 15.00 **Nur S. Kirabaev**, Peoples' Friendship University of Russia.  
«Classifications of Sciences: Aristotle and Ghazali»
- 15.00 - 15.30 **Ilshat R. Nasirov**, Institute of Philosophy, RAS  
"On Criticism of Reason in Philosophy of Al-Ghazal"
- 15.30 – 16.00 **Coffee break**
- 16.00 – 16.30 **Fethullah Gulen** (Turkey) The Journalists and Writers Foundation  
"Need of Eastern Science and Wisdom"
- 16.30 - 17.00 **Adnan Aslan** (Turkey) Süleyman Şah University in Istanbul.  
"Interfaith Dialogue in the Context of New Theological Language and Fethullah Gulen"
- 17.00 – 17.30 **Hamidreza Ayatollahy**, (Iran) Allameh Tabatabaai University  
"The Possibility, Meaning and Importance of Comparison between Islamic and Western Philosophies"

17.30 – 18.00 General discussion

**18.00- 19.30 Reception on behalf of the Cultural Center, Embassy of Islamic Republic of Iran in Moscow**

## **Friday**

**May 25, 2012**

### **Plenary session**

**10.00 – 13.00** Session Chair: **Gholamreza A'avani** (Iran) Iranian Institute of Philosophy

10.00 – 10.30 **Elena A. Mamchur**, IPH, RAS  
“The Heuristic Role of Metaphysics in Scientific Knowledge”

10.30 – 11.00 **Vladislav A. Lektorsky**, (IPh RAS)  
“Philosophy, Sciences and Modern Technologies”

11.00 – 11.30 **Seyed Javad Miri** (Iran)  
“Metatheoretical Issues within Secular Philosophy of Science: A Transcendental Perspective”

11.30 – 12.00 **Michel Hulin**, (France) University Paris-Sorbonne.  
“The Neurologic Approach to Consciousness: Scope and Limits”

12.00 – 12.30 **Armin Grunwald** (Germany) University of Karlsruhe  
“Technology Assessment and its Relations to Philosophy”

12.30 -13.00 **Vitaly G. Gorokhov**, (IPh RAS)  
«Traditions and Innovations: Russian and German Experience of the Development of the Innovative Systems”

13.00 – 14.00 **Lunch**

14.00 - 15.00 Summing up and conclusions of the Conference  
Session Chair: **Marietta T. Stepanyants** (IPh RAS)

15.00 - 17.00 Walking tour: philosophical sights of Moscow with Dr. Nikolay Biryukov

**18.30 Buses depart from the Institute of Philosophy to the reception given on behalf of Turkish-Russian Cultural Center at the restaurant “Venice”**

Saturday  
May 26, 2012

10.00 – 13.00 Cultural Program (bus excursion)  
Departure

In addition to the keynote speakers the Conference will be attended by at least twenty philosophers from different regions of Russia.

The working languages of the Conference are Russian and English. The papers should be submitted either in Russian or English. The Organizing Committee will arrange the translation of the papers so that the participants could study them on that language which they read (in English or Russian). Such a procedure greatly facilitates the conduct of discussions and will make it possible without any delay to submit materials for publication in Russian (in series «Comparative Philosophy») and in English (in series, published by Council for Research in Values and Philosophy, Washington, D.C). Simultaneous interpreting is assumed for translation at the sessions (presentations, questions, answers and discussions).

### **Conference Organizing Committee**

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