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## PROCESS EDUCATION – FROM SCHOOL TO LIFE

11-12 May 2012, Katowice, Poland

### Call for papers

**Conference Venue:** Franciscan Seminary, Katowice, Panewnicka 76, Poland

#### Organizers:

The conference is organized by The Whitehead Metaphysical Society, supported by the Department of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy of the Pontifical University of Theology in Krakow and the Silesian Botanical Garden in Mikolow. It enjoys the invaluable help of The Franciscan Seminary in Katowice.

#### Introduction and Suggested Topics:

In the age of major cultural changes, especially in morality, politics and social relations, and in the times of a worldwide crisis, the form and role of education is vital and crucial. Many people are concerned about schooling; about schools which have lost contact with life. We propose a working definition of education as 'a process of integral adaptation of humans to their environment(s)'. 'Process education' can be understood either in a classic way, or in the spirit of Whitehead's organic philosophy. 'Environment' can be understood narrowly or in a broader sense that would include inner, natural and spiritual environments. Is it possible to make such a process of adaptation integral? What does 'integral' really mean? Our conference aims to deal with these fundamental problems and their possible solutions.

Suggested topics:

- \* is the idea of 'subject' in education still alive?
- \* interplay among formal, non-formal and informal processes in education;
- \* the aim(s) of education as a lifespan process;
- \* place and role of natural environment in process education.

#### How to Apply:

The official languages of the 2012 Conference are English and Polish, and there will be separate sections for Polish- and English-speaking participants. However, all common events (such as the conference opening or discussion panels) will be held in English.

To apply, please send the submission form which you can find at the Conference website to the Conference Secretary (Lukasz Lamza, [whitehead2012conference@gmail.com](mailto:whitehead2012conference@gmail.com)). Please note that there are separate submission forms for participants willing to present their papers in English and in Polish. As we plan the book of abstracts to be fully bi-lingual, we kindly ask the participants from Poland to provide the translations of their English presentation titles and short abstracts to Polish.



The submission form includes:

- \* presentation title,
- \* a short abstract of ca. 150 words,
- \* a longer abstract of ca. 1000 words,
- \* author information (name, affiliation and contact data including e-mail address and phone number),
- \* choice of accommodation and meals.

Each participant will be given 30 minutes for presentation (we suggest leaving ca. 10-15 minutes for Q&A).

The deadline for sending the submissions is 31.01.2012. Submissions received after this date will not be considered. Information on the acceptance/rejection of submissions will be circulated before 15.02.2012.

For further information and for the submission forms, see <http://towarzystwo.panewniki.pl/english/>.

**Conference Fee, Accommodation, Food:**

The basic conference fee of 15 € (or 50 PLN) includes a set of conference materials, refreshments at coffee breaks and transport (if required) from Katowice city center to the conference venue. The fee does NOT include accommodation. The final conference fee, which may include the meals, if chosen, will be calculated individually based on the information submitted by each participant and will be sent to the participants along with the confirmation of acceptance. For a typical participant - one that will choose to have all meals at the conference venue, and without an accompanying person - the full conference fee will amount to 31 € (or 110 PLN). Detailed information concerning the payment of the conference fee will be sent to accepted participants individually.

**Conference Secretary:**

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