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**Philosophy of Science in the 21<sup>st</sup> century:  
Challenges and Tasks**  
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*Symposium Organized by: Alfreda Cruz*

*Title: The Political Philosophy as Living Art within the Knowledge Society*

*Introduction and objectives of the symposium*

#### **Focus on the Community**

Community as a concept corresponds to the mediator instance between the individual and the collective in which he/she participates. Therefore, we may question the identity and identification criteria, alongside with values and contracts that aspire to well-being and which are faced with communitarian fractures arising from the interaction of the rules within the collective, in the presence of others with which they strive, either in similar or in different scales. This is clearly the case with the impotence of national identities facing the flows of the global economy and the imposition of the values that underlies it in the large sociopolitical market, before which the logics of communities oscillate between emancipation and resentment, embracing the former speeches of the recognition of differences, implicated in convergence policies like multiculturalism, and the latter, the dissent, supporting perspective repression and declination of the participation in the *res publica*

#### **The Discovery of Social Reality**

The awareness of social reality undergoes the attribution of form by questioning its development and exposure methods. This context justifies the design of instruments for observation, exploration and evaluation of a situation based on surveys propitiated by methodologies and technologies appropriate to the identification and parameterization of descriptors of measurement and narrative justification of the states involved in the dynamics of the preservation or processing undertaken in the *res publica* context.

It is in this perspective that Observatories arise, allocated to social research through which it can be consistent the questioning and the participation of individuals as subjects (owners of a leader project) as citizens (since they put it into the service of the "City"), through "identity exposure values" (face, function or biography) expressed in the bond set with the diachronic line of reality to which they are connected in the dimensions of knowledge and designed and deployed action.

## The Alert Citizen Intervening Capacity

Equating an opinion on this perspective and promoting it in any of the contexts of mediation implies appealing to intervene in local agendas, simultaneously attentive to the impacts, meanwhile assessable within the parameters of moral philosophy and sciences, lured to the diagnosis and prophylaxis of the desired – and already recognized and assumed - public policies sustainability.

Promoting the mediation for the recipients predisposed to behavior intervention enables mediators to distinguish the target groups focused on the corresponding skills and interests, from different categories, depending on whether they hold or not the training to the handling of information and communication technologies as a means of universal access knowledge in the various stages of its appropriation. In the case of scientific knowledge, that mediation should boost the conviviality of the Internet users with the wellspring of digital sources, taking as paradigm of the corresponding generalization the [www.tvciencia.com](http://www.tvciencia.com) site and, in all cases, the various libraries and digital encyclopedias available in the digital corresponding addresses.

Equating and disseminating opinion from the mediation sounding board implies starting to praxis intervention, simultaneously attentive to the impacts in the meantime assessable within the parameters of moral philosophy and sciences, lured to the diagnosis and prophylaxis of desired public policies sustainability, pondered and poured into the *glocal*.

### Program

1. Thematic presentation of the Symposium  
*Chair: Alfreida Cruz, Centre for Philosophy of Science of the University of Lisbon*
  2. Territorialisation of public policies  
*Engrácia Cardim, ISCSP – University of Lisbon*
  3. Public Policies and Democracy  
*Speaker: Paulo Trigo Pereira\*, ISEG – University of Lisbon*
  4. Europe for Citizens Programme, 2014-2020  
*Speaker: Angela Dionísio, Centre for Philosophy of Science of the University of Lisbon*
- Final discussion and debate

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