

HEGEL CONGRESS 2023

The Congress of the International Hegel Vereinigung will take place on 7th-10th June 2023 in Stuttgart, as happens every six years.

The Self-understanding of Philosophy and Its Relation to the (Other) Sciences

Brief outline of the topic:

The Congress is devoted to a theme that focuses on a question that has guided philosophy from its inception: namely, the question of how philosophy stands in relation to other scientific disciplines. For a long time philosophy defined itself through its relation to science, and saw its role as that of grounding the other sciences. It is also given this role by Hegel – even if at the same time he also sees philosophy as a form of human self-understanding, and sees it as related to art and religion. This discussion concerning the role of philosophy and its relation to (other) sciences will be the focus of the Congress. The idea of a grounding relation to the sciences will be critically examined, and today's alternatives and new approaches will be investigated.

This is relevant to the current self-understanding of philosophy: Is philosophy itself a science, for example does it make progress? Is philosophy more of a meta-theory, or should it be viewed as a foundational science for other sciences? Has philosophy revised its traditional self-understanding – or must it do so; and what are its tasks today? Finally, it is also important to consider questions concerning the critique of certain scientific ideas.

Section A should look at the history of this topic (from systematically interesting perspectives).

Section B should focus on the relation between philosophy and the individual sciences (in the past and in the present).

In A and B, and particularly in B, the perspective of the sciences on philosophy (and not just the other way round) should be of major concern.

Section C should be about the critique of the concepts used in science and its conception of knowledge, as well as the role that philosophy sees for itself in this critique.

Section D, together with the evening lectures, explicitly addresses the self-understanding of philosophy.

Section A: On the History of the Relation between Philosophy and Science

1. Philosophy and science in until early modern times

2. Kant and German Idealism
3. C19th, C20th, C21th

Section B: Philosophy and the Individual Sciences in the Past and Present

4. Philosophy in mathematics and logic
5. Philosophy and the natural sciences
6. Philosophy and the humanities and social sciences

Section C. The Critique of Scientific Conceptions in the Past and Present

7. Critique of the sciences and their self-understanding from the perspective of philosophy
8. Philosophy as a critic of social theory and practice
9. Debates concerning the foundation of knowledge (Does science have a claim to truth? Where does the authority of science come from?)

Section D: Philosophy, Understanding the Correct Method, and the Self-Understanding of Philosophy as Science

10. Philosophy and art and religion (as forms of self-understanding?)
11. The self-understanding of philosophy today: Is philosophy a science? What are the tasks of philosophy today – meta-philosophy, self-understanding?
12. What is the method of philosophy? Is there a variety of methods in philosophy today?