

## Conference: Idea of Republic

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Call for papers:

From Plato's *Politeia*, through Aristotle's and Polibius' ideas on the nature of different political constitutions, to Augustine's *Civitate Dei*, More's *Utopia*, Bodin's *Six books of the Republic*, Hobbes *Leviathan* and Kant's text on *Eternal peace*, up to the Hegel's philosophy of modern state and Marx's critique of it, and then to the big ideologies of XX century and their critique and downfall – the idea of political community has occupied a prominent place in the philosophical, historical, judicial, economical and social thought. Today, when the very existence of the political community as a public and common thing (*res publica*) is frequently called into question and when the fears of refeudalisation of the public sphere arise, when debates about “stakeholder” capitalism suggest a newly emergent clientelistic relationship between contemporary state and big corporations, when the so-called populist and hybrid regimes erode the very foundations of modern democratic societies – accordingly, today, in our contemporary situation in which idea of the republic undoubtedly lingers in crisis, pondering in the history of that idea as well as pinpointing of its relevance constitutes a necessary task. In that regard conference “Idea of Republic” welcomes contributions of researchers from the field of humanities and social sciences and it aims to contribute to the reactualisation of republican tradition understood in the broadest sense, as well as to contemporary debates on the role and status of state and position of politics in our contemporary societies.

Topics of Conference include, but are not limited to:

- Understanding of the idea of republic in ancient philosophical thought;
- Idea of republic and republicanism in ancient Greek and Roman literary and historiographical tradition;
- Idea of political community in ancient societies;
- Late-antiquity and medieval ideas on political community;

- Medieval understanding of state and polity;
- Early modern debates on republic;
- Kant's theory of *Weltbürgertum*;
- Republican idea in the *Aufklärung*;
- English and French enlightenment and republican tradition;
- Republican thought in American and French revolution;
- Idea of republic in German classical philosophy;
- Marxist and anarchist critique of modern state apparatus;
- Fascism, nazism and the crisis of modern state;
- Post-war debates on totalitarianism;
- Idea of neorepublicanism.

Conference will be held from 18<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> November at the Faculty of Philosophy of the University of Novi Sad.

Deadline for the submission of papers: 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

Conference language: English

Edited volume with extended and final versions of papers presented at this conference will be published in English – deadline for papers: 15<sup>th</sup> of June 2024.

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