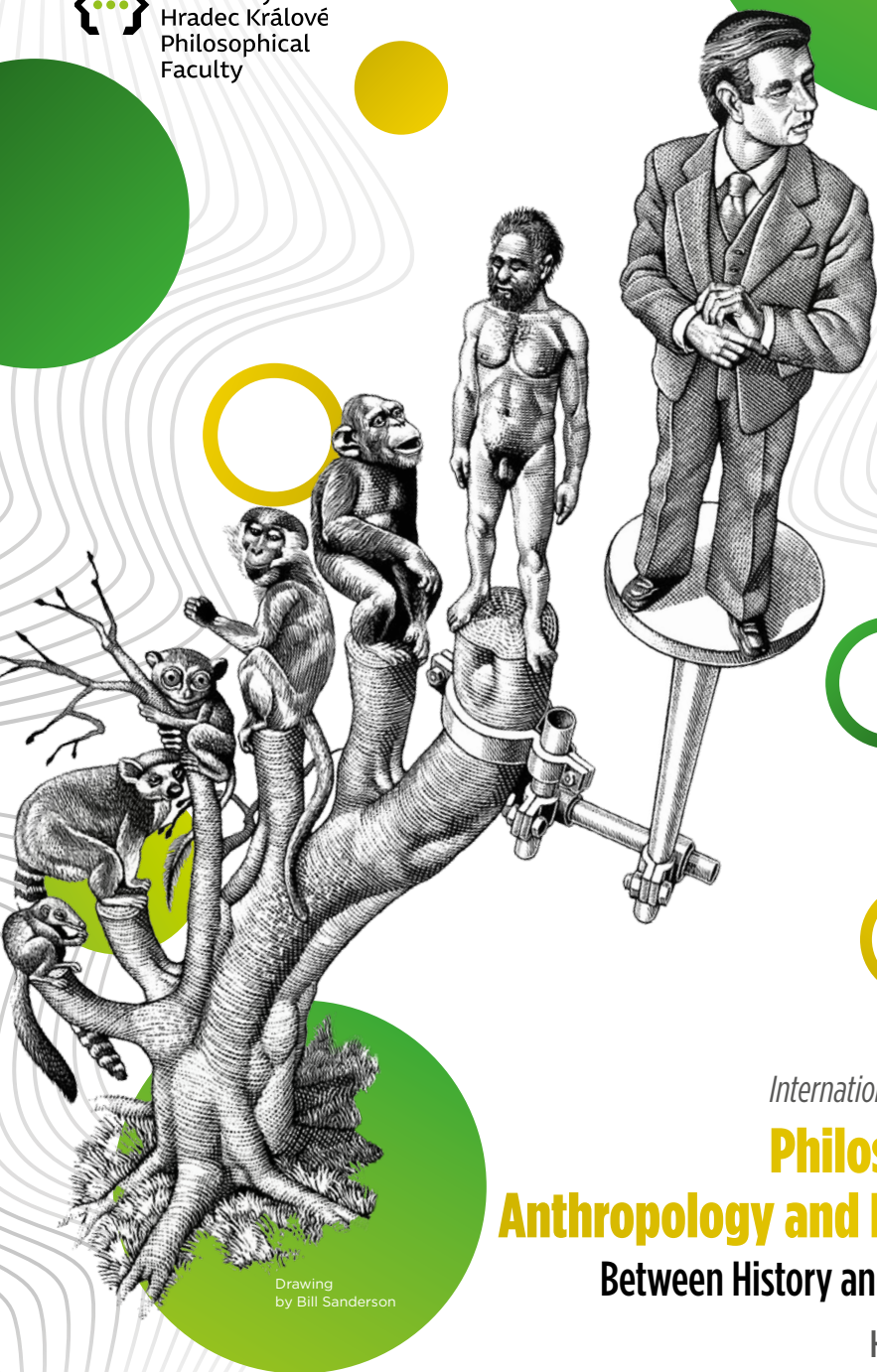




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International Conference
**Philosophical
Anthropology and Biology:**
Between History and Evolution

Hradec Králové
September 11-12, 2024

Conference venue:

Philosophical Faculty, University of Hradec Králové

Address:

náměstí Svobody 331/2, 500 02 Hradec Králové, Czech Republic
Conference room SM4 (upper floor, building B).

Schedule

Wednesday, September 11

09:00 – 09:15 **M. Pagan, F. Jaroš:** Introductory word

09:15 – 10:00 **J. Fischer (Dresden):** Philosophical anthropology and the climax of the environment-/world-openness debate in German philosophy in the midst of the 20th century

10:00 – 10:45 **R. Ritzberger (Rostock):** The potential of Nicolai Hartmann's layered ontology: sketching the possibility for an update in the case of non-human animals

10:45 – 11:00 **Coffee break**

11:00 – 11:45 **J. Gruevska (Jena):** Causa prima/causa secunda? On the compability of evolution and creation in anthropological life sciences in the 20th century

11:45 – 12:30 **F. Jaroš (Hradec Králové):** Portmann, philosophical biology and current evolutionary narratives

12:30 – 14:30 **Lunch**

14:30 – 15:15 **H-P. Krüger (Potsdam):** Animal cultures and human cultures as different habituations: of the concentricity in centric positionality and of the contradiction in excentric positionality

15:15 – 16:00 **M. Dornbach (Budapest):** Does Plessner have a transformative theory of the anthropological difference?

16:00 – 16:15 **Coffee break**

16:15 – 17:00 **A. Iagodkine (Bordeaux):** Is eccentricity extensible? May excentric positionality apply to non-human animals in the late work of Plessner?

17:00 – 17:45 **P. Honenberger (Baltimore):** Natural Artificiality: Biology, Technology, and the Human Place in the World

Thursday, September 12

09:00 – 09:45 **K. J. Kuipers (Rotterdam, Leiden):** Following Plessner; reconnecting philosophical anthropology and human evolution

09:45 – 10:30 **D. Löffler (Basel):** Excentric positionality and the evolution of the technosphere. New insights from cognitive archeology on the human major evolutionary transition

10:30 – 10:45 **Coffee break**

10:45 – 11:30 **F. Fuchs (Heidelberg, Magdeburg):** Living Bodies and the Jonasian inference. New paths to an integrative Life-Mind-Continuity

11:30 – 12:15 **H. Ackermann (Tübingen):** On the fringes of Philosophical Anthropology - Kurt Goldstein and Maurice Merleau-Ponty

12:15 – 14:15 **Lunch**

14:15 – 15:00 **E. Bimbenet (Paris):** Conventional Intentionality. An investigation between archeology and phenomenology

15:00 – 15:45 **C. Brentari (Trento):** Beyond human exceptionalism. Towards a non-reductionistic evolutionary species identity

15:45 – 16:00 **Coffee break**

16:00 – 16:45 **J. van Buuren (Rheden):** Wonder and Appreciation as Distinctly Human

16:45 – 17:30 **R. Valenti (Venezia):** Fitness-related fellowship. The hunting case between ratchet effect and literary Darwinism

About the Conference

The aim of the international conference *Philosophical Anthropology and Biology: Between History and Evolution* is to find a new answer to the old question: who is the Human and what does it mean to be human? In what position is the Human in relation to other organisms on Earth? Can we philosophically think of the animal as a category, or do we need a nuanced approach to different species and entire taxa? How does the Umwelt term resonate with current approaches to the interaction between an organism and its environment? The basic framework for the relevant considerations will be the approaches of the leading thinkers of Philosophical Anthropology, who had an overlap with the biological disciplines, or whose disciplinary background was directly based on them (Plessner, Buytendijk, Portmann, Goldstein, Grene).

Based on this historical and theoretical background, the workshop *Philosophical Anthropology and Biology: Between History and Evolution* will create an interdisciplinary platform for discussing the intersections and tensions between philosophical anthropology, philosophical biology, and evolutionary approaches. The interdisciplinary focus of the workshop calls for a plurality of methodological approaches:

- a) the cultural-historical perspective of philosophical anthropology,
- b) evolutionary approaches going beyond neo-Darwinism (e.g. extended evolutionary synthesis, biosemiotics, evolutionary anthropology),
- c) empirical findings from developmental and comparative psychology, as well as cognitive ethology.

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