

THE SOLIDARITY IS STILL AHEAD OF US

THE MAIN THEME OF THE 20TH TISCHNER DAYS

People sometimes ask: are the ethics of solidarity still current? This is a new world, we have new needs, new tasks. I think the answer is obvious. The "definition" of solidarity is to be found in saint Paul's writings: "Carry one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the Law of Christ.". The moment we forget that is the moment we commit suicide.

Józef Tischner,
preface to a book "The ethics of solidarity" and "Homo sovieticus", 1992

The year 2020 marks the 20th anniversary of Józef Tischner's death and the 40th of the birth of Solidarity, a movement which had a special place in his heart. Tischner was not only its chaplain (his sermons from the first NSZZ Solidarity convention are a part of the union's official documents), but also the author of "The ethics of solidarity", a unique book in which he, and only he, tried to find and shed a light on a particular ethical sense of current events.

In the 90s, once Poland regained independence, Tischner wrote that the moment Poles forget about solidarity, would be the moment of spiritual suicide. It is therefore natural that we, the organizers of the 20th Tischner Days, make the idea of solidarity the main theme of this jubilee edition.

In the spirit of Tischner we want to reach the deepest ethical dimension of this experience. We want to show that the idea of solidarity is not only an important part of our times, but also a light, which may help us better and more sensibly look at the future. The 20th Tischner Days' theme is "Solidarity is still ahead of us". A programme we proposed is created in a way, which shows the phenomenon of solidarity from a variety of perspectives. The 20th Tischner Days will take place in Kraków from 22nd to 25th April 2020.

THE 20TH TISCHNER DAYS

Kraków 22nd-25th April 2020

22nd APRIL / WEDNESDAY

5.00 p.m. Church of St. Anne, ul. św. Anny 13
HOLY MASS for the intention of Józef Tischner

6.15 p.m. The Wyspiański Stage, National Academy of Theatre Arts in Krakow, ul. Straszewskiego 22
TISCHNER ON A SCREEN – a screening of documentary films
Hosted by: Wojciech Bonowicz

23rd APRIL / THURSDAY

11 a.m. Assembly hall of the Collegium Novum of the JU, ul. Gołębia 24
COLLOQUIA TISCHNERIANA – Keynote address
Prof. Hanna-Barbara Gerl-Falkovitz / Germany
“Who is able to ‘forgive’ historical wounds?”
Simultaneous interpreting

1 p.m. Assembly hall of the Collegium Novum of the JU, ul. Gołębia 24
FEMALE SOLIDARITY – panel discussion
Participants: Mirosława Grabowska, Hanna-Barbara Gerl-Falkovitz, Janina Ochojska, Zuzanna Radzik
Hosted by: Joanna Barcik and Maria Karolczak
Simultaneous interpreting

6 p.m. Assembly hall of the Auditorium Maximum of the JU, ul. Krupnicza 33
PHILOSOPHERS’ CAVE – panel discussion
Participants: Rocco Butiglione and Joseph Weiler
Hosted by: Wojciech Bonowicz and Zbigniew Stawrowski
Simultaneous interpreting

24th APRIL / FRIDAY

11 a.m. Assembly hall of the Collegium Novum of the JU, ul. Gołębia 24
DEBATE – Solidarity as seen by the people born around 1980
Participants: Elżbieta Cizewska-Martyńska, Karolina Wigura, Paweł Rojek
Hosted by: Michał Łuczewski

1 p.m. Assembly hall of the Collegium Novum of the JU, ul. Gołębia 24
LECTURE – prof. Zbigniew Stawrowski / Tischner Institute
“Solidarity, Love, Justice”

2 p.m. Assembly hall of the Collegium Novum of the JU, ul. Gołębia 24
DEBATE – Solidarity as seen by the people co-founding the movement
Participants: Mirosława Grabowska, Robert Piłat, Andrzej Szahaj, Zbigniew Stawrowski
Hosted by: Dariusz Gawin

5 p.m. Tischner assembly hall in the Witkowski Collegium of the JU, ul. Gołębia 13
READING TISCHNER – “The ethics of solidarity”
Read by Adam Woronowicz
A further discussion with the audience moderated by Wojciech Bonowicz and Paweł Rojek

7.30 pm Tischner Institute, ul. Sławkowska 14

OFF TISCHNER / Open philosophy forum

A free space to discuss issues brought up during the festival

25th APRIL / SATURDAY

6.30 p.m. The Wyspiański Stage, National Academy of Theatre Arts in Krakow, ul. Straszewskiego 22

JÓZEF TISCHNER AWARD CEREMONY SPONSORED BY ZNAK AND HESTIA

A musical performance by Bester Quartet

Featuring jazz singer Grażyna Auguścik

Hosted by: Jolanta Kogut

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