

Regulations of Center for Philosophy of Nature of University of Lodz

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General provisions

1. The Center for Philosophy of Nature (hereinafter referred to as the Center) is an interdisciplinary and inter-faculty organizational unit of the University of Lodz.
2. The activities of the Center are initiated by representatives of the basic organizational units of the University of Lodz: Faculty of Biology and Environmental Protection, Faculty of Philosophy and History, Faculty of Physics and Applied Computer Science.
3. The Center uses a short form of the name, which is CPN.
4. The Center's headquarters is located at the University of Lodz.
5. The supervision over the Center's activities is performed by the Pro-Rector of the University of Lodz for Science.
6. The period of operation of the Center is undefined.

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Objectives and tasks of the Center and forms of their implementation

1. The objectives of the Center are:
 - 1) conducting multidisciplinary research in the field of broadly understood issues:
 - a) history of natural sciences, in particular medical and philosophical anthropology, biology, physics and mathematics, as well as critical analysis of the history of these disciplines together with their methodology,
 - b) contemporary reflection on the achievements of the natural sciences, the philosophy of science, as well as the directions and paradigms of the development of research methods of natural sciences, in particular physics and biology,
 - c) philosophical issues in computer science, taking into account the contemporary philosophy of language and mind,
 - d) applications of information technology for the analysis of handwritten manuscripts of text messages,
 - e) formalization and translation into the modern language of mathematical symbolism of evidence and arguments presented in the works undertaking scientific issues from ancient times to the 17th century - scientific revolution;
 - 2) developing and broadening scientific cooperation with the Departments of the University of Lodz, national and foreign centers dealing with the issues specified in point 1;
 - 3) organization of scientific meetings, seminars, national and international conferences;
 - 4) establishing cooperation leading to joint domestic and international research projects;

- 5) developing cooperation leading to the implementation of the principles of European RRI standards (Responsible Research and Innovation), primarily in the field of Open Access to Science;
 - 6) organizing international summer schools for students and doctoral students;
 - 7) organizing open lectures for those interested in the Center's research topics;
 - 8) popularizing and promoting the achievements of the Center's scientific, organizational and didactic research results;
 - 9) promotion of the University of Lodz in the local, national and international environment.
2. The Center's task is, in particular, to organize and develop local, national and international cooperation by researchers representing various fields of natural sciences, mathematics, science historians and philosophers of science and representatives of external environments interested in implementing the system of Open Access to Science in the implementation of interdisciplinary research projects and research. The Center's tasks are conducted in three areas:
- 1) studies:
 - a) multidisciplinary research leading to the integration of scientists dealing with the issues of natural and mathematical sciences, aimed at developing new, original interpretations of the achievements of these sciences and their history,
 - b) development and implementation of national and international research projects,
 - c) publications of research results in the form of articles and books in Polish and English,
 - d) organization of national and international conferences and seminars;
 - 2) education:
 - a) organizing classes for students and doctoral students in the framework of implemented activities,
 - b) organizing summer schools for students and doctoral students,
 - c) organizing seminars and meetings for the academic and non-academic community within the framework of Open Access to Knowledge,
 - d) broadening the teaching offer of the University of Lodz in the field of combining theory and practice (eg. in the form of films and programs depicting the development and possibilities of science and technology throughout history),
 - e) development of textbooks on the history and philosophy of science,
 - f) promulgating the Center's research results in the popular scientific form,
 - g) cooperation of basic organizational units of the University of Lodz involved in the implementation of tasks covered by the Center's objectives.
 - 3) cooperation with the external environment:
 - a) creating joint research projects,
 - b) implementation of analysis based on scientific research,
 - c) developing methods of commercialization of knowledge and results of scientific research,
 - d) substantive support for the development and implementation of research ideas,
 - e) support in implementing research achievements.

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Organizational structure

1. The Center is open. The Center may be joined by any person interested in active participation in its work.
2. The organizational structure of the Center comprises of: Director of the Center, Scientific Council, International Scientific Council, honorary and ordinary members and an administrative employee.

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Scientific Council and International Scientific Council of the Center

1. Scientific Council of the Center (hereinafter referred to as the Council):
 - 1) the Council is created by up to two representatives of each of the Departments comprising the Center;
 - 2) members of the Council are appointed for the term of office of elected bodies of the University of Lodz;
 - 3) members of the Council may perform their functions for a period longer than one term;
 - 4) members of the Council may, at the end of their term of office, express their wish to continue membership or leave the Council;
 - 5) a candidate for a member of the Council is recommended by another member of the Council; acceptance of the candidate for the Council is made by the Director of the Center on the basis of the resolution of the Scientific Council;
 - 6) The Council elects by a simple majority the chairman of the Council, who in the absence of the Director of the Center, fulfills his duties.
2. The responsibilities of the Council include:
 - 1) exercising supervision over the activity and issuing opinions on annual reports presented by the Director of the Center;
 - 2) expressing opinions on projects and activities reported by members of the Center;
 - 3) exercising substantive supervision over working teams;
 - 4) caring for high quality and substantive level of activities undertaken within the Center;
 - 5) adopting the Center's Regulations, consistent with the Statute of the Center.
3. The members of the Council are obliged to attend meetings resulting from the meeting and work schedule adopted by the Center for matters relevant to the functioning of the Center, ie the selection of the manager, the admission of new members, and opinions on projects requiring the presence of at least half of the Council members.
4. The consultative body of the Center is the International Scientific Council, which consists of two researchers from physics, IT, biology, biological anthropology, philosophy of science and the history of science conducting research in cooperation with the global scientific community.
5. The scope of competence of the International Scientific Council includes:
 - 1) determining the Center's research and development profile;
 - 2) coordinating cooperation with foreign scientific institutions.

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Director of the Center

1. Director of the Center (hereinafter referred to as Director) is appointed and dismissed by the Rector of the University of Lodz.
2. Director is appointed for the term of office of elected bodies of the University of Lodz.
3. The function of Director may be performed by a person having at least a doctoral degree, employed at the University of Lodz as a scientific or research-teaching post, for which the University of Lodz is a basic place of work.
4. Director may perform his function for a period longer than one term.
5. Candidates for the position of the Director are selected by secret ballot by Center's members employed in the University of Lodz as their basic place of work.
6. The responsibilities of the Director include in particular:
 - 1) establishing together with the Scientific Council a work schedule and meetings for a given calendar year, with the possibility of modifying it;
 - 2) coordinating the Center's work;
 - 3) presenting the annual activity report to the Council and sending it to all members of the Center for information;
 - 4) submitting to the Pro-Rector of the University of Lodz on Science, approved by the Scientific Council, reports on the activities of the Center from the previous calendar year;
 - 5) applying to the University Authorities in matters relating to employment, promotions, vacations and awards for employees of the Center, after prior consultation with the Scientific Council;
 - 6) managing the property of the Center and allocated financial resources;
 - 7) convening meetings of the Council and meetings of all members of the Center according to a set schedule of works and, if necessary, reported by members of the Scientific Council or ordinary members of the Center;
 - 8) representing the Center during meetings with University Authorities and outside the University;
 - 9) contacting institutions with which the Center has signed a cooperation agreement.

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Ordinary and honorary members of the Centre

1. An ordinary member of the Center may be a person interested in active participating in its activities, research workers representing various research perspectives and practical experience, doctoral students, business representatives, non-governmental organizations.
2. A person wishing to belong to the Center may apply to the head or the Scientific Council with a request to be included in the Center, based on the recommendation or invitation of the Director of the Center, the Scientific Council or another member of the Center. A person wishing to belong to the Center completes a paper declaration, which he passes to the Center's manager or a member of the Scientific Council.

3. The Director of the Center, the Scientific Council and other ordinary members of the Center shall, by voting, decide on the inclusion of a new person in the Center. The decision is taken by a simple majority.
4. Membership in the Center may cease as a result of:
 - 1) resignation;
 - 2) failure to fulfill the obligations resulting from the Center's Regulations;
 - 3) actions to the detriment of and against the Center's assumptions.
5. Termination of membership in situations referred to in § 4 points 2 and 3, takes place by virtue of the decision of Director of the Center based on an application submitted by the Scientific Council.
6. If the termination of membership concerns a member of the Scientific Council or Director of the Center, the decision is made by the Scientific Council by way of a resolution. The mentioned member of the Scientific Council or Director of the Center does not take part in the adoption of the resolution.
7. Members of the Center may be appointed to the Center's Scientific Council.
8. Ordinary members of the Center have the right to:
 - 1) participation in projects conducted by the Center;
 - 2) submitting opinions, applications and postulates to the Scientific Council and Director of the Center;
 - 3) submitting own proposals of activities and projects;
 - 4) receiving references regarding their activities within the Center.
9. The ordinary members of the Center are required to:
 - 1) fulfilling the accepted design obligations;
 - 2) attending meetings resulting from the schedule of meetings and work of the Center adopted for a given year;
 - 3) taking care of a good image of the Center;
 - 4) compliance with the Statute of the Center, resolutions of the Scientific Council and decisions of the Center's manager;
 - 5) keeping the agreed dates of work.
10. Honorary member of the Center may be a scientist conducting research in the field of one of the disciplines which the Center or a person from outside the scientific community deserves especially to promote the results of scientific research in the non-academic environment.
11. Honorary member has the right to participate in meetings of the Center's Scientific Council with an advisory vote.

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Administrative employee

1. Responsibilities of the administrative employee of the Center:
 - 1) documentation of meetings and other activities of the Center under the supervision of the Center's manager;
 - 2) keeping the correspondence of the Center;
 - 3) support for the website and social media informing about the activities of the Center and other forms of promotion of the Center's activity;
 - 4) seeking the possibility of obtaining financial resources from various sources for the implementation of the Center's projects;

- 5) assistance in work on the development of projects;
 - 6) administrative support for projects.
2. An administrative employee is obliged to attend the Center meetings resulting from the meeting and work schedule of the Center adopted for a given year.

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Funding rules

1. The activity of the Center for Philosophy of Nature of University of Lodz is financed from national and foreign grants, European funds, funds obtained from other external sources and statutory resources at the disposal of managers of basic organizational units forming the Center and units participating in the Center's work.
2. An administrative employee performs the tasks referred to in § 7, amounting to $\frac{1}{4}$ time, financed from central resources of the University of Lodz for a period of four years.