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CALL FOR PAPERS

The 11th Colloquium of Latin American Phenomenology commemorates 27 years since the founding of the Latin American Circle of Phenomenology (CLAFEN) in 1999 in Puebla, Mexico. At this upcoming meeting, a generation of founding members will pass on their long-standing responsibility to a new generation of Latin American phenomenologists. *Nature* and *Spirit* were in 1919, 1920/24, and 1927 the topic of relevant yet generally overlooked lectures in which the founder of phenomenology debated with positivist naturalism and the Neo-Kantian schools of the nineteenth and early twentieth century. During these years, Husserl's work aimed to establish itself as a universal philosophy of total culture, motivated by an ethical *pathos*, aspiring towards a renewal of humanity. In this Husserlian spirit, and following the inspiration and work of the phenomenological movement thereafter, we invite regular members as well as those interested in these themes, to participate in this encounter with renewed contributions on the historical and thematic significance of nature and spirit, their distinction and their undeniable intertwinement. The Colloquium coincides with a historical "change of epoch" that faces humanity with dramatic challenges: an imminent climate crisis that threatens life on Earth, an excessive technologization that accelerates the "digital globalization," and the international breakdown of the democratic conquests of the last 300 years. These unprecedented historical circumstances challenge "humanity's place in the cosmos," revealing the vulnerability of its theoretical, valuative, and practical capacities. Phenomenological reflection, beyond its range of thematic interests, reclaims the primacy of conscious lived-experience, both valuative and practical, as the ground in which nature appears and

acquires meaning. Nature is not, therefore, merely the physical backdrop of life, but a constitutive dimension of its embodiment, of its affective and shared openness, and of the historical and symbolic human ways of inhabiting it. The 11th Colloquium will provide the occasion of a fruitful dialogue with history and classical phenomenologists on these themes, renewing their approach, motivations, and interests in new directions.

Possible sub-themes¹

Thematic distinction and interaction between Nature and Spirit:

- Phenomenology of corporality: physical body and Soma
- Phenomenology and ecology
- Phenomenology of life
- Phenomenology, ethics of care, and of alterity
- Phenomenology and ontology
- Phenomenology, nature, and affectivity
- Phenomenology, science and technology
- Phenomenology and intersubjectivity
- Phenomenology, nature, and contemporary politics
- Nature, ethics, and value theory
- Phenomenology of health and sickness ('nurse care')
- The meaning of Earth and good living
- Earth, world, and event
- Transcendence and existence: human as 'being-in-the-world'
- Art as an expression of nature and spirit
- Existence, event and history
- Phenomenology of *individuation* and *communalization*

Historic distinction and interaction between Nature and Spirit:

- Phenomenology and German Idealism
- Phenomenology and Neokantism
- Phenomenology and positivistic naturalism
- Phenomenology and Modern philosophy (rationalism, empiricism, criticism)
- Phenomenology and sciences of spirit
- Phenomenological cosmologies
- Phenomenology and Existentialism
- Phenomenology and Hermeneutics
- Phenomenology and Postmodernism
- Crisis of the european sciences, culture, and humanity

Distinction and interaction between natural and cultural-spiritual disciplines:

- A distinction *in re* or *in modum*?
- Phenomenology and ontology
- Phenomenology, psychology, and anthropology
- Psycho-physic unity and/or spiritual person
- 'Human person', culture and history (the 'spiritual world')
- Phenomenology of religion

¹ Being an open non-exclusive list, other topics will be welcome.

- Phenomenology, metaphysics, and theology
- Phenomenology and lifeworld

Nature and spirit in language and cognition:

- Description and interpretation
- Nature, conscience, and reason
- Reality and ideality, thing and concept, matter and form
- Passivity and spontaneity: from proto-affection (proto-hyle) to concept, value, norm, and conscious *fiat*.
- Phenomenological meaning of the ‘transcendental’
- Calculating and meditating thinking
- Intentionality, temporality, and horizon
- Autoaffection, apperception, reflexion, and world
- Instinctive roots of consciousness and rationality
- Lived experience, meaning, language, and reality (the ‘*a priori* of correlation’)
- Entanglement of cognition, emotion, and volition
- Onto-theology and the ‘task of thinking’
- “*Mehr-Meinung*” (instincts, theology, and ‘infinite tasks’)

Submission guidelines:

- Submission formats: individual paper, thematic table, book or journal presentation
- Submissions should be sent to xiclafen@pucp.edu.pe and must include:
 - Title + Abstract (max. 500 words) + 5 Keywords
 - A separate document with author/s information (max. 200 words)
 - For **thematic panels**, only one member submits the proposal (Title + Abstract + Keywords + each author’s information, and general thematic title).
- Deadline for submissions: May 15, 2026
- Notification of acceptance: June 15, 2026