



## COMMUNIQUÉ – INVITATION

*"I am going into exile from exile."*

Wole Soyinka, Nobel laureate in literature, upon leaving the United States where he was in exile.

*In today's world, are we all becoming exiles?* This is the question posed by one of the 50 programmes of the *Collège International de Philosophie*<sup>1</sup> (Geneva-Paris).

For six years (2010-2016), this educational and research project (including seminars, symposia, publications, and an online journal), conducted in the perspective of a "right to philosophy" for all (Derrida) and of a "free university" intended as a dynamic public space of citizenship, social movements, and "civil society," has circulated between Switzerland (Geneva, Lausanne, Neuchâtel), Chile (Concepción), and Turkey (Istanbul).

This programme is now coming to a close with four interconnected alternative symposia: (1) "Memory of the invisible," Curitiba (Brazil), 13-15 March; (2) "Social movements at the borders and political challenges," Florence (Italy), 12 May; (3) "Philosophies of the Other world, consent, and civil disobedience," Paris (France), 18-19 May; and (4) "*Desexil*, emancipation in action," Geneva (Switzerland), 31 May - 3 June 2017.

The central theme of the project as a whole has been EXILE/VIOLENCE/DESEXIL. In a complex context of globalisation, uncertainty, and "extreme" violence (Balibar), who is in exile today? Why, and how? How does one free oneself from exile through *desexil* (resistance, struggles), from its most personal to its most collective aspects? Different responses to these questions will be discussed.

We expect many invitees, with participation in four workshops and two plenary sessions. A list of local and international invitees will be available with the final programme of the Geneva symposium.

The various programmes will be available on the site [exil-ciph.com](http://exil-ciph.com) from 8 May 2017.

The symposia are open to all. Entry is free of charge (a requirement of the CIPh).

The CIPh's final concluding symposium in Geneva is hosted by the trade union UNIA, the Geneva Community of Syndical Action (*Communauté genevoise d'action syndicale*; CGAS), the Geneva Workers' University (*Université ouvrière de Genève*; UOG) and the Department of Letters of the University of Geneva (UNIGE). A final celebration will take place at the *Pavillon bleu* (Grottes neighbourhood).

Registration is essential for logistical reasons: by e-mail ([colloquedesexil@gmail.com](mailto:colloquedesexil@gmail.com)) or on the site <http://exil-ciph.com/>.

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Versions in German, Turkish, French, Spanish, Portuguese, and Italian are available on the site [exil-ciph.com](http://exil-ciph.com).

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<sup>1</sup> This programme of the CIPh (dir. Marie-Claire Caloz-Tschopp) is entitled *Exil, Création Philosophique et Politique. Philosophie et Citoyenneté contemporaine*. It was organised between Switzerland (Lausanne, Geneva), Chile, France, and Turkey.

## PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME<sup>2</sup>

Please register

**EXILE/VIOLENCE/DESEXIL**  
**DESEXIL. EMANCIPATION IN ACTION.**  
**WHAT KIND OF FREE UNIVERSITY DO WE WANT?**  
**Philosophy and Politics, Curitiba, Florence, Paris, Geneva 2017**

Geneva symposium, UOG, UNIGE 31 May-3 June 2017

Wednesday 31 May, UOG: Plenary session

GLOBALISATION, EQUALITY, VIOLENCE, FINITUDE.

WHO IS IN EXILE TODAY?

Evening: Opening and introductory debate on undocumented people

Thursday 1 June, UNIGE: Workshops

EXILE/VIOLENCE/DESEXIL: ANALYSIS OF PRACTICES (1)

Evening: Public debate on direct democracy

Friday 2 June, UNIGE: Workshops

EXILE/VIOLENCE/DESEXIL: ANALYSIS OF PRACTICES (2)

Saturday 3 June, UOG: Final synthesis

THE VIOLENCE OF SECURITY AND WAR IN GLOBALISATION (morning)

EUROPE AND THE OTHER EUROPE IN *DESEXIL* (afternoon)

### The 4 workshops of the Geneva symposium:

Various interventions, open participation

#### Workshop 1

RIGHTS IN EXILE

Retirement, work, rights - daily survival and/or *desexil*?

#### Workshop 2

LIVING IN EXILE

Who are yesterday's exiles, and today's? An intergenerational inventory of obstacles, strategies, and ruses of *desexil*. How does one struggle to emerge from exile?

#### Workshop 3

DARING *DESEXIL*

Loss of meaning, precariousness, and violence at work and in social interactions: How does one come to dare *desexil*?

#### Workshop 4

RECLAIMING THE ART OF THINKING

Decompartmentalising, decolonising, and deprovincialising history and philosophy: How does one free one's thoughts, and the pleasure and anguish of thinking?

A certificate of continuing education from the CIPh (workshops and plenary sessions) will be issued on request.

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<sup>2</sup> The programme of the Geneva symposium will be available on the site [exil-ciph.com](http://exil-ciph.com) on **8 May 2017**.