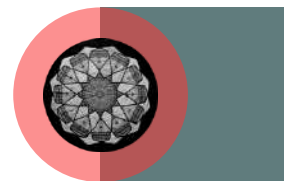




SINCLÈTICA MONASTIC SCHOOL
KNOWLEDGE, ARTS & INTERIORITY

FREEDOM



November 11 & 17-19, 2023

Sinclètica Monastic School gives you access
to the learning experience of our innovative
Program in a weekend module

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THE TOPIC FOR THE THEMATIC BLOCK IN NOVEMBER 2023 IS FREEDOM

- A team of eight international professors will be sharing Eight Pearls on FREEDOM from the perspective of Science, Politics, Philosophy, Literature, Bible, Fine Arts, Theology and Music. Pearls are scientific, literary, artistic or musical works, theological writings or biblical passages that the subjectivity of each professor finds particularly helpful or illuminating.
- Monastic wisdom has always known that experience and knowledge cannot be separated. A key element of our program is that the professors will share with the students not only their expertise on the subject, but also their personal link to it.
- The lectures can be attended on-site at Villa Engràcia (next to the medieval Monastery of Poblet: villaengracia.com) or on-line. Registering on-line gives access to the live streaming of the lectures and also to the edited videos for later viewing; during the streaming, on-line participants will be able to interact with the professors and with the on-site students via Zoom platform.
- The lectures are in English. Videos of the lectures are accessible to all students during 30 days, starting on the day of the lectures. Two weeks after the lectures, fully reviewed subtitles in English, Catalan and Spanish are made available.

The fee for a weekend is 150€
Interested please write to the Registrar's Office:
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SATURDAY 11 (ON-LINE)

14:00 PROTOCOL & ANTICIPATION

14:15 **THEOLOGY**

The Freedom of a Christian, by Martin Luther (1520).

ZORAN GROZDANOV (ZAGREB)

15:00 *Silence*

15:15 SMALL GROUPS / DIALOGUE WITH PROF. GROZDANOV

16:15 PROTOCOL & ANTICIPATION

16:30 **MUSIC**

Ute Lemper's Performance in Barcelona (Palau de la Música, 2014).

EULALIA FANTOVA (BARCELONA)

17:15 *Silence*

17:30 SMALL GROUPS / DIALOGUE WITH PROF. FANTOVA

18:30 CLOSURE

18:45 *Prayer of Vespers (live streaming from St. Benet)*



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FRIDAY 17

- 18:00 OPENING PRAYER / PROTOCOL & ANTICIPATION
18:45 **SCIENCE**
The Experience of God: Consciousness, by David Bentley Hart (2013).
BRENDAN CASE (BOSTON)
19:30 *Silence*
19:45 SMALL GROUPS / DIALOGUE WITH PROF. CASE
20:45 CLOSURE

SATURDAY 18

- 9:30 MORNING PRAYER / PROTOCOL & ANTICIPATION
10:15 **PHILOSOPHY**
Philosophies of Freedom', by John Dewey (1928).
MAGNUS SCHLETTE (HEIDELBERG)
11:00 *Silence*
11:20 SMALL GROUPS / DIALOGUE WITH PROF. SCHLETTE
12:20 *Chi-kung exercises and lunch*
14:00 PROTOCOL & ANTICIPATION
14:15 **POLITICS**
Lo Crestià (third book), by Francesc Eiximenis (1384).
EDUARD JUNCOSA (REUS)
15:00 *Silence*
15:20 SMALL GROUPS / DIALOGUE WITH PROF. JUNCOSA
16:30 PROTOCOL & ANTICIPATION
16:45 **FINE ARTS**
Surveillance Camera, by Ai Weiwei (2010).
ANNA POU (BARCELONA)
17:30 *Silence*
17:50 SMALL GROUPS / DIALOGUE WITH PROF. POU
19:00 CLOSURE



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SUNDAY 19

9:30 PROTOCOL & ANTICIPATION

9:45 **BIBLE**

Book of Exodus (in the Tanakh/Bible), chapters 2 to 20 (Ex 2-20).

HORA ABOAV (ROME)

10:30 *Silence*

10:50 SMALL GROUPS / DIALOGUE WITH PROF. ABOAV

11:50 *Chi-kung exercises or Eucharist / Lunch*

15:45 PROTOCOL & ANTICIPATION

14:00 **LITERATURE**

Frost's 'The Road not Taken' (1915) and Ahmatova's 'Preface to Requiem' (1957).

CARLES TORNER (BARCELONA)

14:45 *Silence*

15:05 SMALL GROUPS AND DIALOGUE WITH PROF. TORNER

16:15 PERSONAL WORK: MY PEARLS FROM THE WEEKEND

17:00 FINAL DIALOGUE

Optional daily prayer with the monastic community:

5:15 matins / 7:00 or 7:30 lauds

8:00 or 12:00 eucharist

18:45 vespers / 20:30 compline