

Truth, Politics, and Philosophy
Graduate Conference, EUTOPIA Connected Communities

University of Ljubljana
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VENUE

University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Arts, Aškerčeva 2, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia

DATES

6–9 May 2026

DESCRIPTION

The proposed event “Truth, Politics, and Philosophy” seeks to establish a high-level academic dialogue within the EUTOPIA network by exploring the intersection of contemporary social sciences and classical philosophical inquiry. At the heart of this collaboration is a multifaceted investigation into how the concept of truth is constructed, contested, and maintained within the modern political sphere. By bringing together diverse intellectual traditions, the program aims to address the urgent need for a robust theoretical framework that can account for the complexities of power, governance, hierarchy, ideology and subjectivity/subjectivization in the 21st century. The event will focus specifically on the productive tension between different methodological approaches, facilitating a rare encounter between Hegelian thought, French Theory, and the influential insights of the Ljubljana School’s psychoanalytical approach.

Central to this initiative is the recognition that there are multiple, often competing, approaches in philosophy and the social sciences that attempt to decode our current political reality. We intend to examine these through a comparative lens, moving from the systemic rigor of Hegelian dialectics to the nuanced critiques found in poststructuralist studies. By engaging with these traditions, participants will analyze the shift from traditional metaphysical certainty toward a more fragmented, discursive understanding of political truth. This thematic breadth ensures that the event remains relevant to the wider EUTOPIA project, fostering European integration through shared intellectual heritage and the development of a common language for discussing the crises of democratic legitimacy and ideological formation. Ultimately, the gathering will serve as a platform for international graduate students and senior scholars to develop new research trajectories “towards the question of truth and politics”, ensuring that the collaboration between member universities results in lasting pedagogical and theoretical contributions.

PROGRAM

7 MAY 2026, THURSDAY

12:20-14:40 Presentations I: Chair Gregor Moder (UL)

Location: Tobačna, Predavalnica 1

Ancuța Ioana Sabou (UBB) - "From Shared Sense to Circulating Non-Sense: A Nancyan Reading of Post-Truth Political Discourse"

Cezar Robert Mihalcea (UBB) – "The Problem of the Problem: Infrastructural Nonsense and Para-Subjective Philosophy"

Dan Nădășan (UL) – "In Absolute Disintegration, Spirit Finds Itself: Hegelian Thought in Times of Collapse"

15:20-17:00 Presentations II: Chair Ciprian Mihali (UBB)

Location: Tobačna, Predavalnica 2

Diana Maria Miheș (UBB) – "Ontogenesis: Towards a Minoritarian Becoming"

Lucas Rijana (UPF) – "Social Prejudice and Systemic Domination in Pluralist Republics"

Marko Miočić (UL) – "Half-Joking: Humour and the Social Bond"

8 MAY 2026, FRIDAY

Location for all sessions: Faculty of Arts, FF232 (second floor)

12.30-14:30 Presentations III: Chair Lea Kuhar (UL)

Domen Hitrec (UL) – "Psychoanalytic Implications of AI: Mimetics from Leonardo to Turing"

Merlin Korfmacher (UPF) – "Power, Truth, and Cryptocommunities"

Karlo Pavlović (UL) – "On the Politics of Obsessional Neurosis and Perversion"

15.00-17.00 Presentations IV: Chair Jure Simoniti (UL)

Octavian Ionuț Ojog (UBB) – "'A Madman Isn't Just a Beggar Who Thinks He's a King...': Capitalism as a Malady of Immanence"

Xenia Olives (UPF) – "Truth in the Age of Post-Truth: The Platformization of the Public Sphere and the Content Moderation"

Dorotea Pospihalj (UL) – "Truth Procedures and Knowledge Production as the Constitutive Conflict"

Kozma Prelević (UL) – "Video Killed the Film Star – Politics and the Death of The Essay Film"

18:00 Guest Lecture

Ciprian Mihali (UBB), Chair Gregor Moder (UL)