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Philosophy in Bosnia and Herzegovina between 2000 and 2013

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This paper provides a brief overview of the position of philosophy in Bosnia and Herzegovina in the last thirteen years. Philosophy is studied on five philosophical faculties or universities in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Faculty of Philosophy in Sarajevo (The University of Sarajevo), Faculty of Philosophy in East Sarajevo (The University of East Sarajevo), Faculty of Philosophy in Tuzla (The University of Tuzla), Faculty of Philosophy in Mostar (The University of Mostar), and the Faculty of Philosophy in Banja Luka (The University of Banja Luka). Before the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina philosophical books were published with the help of the state. From 2000 until today, a number of philosophical books were published by universities and private publishing houses. Today the non-govermental organizations *Hijatus* (Zenica) and *Theoria* (Sarajevo) continuously publish philosophical works. Part of the philosophical books published by *Hijatus* deal with ancient philosophy and with those philosophical schools and directions about which even scholars in countries with much longer philosophical traditions rarely write: on the Cynics, Cyrenaics and Sophists. *Hijatus* has published several books on the philosophy of Socrates, a brief history of pragmatism, and a book about Georg Simmel. Philosophical society *Theoria* as well as other publishers have published books in the field of political philosophy, bioethics, animal rights, and books dealing with the philosophies of Kant, Hegel and Heidegger.

Philosophy articles are published in journals such as *Dijalog*, *Pregled* and *Sophos*, and also in other journals that generally deal with social issues, culture and literature, such as *Odjek* and *Zeničke sveske*. The problem for the small philosophical community in BiH is that academic journals rarely publish articles in foreign languages and are rarely available to readers outside BiH. Undoubtedly the most important philosophical event in the history of Bosnia and Herzegovina since the war was the 28th International Hegel Congress, held in Sarajevo in 2010 organized by the Philosophical society *Theoria* and the University of Sarajevo. The congress was attended by 352 participants, 137 papers were presented, and participants came from over 55 countries around the world. In addition to this important event, the philosophical society *Theoria* has independently or in cooperation with the University of Sarajevo and the Faculty of Philosophy organized 11 international philosophical symposia with participants from BiH, Croatia, Austria, Germany and other countries. Although the work in the field of philosophy in Bosnia and Herzegovina in the last thirteen years has been poorly supported, the participation of young scholars in the aforementioned

international congress and symposia gives the hope for a better future.

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