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19<sup>th</sup> International Conference

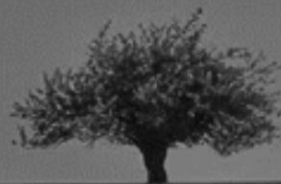
*Ethical thinking – Past and Present (ETPP 19/2018)*

entitled

***Man and Death.  
The Ethical and Philosophical Aspects  
of Death and Dying.***

***Date:*** 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018

***Venue:*** Stará Lesná, Slovakia



### ***Aims of the Conference:***

Death is an integral and inevitable part of all lives. Not only man has to die, s/he also – at least after gaining self-awareness – realises this necessity and has to take an approach toward it, which is experienced, reflected and shaped by daily life, myths, art, religion, philosophy, science and other forms of culture. The unprecedented technological, economic and demographic developments of industrialised civilisation have pushed out this topic from modern men's thoughts. However, the consequences of these developments brought the issue back to relevance within the last 50 years, especially in medicine and healthcare. After the initial marginalisation, a renaissance of reflection upon issues of death and dying in philosophy, ethics, theology, and sciences, has resulted in the rise of thanatology and interdisciplinary character of this discourse. Within the research project VEGA no. 1/0521/17, *Critique of Theoretical and Methodological Foundations of Contemporary Bioethical Discussions on Death and Dying*, the conference would like to follow up on the discussion involving issues which were kept aside. The aim of the conference is to create a platform for creative exchange of opinions on the issue of death and dying from the perspective of contemporary bioethics, as well as from the more complex point of view, encompassing all of its forms and in its current and past forms.

### ***Scope of Topics:***

- An explication and critical analysis of understanding of death, mortality, and dying in the contemporary and past philosophical and ethical conceptions;
- The picture of death in sciences, art, myths, and religion with its ethical context;
- Death as a social, cultural, and historical phenomenon. The ethical aspects of the issue of suicide, murder, capital punishment, etc.;
- Theoretical and methodological issues on definition of concepts relevant for reflections on death and dying in philosophy, ethics, bioethics, and their ethical context (death, life, dying, human being, person, suffering, autonomy, dignity, also immortality, eternity etc.);
- The ethical aspects of the issue of death and dying in healthcare. Palliative care of terminally ill and dying patients, the issue of euthanasia/assisted suicide, the issue of abortion and the moral status of human embryos, the ethical context of biomedical research;
- Global issues of the humanity: the ethical aspects of wars, terrorism, famine, and catastrophes;
- Death in the nature and the death of nature: death as seen through the prism of the animal ethics and environmental ethics.

The papers are to be published in the conference proceedings. The high quality of our conferences and published conference proceedings is guaranteed by the fact that *Thomson*

*Reuters* has already included three of our previous conference proceedings into the *Web of Science* database. The conference proceedings from the upcoming conference is also planned to be submitted for evaluation by the *Web of Science* database.

***Scientific committee of the conference:***

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***Organizing committee of the conference:***

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### **Conference fee:**

The conference fee includes conference package, printed copy of published conference proceedings (it will be sent by post after its publication), coffee breaks, and conference dinner.

*Conference fee* 70 EUR

*Conference fee (PhD candidates)* 45 EUR

### **Conference fee is to be sent to the following bank account:**

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The payment confirmation needs to be presented at the registration to the conference.

**Language of the conference:** Slovak, Czech, Polish, English

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**Accommodation:**

Conference will be organized at one of the venues in Stará Lesná. At this venue, the accommodation will be pre-booked for the conference participants at discounted price. Detailed information on accommodation and the venue will be sent out to the registered participants in the first half of the July (after the CfA will be ended).

You can (preliminary) reserve your accommodation in the application form, which you will confirm for us in July.

**Restaurants and the area of High Tatras:**

In Stará Lesná, there are numerous restaurants, where you can eat traditional, as well as continental food.

For mountain-lovers, there is also possibility to visit Tatra's villages of Tatranská Lomnica, Štrbské Pleso, Starý Smokovec, etc. (<http://slovakia.travel/en/national-park-of-high-tatras>). Stará Lesná is linked with these places by traditional Tatra electronic trains (TEŽ) (<http://www.vysoketatry.sk/tatranska-elektricka-zeleznica.html>).

**Conference dinner:**

We would like to invite you for the conference dinner, which will take place on the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018.