



*20th Conference of the Polish Phenomenological Association*

## ***Real/Unreal. Towards a Phenomenology of Virtuality***

**December 17-18, 2021**

Poland, Warsaw, Nowy Świat 72 Street, Pałac Staszica Building

or ONLINE (hybrid mode)

### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

The Polish Phenomenological Association calls for papers on the problem of widely understood virtuality. Papers can present a variety of systematical analyses, historical interpretations or commentaries within or outside the phenomenological tradition, however, with strong connections to the conference's main theme.

The impulse to take a detailed look at the category of virtuality is, of course, the current cultural transformations greatly intensified or triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic. Our individual and social activities had to be redefined in the virtual-dominated sphere, giving a new meaning to work, interpersonal contacts, or our relation to nature. This situation raises a number of questions, such as: how does the transfer of various activities to the virtual sphere affect our way of experiencing reality, including ourselves and others? Does the pandemic situation produce or contribute to the production of new forms of experience that were previously unknown to us? Does the experience of virtuality force us to take a new look at the subject and its condition? Is virtuality merely a possibility, or does it constitute a separate reality? In the light of the questions mentioned here, we propose to open the reflection on virtuality with the following thematic areas of contributions (this is obviously not a closed list):

- The phenomenological method of studying virtuality, the possibilities and limits of using classical phenomenology;
- Phenomenology of virtual subjectivity: body, identity, intersubjectivity, gender;
- Phenomenology in the face of new practices of experience: virtual communication, imagination, the extension of experience (virtual reality);
- Phenomenological aesthetics and the experience of art in the virtual world;
- Phenomenology of virtuality and scientific disciplines and practices: medicine, neuro- and cognitive science, sociological and political sciences, education, psychotherapy, psychoanalysis, and so on.

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Researchers from different fields are welcome to share the results of their studies during the conference that offers various forms of presentation: papers, short comments, discussion panels, sessions, and posters.

This year's conference program includes **three lectures of invited speakers** and the **General Members' Assembly**.

**Confirmed Keynote Speakers:**

- Nicolas de Warren (Penn State University)
- Ingrid Vendrell Ferran (Goethe Universität Frankfurt)
- Christian Ferencz-Flatz (University of Bucharest)

Conference Language: **Polish** and **English**

Deadline for abstracts (500 words) via e-mail [ptfen@ifispan.edu.pl](mailto:ptfen@ifispan.edu.pl) : **October 31, 2021**

Deadline for registration via website [www.ptfen.org.pl](http://www.ptfen.org.pl) : **December 5, 2021**

Conference fee for non-members: **25 EUR** or **100 PLN**

**Students and members of the Polish Phenomenological Association: free of charge**

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