

The conference **Resistance – Protest – Transgression** will take place from 16th to 17th May 2013 in the Czartoryski Palace (seat of Lublin Scientific Society, branch of Polish Academy of Sciences, Litewski Square 2). The conference fee is 250 PLN. The organisers provide dinners and accommodation from 16th to 17th May 2013. The entry form should be sent till 5th April 2013 to the following e-mail address: wspolnedrogi@gmail.com

We would like to focus on the issues of braking the schemata, building new vision of reality, and organising the potential which reveals itself both in creative gestures and in those braking the valid order. The theme of a conference **Resistance – Protest – Transgression** means inviting to a discussion about the power of human mind, creativity and nonconformism of a person who lives in the second decade of 21st century (a person who lives in unstable world, prone to various perturbations).

The mentioned theme also provokes asking a question about the boundaries of human activity. Thus, we would like the participants of the conference to focus on the following problems:

1. Philosophical and methodological issues

- New methodologies combining the issues of literary knowledge which nowadays is divided into numerous separate discourses (e.g. feminism and gender studies, new historicism, postcolonial studies, cultural studies, cognitive science in all meanings of this term).
- Unusual ways of conceptualising the reality – Is crossing the existing categories describing perception (time, space, anthropocentrism) possible?
- “New aesthetics” – the opposition or completion of axiological reflection (e.g. Theodor W. Adorno, Jacques Rancière, Jean-Marie Schaeffer)?
- Between academic disregard and “the terror of methodology” – the perspectives of development of humanities.
- Negation as a creative act.

2. Artistic and linguistic issues

- Artistic visions of historical, scientific and cultural turns.
- Transgression / protest and provocation in art – boundary places / moments.
- Resistance – protest – transgression in new Polish and foreign prose (especially the one involved in social and political issues).
- Language as a tool and a method of protest.
- Language transgressions in the media and in social and political discourse.

3. The problems connected with sociology and cultural studies

- “Resistance”, “protest”, “transgression” as the elements which characterise the identity of a person and/or a generation.
- Interventional character of transgression (including creativity through negation and passiveness, and social reactions to people’s behaviour which takes a form of resistance, protest, transgression).
- Social movements initiated in the Internet – the description and perspectives of these phenomena.
- Sex transgressions (metrosexual and transsexual behaviour, intersex, etc.) and all controversies connected with these phenomena.
- Transgression as an act of cultural apostasia (abandoning native tradition, losing own roots, bi- and polycultural issues).

4. Historical and political matters

- Rebellions and revolutions in the past, which correlate with contemporary events (historical politics).
- Separatism in present times.
- Radical right-wing and left-wing movements.
- Resistance, protest and transgression in public life, e.g. in election campaigns.
- Contemporary revolutions and political addresses (slogans, range, consequences) – e.g. the Arab Spring, the Indignants Movement, the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians.

5. The matters of religious and ideological nature

- The attempts to mediate between religions in the spirit of ecumenism – equality of people in the eyes of God or a transgression against “the only true faith”.
- Sects and heresies – destructive phenomena or an obligatory element of religious evolution.
- Is a progress possible without transgressions (eugenics)?
- Bioethics – the problem of universals.
- Sociobiology, evolutionism, behavioural ecology and evolutionary psychology versus humanities – transgression and reconciliation: the evolution in perceiving humanity, which comes from the critical reflection on human nature.

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