

# International conference “IMPRISONED RATIONALITY AND PHILOSOPHY IN PRISON”

## PROGRAM

Vilnius, September 20–21, 2024

The conference is held in solidarity with the philosopher Uladzimir Mackievič, who was innocently imprisoned in the prison of the Belarusian dictator A. Lukashenka.

The conference is organized by the Vilnius University Faculty of Philosophy and the European Centre for Philosophy of Culture, Faculty of Philosophy of University of Warsaw.



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### September 20<sup>th</sup> (Friday), Senate Hall of Vilnius University (Universiteto 3, Vilnius)

9:00–9:30 **Registration and coffee**

9:30–10:00 **Opening ceremony with the Rector of Vilnius University prof. Rimvydas Petrauskas and National Leader of Belarus and a Head of the United Transition Cabinet Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya**

10:00–11:15 **First session** (moderator: Almira Ousmanova)

Gintautas Mažeikis (Vytautas Magnus University) – The Philosophy on the Way to Prison. Ul. Mackievič and the Philosophy of Civil Society

Tatiana Shchyttsova (European Humanities University) – Topology and Mission of Philosophical Thinking in the Belarusian Revolution

11:15–12:45 **Lunch break**

12:45–14:00 **Second session** (moderator: Gintautas Mažeikis)

Arūnas Streikus (Vilnius University) – ‘Collectivization of the Mind’? Philosophers and Censorship in Soviet Lithuania

Laurynas Peluritis (Vilnius University) – Philosophy without Freedom: Philosophers in Soviet-Occupied Lithuania

14.00–14.30 **Coffee break**

14:30–16:00 **Third session** (moderator: Przemysław Bursztyka)

Saulius Geniušas (The Chinese University of Hong Kong) – The Greengrocer and the Philosopher: Living in Truth and Its Political Significance

Paulina Sosnowska (University of Warsaw) – Philosophy and Force. Reading Carl Schmitt through Simone Weil.

**September 21<sup>st</sup> (Saturday), Vilnius University Faculty of Philosophy, Room 201 (Universiteto 9, Vilnius)**

10:00–11:15 **Fourth session** (moderator: Marcin Rychter)

Przemysław Bursztyka (University of Warsaw) – Philosophy as *a Front-Line Experience*

Franz Fan-Lun Mang (The Chinese University of Hong Kong) – Autocracy and Vices

11:15–11:45 **Coffee break**

11:45–13:00 **Fifth session** (moderator: Jan Molina)

Ewa D. Bogusz (University of Warsaw) – Intellectual Taste and Philosophy

Viktoras Bachmetjevas (Vytautas Magnus University) – ‘The Last Kantian in Germany’: Levinas on Captivity

13:00–14:30 **Lunch break**

14:30–15:45 **Sixth session** (moderator: Tatiana Shchytsova)

Simas Čelutka (Vilnius University) – Sacrifice and Solidarity of the Shaken: Jan Patočka’s Enduring Inspiration for Today’s Dissidents and Philosophers

Anton Vydra (Trnava University) – Writing Philosophy with Tied Hands: the Czechoslovak Experience

15:45–16:15 **Coffee break**

16:15–17:30 **Seventh session** (moderator: Laurynas Peluritis)

Rahul Dutt Gautam (Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Bhopal, India) – As-victim of Philosophy: a non-Philosophical Petition

Almira Ousmanova (European Humanities University) – Letters from prison: the intersection of personal and political in theorizing from behind the prison bars

17:30 **Final discussion and closing ceremony**

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