The Conference "Phenomenologies: the legacies of Edmund Husserl" as a founding event of the Bulgarian Phenomenological Association

In 2015 was founded the Bulgarian Philosophical Society (BFO), a professional organization of all Bulgarian philosophers, including university lecturers, schoolteachers, and students. In cooperation with the Philosophical Faculty of Sofia University it organized the conference "Phenomenologies: the legacies of Edmund Husserl," which took place on 6th and 7th November 2015, and became the founding event of BFO-Fenomenologia – the Phenomenological Association as a community of the Bulgarian Philosophical Society. The Association offers a new home for Bulgarian scholars and groups from different phenomenological currents. As a union of previous phenomenology circles like the Bulgarian Phenomenological Center and the Phenomenological Atelier, it gives the opportunity to integrate their experience along with their already achieved results.

The aim of BFO-Fenomenologia is "to unify the efforts of Bulgarian philosophers for the stimulation of the academic exchange through annual meetings in form of conferences, colloquia, workshops, discussions, book presentations, and debates on the problems of translation," as its President Prof. Dr. Yvanka Raynova outlined during the Presentation of the Association. She deplored the lack of a phenomenology tradition in Bulgaria, in contrast to other Eastern European countries like Poland and the Czech Republic, and indicated that the first step to establish such a tradition is to focus on the already done, i.e. to take stock of the existing Bulgarian publications in the field of Phenomenology. Additional steps would be, according to her, to enhance national networking as well as international cooperation with other European and transatlantic phenomenological organizations.

Further information about the Bulgarian Phenomenology Association can be obtained from its homepage: http://www.phenomenology.eu.org

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