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The “political” Socrates

Philosophy as a form of living and the “political” Philosophy of Philosophical Practice

In concordance with the hosts of the congress, I am convinced of the close connection between philosophy as a form of living and the performance of professional practice of philosophy.

In my contribution to the congress, I am questioning the interrelation of the philosophical “life style” and the civil existence of the practitioner.

Therefore my thesis is: One can be a citizen without leading a philosophical life, but at the beginning of the 21st century, a philosophical life is not possible for a practitioner without the civil existence. It is the civil existence which changes a Philosophical Practitioner into a “political” Socrates.

For the Philosophical Practice as a “political” philosophy, the connection between the philosophical “life style” of a practitioner and his / her “political” thinking and action is put into question.