

Call for papers

International Conference “*Philosophical Foundations, Cultural Dimensions, and Societal Values of Ecological Civilization and Sustainable Development*”

Sofia, Bulgaria
7 – 10 October 2025

Rationale:

The conference will explore the philosophical and cultural roots of the ideas of ecological civilization (e.g., Confucian harmony, Taoist balance, etc.) and of sustainable development in Europe, America, Asia, Australia (e.g., Enlightenment rationality, anthropocentrism, EU green deal and green transition initiatives, etc), while also examining how these concepts shape and are shaped by societal values, norms, and collective behaviours. It further investigates how these ideas influence social cohesion, identity, and community practices, offering insights into the role of culture in environmental stewardship, social sustainability of workforce, etc. The conference also examines the policy frameworks and governance structures that support sustainable development and green transition.


Call for Participation:


We invite scholars to submit presentation proposals contributing to the discourse on ecological civilization and sustainability. Formats may include completed research, conceptual presentations, works in progress, or theoretical reflections.


Candidates are asked to send abstracts (max 250 words) outlining the topic, research questions, methodology, and results (if available).


Submit your proposal here: [Submission Form](#)

Practical Info:

 **Location:** Sofia, Bulgaria (with online participation option)

 **Dates:** 07-10 October 2025

 **Format:** Keynote lectures (60 min); participant presentations (30 min including Q&A)

 **Cultural Event (10 Oct):** *History, Culture, and Sustainability* – cultural visit, Plovdiv’s Old Town

Registration Fees:

- Students & PhD candidates: €100
- Other participants: €150
- Cultural visit to Plovdiv: +€50 (incl. transport, lunch, attractions)

Participants cover their own travel, accommodation, and dinners (except the official dinner).

Key Dates:

 **Abstract submission deadline:** 31 March 2025

 **Acceptance notification:** 1 May 2025

 **Registration deadline:** 1 August 2025

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