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International Summer School in Philosophy and Education, Krakow, May 15-19, 2017

**Difficult Memory, Forgiving and Forgetting:  
Education toward Hospitality, Acknowledging, and Respecting**

ECTS credits: 7

Language: English

Short Description

This Summer School addresses the notion of education as a hermeneutics of hospitality by elaborating on Paul Ricoeur's notion of memory, forgiving, and forgetting.

Full Description

A hermeneutic understanding of the conflict of interpretations offers profound help in solving conflict situations by inquiring into the nature of the conflict and assisting the involved parties in understanding their often incompatible perspectives. The idea of hermeneutic hospitality is key here: the call to an unconditional welcoming of the strange and unexpected (*hostis*). Facing the European crisis of migrants/refugees, we would like to elaborate on a vision for environmental responsibility and sustainability. With reference to Paul Ricoeur's notion of memory, forgiving,

and forgetting, particularly with his appeal to memory as a kind of testimony, we would like to endorse an understanding of education toward unconditional hospitality, acknowledging the other, and respecting the stranger and the strange. Speaking of difficult memory, we would like to move beyond the distinction of a happy and unhappy memory. By bringing together the notion of difficult memory, forgiving, and forgetting, we will discuss an understanding of a gift as mutual recognition, particularly in *The Course of Recognition*.

#### Prerequisites

Fluency in English (B2)

In order to qualify for this international seminar, the students are required to contact the coordinator, Andrzej Wiercinski at [andrew.wiercinski@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.wiercinski@gmail.com) and write a paper on the subject matter (ca. 2500 words) by March 24, 2017. The final list of the participants will be announced by April 7, 2017.

This Summer School will be a week long, starting on Sunday evening and leaving on Saturday. In our estimation the cost for accommodation (6 nights) and full board including drinks will be ca. 400 US per person.

We are open for your comments and suggestions and would be very happy to welcome you to Krakow.