



**CALL FOR PAPERS 2012**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Bajo Palabra-UAM International  
Philosophy Conference:  
“Philosophy, Human Rights and  
Democracy”  
Madrid, 12-16 November 2012**

**Registration**

from March the 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012

<http://secondconferencebajopalabra.wordpress.com/>

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## Presentation and aims

The Bajo Palabra Philosophy Association of the Autonomous University of Madrid (UAM) has been working throughout the last few years to promote and develop research and scholarly work in Humanities and Social Sciences, particularly in Philosophy, as well as to support its diffusion beyond the academic world. For this reason, and as a natural extension of its activities, last year the Bajo Palabra Philosophy Association undertook the project of a 1<sup>st</sup> Philosophy Conference, entitled "Reflections on a Plural World", with the intention of maintaining the continuity of the project as a periodic, annual event, taking place every winter.

Bajo Palabra Philosophy Association is currently preparing the next edition of the Conference for 2012, which this time will be held the 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16th November 2012, on the UAM Campus, in connection with the inauguration of the UNESCO Chair<sup>1</sup> (whose official denomination, incidentally, is "Philosophy, Human Rights and Democracy", thus perfectly overlapping with the main thematic axis of this year's Edition of the Conference).

Our aim, therefore, is to open a space for exchange, dissemination and collaborative work between people coming from different areas of knowledge, geographical areas, and personal and intellectual experiences. We are inviting students, scholars and researchers from different countries and with different academic backgrounds to exchange the results of their work with each other, at a time when interdisciplinary is more important than ever, and when diversity is the driving force behind every development. Our Conference offers its participants an opportunity to explore the complexities, possibilities and contradictions of present societies from different viewpoints and perspectives.

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1 Nowadays, an application for the creation of the UNESCO Chair in the Autonomous University of Madrid has been submitted and is currently in process of receiving approval. The Chair's foundational committee is formed by the following organisms of the UAM: Faculty of Philosophy and Humanities, Faculty of Education, Faculty of Law, Institute of Education Sciences (IUCE) and the Spanish Society of Philosophy Professors (SEPM).

## Sections of the Conference

The 2<sup>nd</sup> *Bajo Palabra-UAM International Philosophy Conference "Philosophy, Human Rights and Democracy"* has its main aim to project the discussion and its conclusions beyond the academic environment and into different areas of knowledge and society. In order to include a wide range of disciplines and research interests, the Conference will be structured along several topics.

The following sections are presented to those researchers interested in presenting a paper (of about 20-30 minutes, including some minutes for debate) in the Conference:

- 1. Philosophical foundations of Democracy and Human Rights**
- 2. Education for Democracy and Human Rights.**
- 3. International Humanitarian Law: Current issues.**
- 4. Human Rights: Reality or utopia?**
- 5. Cosmopolitanism and European Citizenship**
- 6. Feminism and Human Rights**
- 7. New subjects of rights**
- 8 Human Rights and the New Information and Communication Technologies**
- 9. Multiculturalism: Other perspectives on Human Rights.**
- 10. The Impact of the current world economic crisis on the Welfare State.**

## Publication

Authors of papers presented in the 2<sup>nd</sup> *Bajo Palabra International Philosophy Conference* will receive a copy of the current issue of *Bajo Palabra. Journal of Philosophy*. Participants with accepted papers can submit their complete works (with a length of 12-15 pages) to the Editorial Board of the journal for publication in the next issue. Interested authors should send their articles before **30<sup>th</sup> November 2012** to:

[revista.bajopalabra@uam.es](mailto:revista.bajopalabra@uam.es)

**A special, monographic issue of *Bajo Palabra. Journal of Philosophy* on "Philosophy, Human Rights and Democracy" will be issued**, both in printed and digital versions. Among the papers based on contributions to the Conference and sent by participants for publication, those matching the Journal's publication guidelines and having an outstanding quality will be selected to be featured in that monographic issue.

[www.bajopalabra.es](http://www.bajopalabra.es)



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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Award Competition of Bajo Palabra Journal of Philosophy for Young Researchers

All researchers registered for the Conference, aged 35 or below, and presenting their previously unpublished work on any of the thematic lines of the Conference are eligible for participation. Several prizes will be given to the best works presented by the candidates. The Jury of the Prize will be formed by an international panel of scholars. The criteria for the selection of the winners will be the originality, methodological rigour and precision of the articles proposed by the candidates. The prizes will consist in the publication of the selected articles in an issue of *Bajo Palabra. Journal of Philosophy*, as well as a full refund of the Conference registration fees for their authors. For further information concerning publishing and participation rules, please visit the following web site:

<http://secondconferencebajopalabra.wordpress.com/competition/>

Works have to be submitted by email to: [revistabajopalabra@uam.es](mailto:revistabajopalabra@uam.es) The deadline for the admission of text to the competition is **September 15<sup>th</sup> 2012**. The Jury will communicate its choice during the Conference (12-16 November 2012).

## Registration

The submission period will open on **March 1st, 2012 and will close on June 30th, 2012.**

Prospective speakers should submit the abstract of their proposals in:

<http://secondconferencebajopalabra.wordpress.com/registration/>

Registration fees are 40€, both for attendees and speakers. Registration period will be open until November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012. All assistants will receive a certificate of attendance and participation in the Conference.

\* *The recognition of 3 credits for attendees is being processed.*

## Organization and management

The organization and management of the Conference will be conducted by the members of Bajo Palabra Philosophy Association. The selection of papers for the Conference will be supervised by the coordinators of the different branches, who will also have the support of an Advisory Board composed of university Staff members from national and international research centres, who will act as an advisory committee to look after the quality of contributions and the development of the Conference.

## Important dates

**30th July 2012:** deadline for abstract submissions

**15th. September 2012:** deadline for the article submissions for the *II Bajo Palabra's Young Researchers Prize*

**9th. November 2012:** deadline for conference registration

**12, 13, 14, 15 and 16th. November 2012:** Dates the Conference will be hold.

**30th. November 2012:** deadline for the final draft submissions in view of their publication in the *Bajo Palabra. Journal of Philosophy*, according to the journal's rules of submission.

**For more information:**



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