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The cycle of “Philosophy of Sustainable Development” conferences is a scientific event organized since 1996 by the Department of Ecophilosophy at Faculty of Christian Philosophy, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw. It was initiated by Rev. Prof. Józef Marceł Dołęga as an aftermath of the 6<sup>th</sup> Polish Philosophical Congress in Toruń, which highlighted the importance of undertaking philosophical inquiries on the issues of the social and natural environment in the situation of the deepening ecological crisis. The conference, moreover, responds to the need for an interdisciplinary approach, discussion and ways of solving the problems faced nowadays by the broadly understood environment.

The main goal of sustainable development philosophy is to verify approaches, strategies, and programs regarding the current direction of development. Implementation of these tasks implies the necessity for the exchange of views and getting to know the positions of representatives of various

disciplines in order to take into account the broad context of natural, anthropological, ethical, educational, economic and legal aspects of sustainable development.

This year’s meeting took place on March 15, 2023, gathered 24 speakers and dozens of attendees. The conference was opened by Rev. Prof. Ryszard Sadowski – Director of the Institute of Philosophy and Head of the Department of Ecophilosophy, who welcomed the gathered guests and introduced the subject of the conference.

The conference program covered plenary sessions and included the following speeches:

1. Prof. Helena Ciężela (Maria Grzegorzewska University in Warsaw, Poland), *Sustainable development and the prospect of a global catastrophe. Optimism in thinking about the future and scientific diagnoses regarding the development of the situation in the contemporary world;*
2. Prof. Krystyna Najder-Stefaniak (Warsaw University of Life Sciences, Poland),

*Present, past and future in the ecosystemic scheme of interdependencies;*

3. Prof. Ligia Tuszyńska (Maria Grzegorzewska University in Warsaw, Poland), Prof. Ilona Żeber-Dzikowska (Jan Kochanowski University of Kielce, Poland), *The concept of sustainable development in local philosophies of Scandinavian countries;*
4. Prof. Michał Wyrastkiewicz (John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland), *Towards the morality of recycling;*
5. Prof. Włodzimierz Tyburski (Maria Grzegorzewska University in Warsaw, Poland), *Consumer restraint – the value of sustainable development philosophy.*

After a break, the conference was held in two parallel sections. The first focused on philosophy and education for sustainable development, and the second on topics related to natural and technical sciences, as well as practical aspects of environmental protection.

Session 1 included the following papers:

1. Katarzyna Łukaszewska, PhD (Maria Grzegorzewska University in Warsaw, Poland), *The specificity of Meister Eckhart's thought on duty in the view of eco-ethical requirements;*
2. Radosław Powęska, PhD (University of Warsaw, Poland), Agata Hummel, PhD (University of Warsaw, Poland), *Relationality in the Andean world. Political ontology of (sustainable) development;*
3. Mikołaj Nidek, PhD (National Institute of Rural Culture and Heritage, Poland), *Sustainable development goals versus geopolitics;*
4. Michał Latawiec, PhD (Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw, Poland), *Climate changes and the attempt to implement the philosophy of sustainable development;*
5. Anna Kalinowska, PhD (University of Warsaw, Poland), *Author's reflection thirty years after the publication of the "Ecology – the choice of the future" textbook. What aspects of the presented vision of sustainable development have stood the test of time?;*

6. Anna Batorczak, PhD (University of Warsaw, Poland), *Commitment, responsibility and morality – contemporary vision of education for sustainable development;*
7. Rev. Łukasz Marczak, PhD (Diocese of Zielona Góra-Gorzów, Poland), *Health Education as a Sustainable Transfer of Social Farming Services in the German-Polish Borderland.*

Session 2 included the following papers:

1. Magdalena Biela, MA (University of Silesia in Katowice, Poland), Prof. Edyta Sierka (University of Silesia in Katowice, Poland), *Novel ecosystem's wild vegetation of green roofs in adaptation to climate change in the light of Sustainable Development Goals;*
2. Natalia Malcherczyk, (University of Silesia in Katowice, Poland), Prof. Edyta Sierka (University of Silesia in Katowice, Poland), *Response of seeds to environmental stress factors;*
3. Adam Kapler, MA (The Engaged Foundation, Leśna, Poland), *Invasive species dangerous for Polish nature and economy – combating them based on the new Regulation of the Council of Ministers of December 17, 2022;*
4. Ariadna Ciążela, PhD (Maria Grzegorzewska University in Warsaw, Poland), *How do students understand the term "ecology"? Students' thoughts on terms related to ecology;*
5. Ewa Sz wajczak, MA (University of Silesia in Katowice, Poland), Michał Ludynia, PhD (University of Silesia in Katowice, Poland), *Agricultural production and sustainable development: constant challenge;*
6. Anna Matuszewska, PhD (Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw, Poland), Marlena Owczuk, PhD (Łukasiewicz Research Network – Automotive Industry Institute), *Fast fashion – boon or bane of our times?;*
7. Adam Walicki, MA (Kronenberg Institute, Poland), *In search of a model of partnership and cooperation for sustainable development.*

The last point of the conference was a summary of the presentations from both sessions and a short discussion. As usual, there were many positive comments of attendees voicing their satisfaction with the possibility of a face-to-face meeting, fruitful discussions, and a welcoming atmosphere.

The conference was officially closed by Rev. Prof. Ryszard Sadowski, who expressed his gratitude to all attendees and invited them to participate in the future conferences of the "Philosophy of Sustainable Development" cycle as well as other scientific events planned by the Department of Ecophilosophy.

Overall, the conference gathered speakers from nine scientific institutions and from three non-research institutions, who presented a total of nineteen papers. Among the audience, we hosted representatives of eight scientific institutions, government administration, NGOs and business (i.e., Egis Poland Sp. z o.o., Central Statistical Office, Kampinoski National Park, Mazovian Office of Regional Planning in Warsaw, Ministry of Climate and Environment) as well as students.