



Call for Abstracts

Border Crossings: New Directions in the Anthropological Sciences

Some pathbreaking contemporary work, both in the human sciences and the natural sciences, can be comprehended under the broad title of a philosophical anthropology. Certain strands within philosophy, medicine, neuroscience, psychiatry, and evolutionary biology are currently offering new insights that put into question the hitherto dominant image of the human being. On the one hand, these sciences are questioning those existing paradigms, according to which the human being is to be understood predominantly through its incapacity, its deficiencies, or in terms of its existential limits. On the other hand, these sciences thereby block off variant answers by adhering to a set of established methods, research outcomes and interpretations.

Karl Jaspers, for instance, repudiated all efforts to reduce the human being to a definitive concept. Rather, he saw such conceptual fixation as an unwarranted limitation of a person's existential possibilities. According to Erwin Schrödinger, the reason that the feeling, perceiving, thinking individual does not feature in the scientific world view, is, famously, that the individual itself *is* this world view. Moreover, Max Born emphasised the delicate balance it behoves us to maintain between experiment and theory, between sensible and intellectual reality.

Although the methods and approaches of different disciplines vary enormously, they nevertheless converge on the shared question concerning human being, its range and scope, its limitations and possibilities. Thus it appears that current 'anthropology' (broadly understood as all the sciences concerning the human being) should not only proceed in an interdisciplinary, integrative or comparatistic manner, but should also attempt to find a common language beyond distinct disciplinary boundaries.

InterCultural Philosophy is issuing a Call for Papers that seek to explore the domain, the limitations and potentialities of the contemporary, broadly anthropological, sciences. We are especially interested in contributions that investigate disciplinary boundaries by way of the anthropological question and/or that interrogate cross-disciplinary approaches to this question. Papers may be submitted in English or German and, if accepted, will be published in the language in which they were submitted.

This Call for Papers invites undergraduate students, post-graduate students, doctoral candidates, and professors of all relevant academic areas to contribute to the debate in InterCultural Philosophy's next issue. Abstracts (300 words maximum) should be sent by **May 10, 2016** to info@interculturalphilosophy.com. The issue will be published in October 2016 at <http://interculturalphilosophy.com>.