



## PROGRAMME

***Navigating the Anthropocene: New Frontiers in Environmental and Political Philosophy***  
(international conference)

**Wednesday, September 24, 2025**  
**Bratislava Castle, Bratislava, Slovak Republic**

**8:15 - 9:00 REGISTRATION**

**9:00 - 9:10** Ján Ferenčák (National Council of the Slovak Republic, Slovakia)  
***Welcome Address by the Chairman of the European Affairs Committee of the National Council of the Slovak Republic***

**9:10 - 9:20** Richard Stáhel (Institute of Philosophy of the Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava, Slovakia)  
***Welcome Address by the Head of the Institute of Philosophy of the Slovak Academy of Sciences***

### KEYNOTE SPEECH

**9:20 - 10:20** Peter Wagner (University of Barcelona, Spain)  
***Nostalgia for the Light: The Ecological Emergency, the Social Sciences, and Human Exceptionalism***

**10:20 - 10:50 Discussion**

**10:50 - 11:10 COFFEE BREAK**

### SESSION I

**11:10 - 11:30** Francesco Allegri (Pegaso University of Naples, Italy)  
***What Ethics for the Environmental Philosophy? The Perspectives of Rationalism, Sentientism, Biocentrism and Ecocentrism***

**11:30 - 11:50** João Ribeiro Mendes (University of Minho, Braga, Portugal)  
***The Anthropocene Gambit: Stacking Our Future On The Ergosphere***

**11:50 - 12:10** Güncel Önköl (Maltepe University, Istanbul, Turkey)  
***The Complications of Ecological Crimes and Conflicts in Türkiye***

**12:10 - 12:40 Discussion**

**12:40 - 13:40 LUNCH**

### KEYNOTE SPEECH

**13:40 - 14:40** Hans-Herbert Kögler (University of North Florida, USA)  
***The Future of Nature: An Ethos of Earth and Emergency for the Anthropocene***

**14:40 - 15:10 Discussion**

**15:10 - 15:30 COFFEE BREAK**

### SESSION II

**15:30 - 15:50** Vesa Oittinen (University of Helsinki, Finland)  
***On the Political Economy of a Non-Fossil Society***

**15:50 - 16:10** Lukáš Likavčan (Institute of Philosophy of the Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava, Slovakia)  
***Planetary Defence: Conservation of Extra-Terrestrial Environments***

**16:10 - 16:30** Agostino Cera (University of Ferrara, Italy)  
***The Techno-Care Dilemma (A "Moral Navigation" in the Anthropocene)***

**16:30 - 17:00 Discussion**

**17:00 Conference Day Closing**





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***Thursday, September 25, 2025***  
***Bratislava Castle, Bratislava, Slovak Republic***

**8:45 - 9:00 REGISTRATION**

### KEYNOTE SPEECH

**9:00 - 10:00** **Petra Gümplová** (Friedrich Schiller University, Jena, Germany)  
***Making and Unmaking of the Extractive Order of the Ocean: Toward a Critical Theory of the Anthropocene***

**10:00 - 10:30 Discussion**

**10:30 - 10:50 COFFEE BREAK**

### SESSION III

**10:50 - 11:10** **Andrea Gogová** (Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia)  
***Bodies of Water; Water Protection Through Redefinition of Relation Human to Water***

**11:10 - 11:30** **Zoltán Gábor Szűcs-Zágoni** (Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary)  
***Coexisting with Animals in the Era of Anthropocene: A Realist Approach***

**11:30 - 11:50** **Leo Steeds** (University of Glasgow, UK)  
***Adam Smith in the Anthropocene: Matter, Contingency, and the Foundations of a Critical Social Theory***

**11:50 - 12:20 Discussion**

**12:20 - 13:20 LUNCH**

### KEYNOTE SPEECH

**13:20 - 14:20** **Robert Braun** (Institute for Advanced Studies, Vienna, Austria)  
***The World of Anthropos***

**14:20 - 14:50 Discussion**

**14:50 - 15:10 COFFEE BREAK**

### SESSION IV

**15:10 - 15:30** **Jan Géryk** (Center for Theoretical Study, Prague, Czechia) & **Andrej Virdzek** (Faculty of Arts and Letters, Catholic University in Ružomberok)  
***Environment as a Thing That Matters: Notes on Charles Taylor's Concept of Background***

**15:30 - 15:50** **Břetislav Horyna** (Institute of Philosophy of the Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava, Slovakia)  
***Traces of Metaphysics in the Concept of the Anthropocene***

**15:50 - 16:10** **Katarína Podušelová** (Institute of Philosophy of the Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava, Slovakia) & **Jan Makovský** (Center for Theoretical Study, Prague, Czechia)  
***The "Axiomatic Anthropocene": Can There Be Logical Foundations for the Anthropocene as a Historical Construct?***

**16:10 - 16:40 Discussion**

**16:40 Conference Day Closing**