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INVITE YOU TO

The Islamic and Asian Section
of
The 66th International Congress of Phenomenology

Milan, Via Carlo Bo 1
October 27-28-29, 2022
(held in a blended mode)

TOPIC:
Eco-Imagination towards a Sustainable Future.
Perspectives from Philosophies in Islam and Asia
Background and Description of the Topic

Philosophies in Islam from the classical era (e.g., al-Kindī d. 873, al-Fārābī d. 950, Ibn Sīnā d. 1037, al-Ǧazzālī d. 1111, Ibn Ruṣd d. 1198, Ibn al-ʿArabī d. 1240) to post-classical (Mullā Șadrā d. 1635/40) and current times (Arkūn d. 2010, Ḥanafī d. 2021) onwards debated the quest for knowledge from primarily neo-platonic written and oral sources, and while receiving the philosophies unfolding them further. In a following fruitful debate peripatetic understandings were facing intuitive paths of knowledge and vice versa. Human-Beingness seen as the hypostatic perfection of the universal intellect, descending into the finalized state of natural materiality or the crown of creation, the human which is understood by Ikhwān Al-Šafā (mid of 10th AC) in the context of Humanism.

The communication of the human within the bio-spherical cosmos was philosophically reflected also in allegorical narratives, e.g., animal fables, among them The Case of the Animals versus Man (Ikhwān al-Ṣafā, ca. 960) and the novel The Self-Taught Philosopher / Philosophus Autodidactus (Ḥayy ibn Yaqẓān by Ibn Sīnā and the Al-Andalusian Ibn Ṭuṭafīl d. 1185) which later became an example for Defoe’s Robinson Crusoe.

Human-Beingness endowed with reason is enabled to survive even when socially isolated on an island. In the philosophical narratives the human realizes potentialities of (self-) knowledge and, while applying it intensively and constantly in communication with and inside the biosphere, the intelligent soul rises-up to where it derived from, coming nearer to the One-ness / God in Islamic philosophies.

In the introduction to Reason, Spirit and the Sacral in the New Enlightenment. Islamic Metaphysics Revived and Recent Phenomenology of Life (IPOP 5) Anna-Teresa Tymieniecka emphasized: “Although in the symbiotic unfolding of life there emerges between the multifarious networks of intergenerative levels a closer and closer concatenation between the animal and the human, there it is that a seemingly unbridgeable gap opens in their communion.” (Tymieniecka, 2011)

This holds true for Everything-there-is-Alive (A.-T. Tymieniecka), minerals, plants, animals, humans and beyond. A comparison between the philosophy of Sufism and the phenomenology of Tymieniecka shows that Eco-imagination can be the beginning of self-knowledge. And self-knowledge, in turn, is the beginning of the path to the One Truth. The One Truth manifests itself in nature, man, and the divine message, which are the sources of knowledge. Eco-imagination is the unity and complementarity of thoughts from these sources.

The section aims at deepening the question of the \textit{symbiotic unfolding of life} from a dialogical perspective of Islamic/ Asian philosophies and occidental phenomenology, thus in order to contribute to Eco-imagination and a sustainable future for life, including the human, the only responsible beingness for destructive interventions into the Bio- and Cosmosphere.
The conference welcomes contributions in different topics of interest, but are not limited to:

- Eco-imagination in Islamic Philosophies and Occidental Phenomenology
- Self-Knowledge and alterity
- Oneness in cross-cultural dialogue
- Symbiotics in the understanding of everything-there-is-alive
- Sustainable future(s) in Islamic and Asian philosophies

- Abstracts due: **August 15, 2022**
- Full papers due: January 27, 2023
- Registration Fee: **15.00 Euro**
- Please note that all participants are expected to be members of the World Phenomenology Institute. Membership dues are **15.00 Euro** per year
- Registration fee and membership dues must be paid to the W.P.I. by October 29, 2022 to the account no. 67503173, in Daniela Verducci’s name, at Banca Fideuram Spa, Via D. Annibali 112, 62100 Macerata (Italy). IBAN: IT13C0329601601000067503173 SWIFT/BIC: FIBKITMM

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The conference will be held both in person and on-line.

Papers will be considered for publication in the two peer-review books series: *Analecta Husserliana, The Yearbook of Phenomenological Research* and *Islamic Philosophy and Occidental Phenomenology in Dialogue*. Both series are edited by the World Phenomenology Institute and published by Springer Nature.