

FIRST ISP (INTENSIVE PROGRAM FOR HIGHER EDUCATION LEARNERS) SUMMER SCHOOL

18-22 September 2019

In Institute of Social Sciences and Humanities - Skopje
Erasmus+ Strategic partnership between
ISSHS, Sofia University and Utrecht University

WORKING PROGRAM AND AGENDA

DAY 1, 18.09.2019

15.00 – 17.00

Registration of the participants

18.00-19.00

Welcome greetings and opening

19.00

Cocktail

DAY 2, 19.09.2019

10.00-11.30

Plenary discussion on Output 1 “Curriculum on the Posthumanities: New Realisms and Materialisms in Philosophy Meet the Cognitive Sciences”

Topics: Posthumanities beyond poststructuralism?; Interdisciplinarity or interdisciplinarity? humanities as an disciplinary area and the urgency of updating its research tools in an era of advanced technology

Speakers: Katerina Kolozova, Iris van der Tuin, Rianne van Lambalgen, Miglena Nikolchina, Respondent: Andrea Kulakov

11.30-12.00

Coffee break

12.00-13.00

Break-out sessions

Break-out session 1: panel discussions on the core courses of the pilot curriculum of Output 1 and respondents

Break-out session 2: panel discussions on the core courses of the pilot curriculum of Output 1 and respondents work in groups on the elective courses predominantly belonging to the humanities and philosophy part of Output 1

13.00-13.30

Plenary summaries of break-out sessions

13.30-15.30

Lunch Break

15.30-16.30

Breakout sessions

Break-out session 3: work-in-groups on the elective courses of the pilot curriculum of Output 1 belonging predominantly to evolutionary biology, cognitive psychology, neurosciences and other areas that do not belong to the disciplinary tradition of the humanities

Break-out session 4: work in groups on the skill based courses from the areas of IT and programming that are part of Output 1 with invited experts from the area

16.30-17.00

Plenary summaries of break-out sessions

Break

19.00

Dinner

20.30

Alternative program: informal activities

DAY 3 20.09.2019

10.00-11.30

Plenary discussion on Output 2 "Technology and Liberal Arts"

Topics: the basics of liberal education and their translatability to the Master's level, philosophies of technology/technicity, doing humanities research with/in the algorithmic condition.

Speakers: Iris van der Tuin, Melisse Vroegindeweyj, Kamelia Spassova

Respondent: Sasho Panov

11.30-12.00

Coffee break

12.00-13.30

Workshop "How to make new liberal arts programmes sustainable"?

The format of the workshop will be round table discussion allowing everyone to participate equally with Berteke Waaldijk, Nikolay Genov and Georgi Gerdjikov as introductory presenters. Main topics include: making liberal arts attractive to students, collaboration between faculty and students, interdisciplinary research and study inclusive of classical disciplinary approach.

13.30-15.30

Lunch Break

15.30-16.30

Breakout sessions

Break-out session 3: work in groups on the elective courses predominantly belonging to the (teaching) methodological aspects of Output 2

Break-out session 4: work in groups on the applied and skill based courses that are part of Output 2

16.30-17.00

Plenary summaries of break-out sessions

17.00 – 19.00

Break

19.00

Dinner

20.30

Alternative program: informal activities

DAY 4, 21.09.2019

10.00-13.30

Workshop with colleagues from the STEM area (from University St. Cyril and Methodius, Skopje) as to where and in what form do they need an active collaboration with the humanities, where do they see the role of the humanities in the technological development as a scientific process but also as one of social transformation.

Speakers: Aleksandar Skeparovski, Sasho Panov, Katerina Kolozova, Miglena Nikolchina, Ana Blazeva, Kamelia Spassova.

The coffee break for this 3.30 hours long session is envisaged between 11.00 and 11.30.

13.30-15.30

Lunch break

15.30-17.00

Panel discussion with representatives of the Ministry of Education and Sciences and the Project's representatives: Employability of graduates combining humanities, in particular philosophy, with the cognitive sciences, or of liberal arts with an emphasis on technological applicability of the area.

Topics: does the assumed presence of philosophy in the cognitive sciences suffice for the necessary dialogue between philosophy and other disciplines cognitive sciences are comprised of (esp. when concerning the question of AI) or should we promulgate a course that would involve a more robust presence of philosophy? Is practical applicability damaging to the very essence of liberal arts or, quite to the contrary, is it perfectly consistent with the very definition of it?

Speakers: Bardhyl Tushi (TBC), Head of the Sciences Sector of the Ministry of Education and Sciences of the Republic of North Macedonia, Branimir Jovanovic professor of economics at ISSHS, Zane Putnina from Utrecht and representative from Sofia university.

17.30-19.00

Meeting of the Project's representatives: discussion of practical issues, such as reporting and forthcoming activities

DAY 5, 22.09.2019

10.00 – 12.00

Closing session Policy perspectives for the interdisciplinary education