

11th International Leibniz Congress

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First circular

The 11th International Leibniz Congress, which, due to the pandemic, had to be postponed until 2023, is under the motto "Le present est plein de l'avenir, et chargé du passé" ("The present is big with the future and laden with the past"), a quote from *Leibniz's Nouveaux essais sur l'entendement humain* (1704). It illustrates the ongoing relevance of Leibniz's philosophy to current, seemingly distant debates and invites us to make such connections.

The congress represents an important opportunity to revive the international contact among Leibniz researchers, limited during the pandemic, and enables younger researchers to join the Leibniz community.

Since the last congress in 2016, the corpus of indexed and edited Leibniz writings and letters has grown considerably. New digital research tools have been made available. Leibniz's correspondence as well as some of his writings have now been edited reliably right down to the last decade.

In addition to philosophy and the history of science, a wide range of research approaches can currently be observed: other disciplines such as early modern network research and historical praxeology are also increasingly interested in Leibniz. Significant research contributions and debates in recent years have concerned aspects as diverse as Leibniz's concept of the infinite and infinitesimally small; the investigation into Leibniz's correspondence network in the larger context of the early modern Republic of Scholars; his policy towards sciences as well as his handling of historical sources and of information from Russia and China. Of particular interest are also the sometimes controversial discussions on Leibniz's philosophy of law, the strongly metaphysical theory of justice, the modern transformation of the monadology and the question of harmony, continuity and discontinuity, which is directly related to the congress motto. The congress aims to represent these approaches in all their breadth and diversity.

The congress is open to all topics related to Leibniz. In order to promote the exchange among Leibniz researchers in advance, participants are expressly called upon to submit section proposals in addition to individual talks.

The organisers invite all interested researchers, experts and friends to participate. Please register talks and propose sections by 31st December 2022. Accepted contributions should be submitted in the shape of a publishable text in a Word file (up to 10 pages) by 30th April 2023. These will be published as a reader in a PDF file in time for the congress. Editorial interventions are no longer possible after submission.

Detailed explanations of how the congress will proceed and guidelines on the contributions will follow in further circulars and on the congress's homepage

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