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Hall 1 of the Rectorate of Sofia University „St. Kl. Ohridski“

10:00-10:30 *Opening and Welcome Remarks*

I. Session Moderator: Bianca Boteva-Richter

10:30-11:10 Raúl Fornet-Betancourt: *Intercultural communication: what is it about and what is its purpose?*

11:10-11:50 Yvanka. B. Raynova: *Translation and Intercultural Communication in the Age of AI: A Hermeneutic-Phenomenological Account*

11:50-12:30 David Johnson: *Past and/as Present: Notes on a Cross-Cultural Philosophy*

12:30-14:30 Lunch Break

The Aula Magna, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"

II. Session Moderator: Yvanka B. Raynova

14:30-15:10 Graham Parkes: *Communicating across Cultures on Climate and Environment: A Real, Momentous, and Inescapable Challenge*

15:10-15:50 Bianca Boteva-Richter: *Intercultural communication as interaction or how do we communicate in between*

15:50-16:30 Patrick Becker: *Narratives as a key. Towards an interculturally sensitive theology*

16:30-17:10 Iwona Krupecka: *The intercultural history of philosophy: main Challenges*

17:10-17:40 General Discussion & Concluding Words

18:00 Reception at the Austrian Embassy in Sofia for Conference Participants and Official Guests