

## Call for papers

„Is a Universal Morality Possible?”

Budapest, 8-9 Mai 2014

An international conference organized by the Institute of Philosophy of the Research Center for the Humanities of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences

We welcome papers addressing topics related to the problem of universal morality (in the domain of philosophy, religious studies, history, law etc.). Since this question has important connections with religious studies, we have invited in advance some speakers to summarize the position of the historical Churches on this issue. (The invitation is already accepted by Dr. István Szabó, bishop of the Danubian Church District of the Reformed Church in Hungary, Dr. Géza Kuminetz, dean of the Theological Faculty at Pázmány Péter Catholic University and Dr. Tamás Béres, head of department of Systematic Theology at the Evangelical-Lutheran Theological University; we wait an answer from a professor of the Jewish religion, too.)

Proposed topics of the conference:

- 1) Do we need a moral system of universal validity at all?
- 2) Metaethical background of the issue (with special consideration to the „is-ought” problem)
- 3) Conceptions of man and society as foundations of morals; problem of human nature
- 4) Relationship between spontaneous cultural evolution and conscious regulation in the development of morals
- 5) The challenge of relativism
- 6) Relationship between moral and religious universalism
- 7) Can we demonstrate the universal validity of actual Western values (human rights, individual freedom, etc.)?
- 8) The relationship of a justifiable moral system of universal validity to the actual Western political and legal order
- 9) Practical aspects of the issue (problems of applied ethics, moral education etc.)

Proposals – including the name, the address and the affiliation of the speaker, a title and an abstract of no more than 1500 characters – should be sent by 31-03-2014 to [fi.titkarsag@btk.mta.hu](mailto:fi.titkarsag@btk.mta.hu). Each presentation will last 20 minutes, followed by a discussion. We wish to publish a part of the papers. The length of the final version must not exceed 40000 characters. Colleagues invited to publish their papers will be informed later about the deadline of sending the final version of the text.