

## **8<sup>th</sup> International IHU Colloquium and 20<sup>th</sup> UNISINOS Philosophy Colloquium**

### **Metaphysics and practical philosophy. The present relevance of the thought of Francisco Suárez, 400 years later**

September 25-28, 2017

#### **Introduction**

Francisco Suárez SJ (1548-1617) was one of the most influential philosophers of 'Second Scholasticism' and revitalized the entire philosophical and theological investigation of the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries, which was until then determined by the scholasticism of Thomas Aquinas, Duns Scotus and other medieval theoreticians. While Suárez is usually praised for his encompassing, exhaustive and systematic account of almost all philosophical knowledge that existed in his time, this great synthesis absolutely does not compromise the depth, strength and originality of his own ideas. He worked in a great variety of fields, including metaphysics, natural theology, philosophy of mind, philosophy of action, ethics, political philosophy and law. In all these areas he made contributions that are currently so generalized and disseminated that they are hardly identified. It should also be stressed that thinkers such as Leibniz, Grotius, Pufendorf, Schopenhauer e Heidegger, so different in terms of their origin, time and philosophical orientation, referred explicitly to him as a source of inspiration and acknowledged his influence on their respective works. Grotius, for instance, praised this Jesuit as a theologian and philosopher of such depth, intellectual breadth and sharpness of mind that he had never seen another one like him, as he put it.

For this reason, at the occasion of the fourth centenary of the death of this noteworthy Jesuit, Unisinos, through its Graduate Studies Program in Philosophy, in partnership with the university's Humanitas Institute (IHU), is planning to hold an International Colloquium to commemorate his work and influence in the history of Western thought, particularly in the areas of law, international relations, theology, metaphysics and practical philosophy, as well as the way in which this work has influenced the history of the Society of Jesus itself.

#### **Goals**

##### **General goal:**

To get to know and debate the philosophical/theological/legal thought of Francisco Suárez (1548-1617), his influence and present relevance in the areas of metaphysics, natural theology, philosophy of mind, philosophy of action, ethics, political philosophy and law, together with outstanding experts.

##### **Specific goals:**

- To highlight the intellectual relevance of the most important Jesuit philosopher of all time.
- To motivate the academic community to study the work of Suárez and to critically revisit the topics discussed by him, such as the just war (bellum justum) and the law of nations (jus gentium).
- To debate some of the present philosophical and political topics in the light of the basic concepts of Suárez's philosophy.
- To discuss the present relevance of his work and philosophical orientation.
- To make the Jesuit Memorial and the university's library available for academic research.
- To explore the influence of Suárez's work on the contemporary legal, political and philosophical thought.

## **Organization**

Universidade do Vale do Rio dos Sinos – Unisinos  
 Instituto Humanitas Unisinos – IHU  
 Filosofia Unisinos  
 Conférence Mondiale des Institutions Universitaires Catholiques de Philosophie  
 – COMIUCAP

## **Date and venue**

**Date:** September 25 to 28, 2016 (Monday through Thursday)

**Duration:** 23:30

**Venue:** Unisinos São Leopoldo – Sala Ignacio Ellacuría e Companheiros - IHU

**Address:** Av. Unisinos, 950 - Bairro Cristo Rei - São Leopoldo/ RS

## **Program**

### **September 25 – Monday**

4:30 pm – Opening

4:45 pm to 6:00 pm – **Suárez's practical philosophy, natural law and the concrete determination of the moral good**

Speaker: **Prof. Dr. Ludger Honnefelder – Universität Bonn, Germany**

6:00 pm to 6:30 pm – Debate

## September 26, Tuesday

### Topic: Metaphysics

9:00 am to 10:15 am – **Being and representation in Suárez** (Être et représentation dans Suárez)

Speaker: Prof. Dr. Olivier Boulnois – École Pratique des Hautes Études – France

10:15 am to 10:45 am – Debate

10:45 am to 12:00 pm – **Issues of metaphysics – On Francisco Suárez's *Disputationes Metaphysicae***

Lecturer: Prof. Dr. Santiago Sanchez Orrego – Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile – Chile

12:00 pm to 12:30 pm – Debate

2:00 pm to 3:15 pm – **The presence of Suárez in Heidegger's philosophy**

Speaker: Prof. Dr. Ernildo Jacob Stein – Pontificia Universidade Católica do Rio Grande do Sul – PUCRS

3:15 pm to 3:45 pm – Debate

3:30 pm to 5:00 – Conference

Speakers: Prof. Dr. Alfredo Dal Molin Flores – Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul – UFRGS

Prof. Dr. Elton Somensi – Pontificia Universidade Católica do Rio Grande do Sul – PUCRS

Prof. Dr. Carlos Adriano Ferraz – Universidade Federal de Pelotas – UFPEL

Prof. Dr. Paulo Emilio Borges de Macedo – Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro – UERJ

Prof. Dr. Marcus Paulo Rycembel Boeira – Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul – UFRGS

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm – Presentation of papers

## September 27 – Wednesday

### Topic: Practical philosophy (politics, law and ethics)

9:00 am to 10:15 am: **Justice and Punishment according to Suárez**

Speaker: Prof. Dr. Daniel Schwartz – Hebrew University of Jerusalem – Israel

10:15 am to 10:45 am – Debate

10:45 am to 12:00 pm: **The idea of sovereignty in Francisco Suárez**

Speaker: Prof. Dr. Pedro Calafate – Universidade de Lisboa – Portugal

12:00 pm to 12:30 pm – Debate

2:00 pm to 3:15 pm: **Francisco Suárez on the analogy of being**

Speaker: Prof. Dr. Victor Salas – Sacred Heart Major Seminary – USA  
3:15 pm to 3:45 pm – Debate

3:45 pm to 05:00 pm: **'The conditions of law in Jesuit thought'**

Speaker: Prof. Dr. Annabel Brett – University of Cambridge – England  
5:00 pm to 5:30 pm – Debate

5:30 pm: Visit to the Collection of the Jesuit Memorial at Unisinos Library – São Leopoldo/ RS

### **September 28, Thursday**

**Topic: The reception of Suárez's thought**

9:00 am to 10 :15 am: **Francisco Suárez in Latin American scholasticism**

Speaker: Prof. Dr. Roberto Hofmeister Pich – Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio Grande do Sul – PUCRS

10:15 am to 10:45 am – Debate

10:45 am to 12:00 pm: **Suárez and human rights**

Speaker: Prof. Dr. Alfredo Santiago Culeton – Universidade do Vale do Rio dos Sinos – UNISINOS

12:00 pm to 12:30 pm – Debate

12:30 pm: Closing

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