

THE SOLIDARITY OF THE SHAKEN

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Patočka's Concept of the Solidarity of the Shaken and the Possibility of a Meaningful Existence

Ivan Chvatík is the director of the Jan Patočka Archive. He officially set the Archive up at the beginning of 1990 as a special department at the Institute of Philosophy of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences in order to continue publishing the oeuvre of the leading Czech philosopher, which he had started doing secretly immediately after Patočka's death in 1977. He received the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences Prize in 1990 for the 27 volumes of the "Jan Patočka Archive Collection", which had been published underground in the years 1977–1989. Since 1993, he has also been co-director of the Center for Theoretical Study (CTS), a transdisciplinary institute for advanced studies at Prague's Charles University and the Czech Academy of Sciences. 2007, he was awarded the title Doctor honoris causa in philosophy by Charles University. He published the first Czech translation of Heidegger's "Being and Time" in 1996 and continues to translate the philosopher's works. His phenomenological essays on Patočka and Plato, published in English, German, Spanish and Italian, include the entry on Patočka in the Blackwell Companion to the Philosophy of History and Historiography, 2008. Together with Erika Abrams he edited and contributed to Springer's Jan Patočka and the Heritage of Phenomenology: Centenary Papers (Contributions to Phenomenology, vol. 61, 2011).

LUDGER HAGEDORN

Solidarity - but whose and for whom?

Ludger Hagedorn is a Research Fellow at the Institute for Human Sciences (IWM) in Vienna. After studying philosophy and Slavic languages, he obtained a doctoral degree from the Technical University of Berlin in 2002. From 2005 to 2009, he was Purkyně Fellow at the Czech Academy of Sciences. His main interests include phenomenology, political philosophy, modernity and secularization. As a lecturer, he has worked at the Johannes

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Understanding the Principle of Inherent Human Dignity

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JAN MACHÁČEK

Without fun and humour, there would have been neither dissent nor solidarity of the shaken

Jan Macháček is a journalist and musician currently working as a commentator for both the daily newspaper *Hospodářské noviny* and the weekly *Respekt*, to which he contributes opinions, analysis and interviews. Mr. Macháček also has a daily blog, *Audit Jana Macháčka*, and provides analysis for Czech public radio and television. Previously, he lectured on Politics and the Economics of Transformation at the Anglo American University in Prague. During communism in the 1980s, he was involved in underground culture and samizdat publishing. He was a member of the famous underground band *The Plastic People of the Universe* as a guitar player and later joined the group *Garage*, with whom he still plays. In the 1980s, he signed *Charter 77* and was involved in various dissident activities. He studied

at the Prague School of Economics in the first half of the 1980s, but could not complete the degree for political reasons. After the revolution in 1989, he joined people from the underground publishing world to create the first independent media outlet in the country, Respekt (originally titled Information Service). His work for Respekt has frequently earned him awards for both his investigative and analytical writing. In 2000, he effectively became Respekt's deputy editor-in-chief. In addition, Mr. Macháček has been a fellow of the National Forum Foundation in Washington (1994) and the William Davidson Institute at the University of Michigan (1998); the same year he was also a Michigan journalism fellow. He is a member of the board of Transparency International Czech Republic, serves as chairman of the board of trustees of the Václav Havel Library and in 2010 again received an award for best journalist in the country (the Ferdinand Peroutka Prize). Mr. Macháček teaches journalism at NYU Prague. In 2009, he published the book "Mistři světa amoleta", primarily analyzing Czech attitudes towards the global financial crisis. He teaches a course on new developments in European integration at Palacký University in Olomouc. He organizes many conferences for the Václav Havel Library, mainly on European issues. He frequently lectures at conferences (such as the Krynica Economic Forum) and delivered a talk on European federalism and the institutional crises of the EU at Columbia University in October last year. He has delivered a similar lecture in Tokyo, Brussels and several other places.

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Whose Solidarity? Which Shattering?

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MARTIN PALOUŠ

Patočka's "Solidarity of Shaken" and the Human Rights Discourse in Transition from the 20th to the 21st Century

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Socialist Legality and Politics of Dissent

Graduated from Charles University in Prague in 1989 and joined Cardiff University as a full-time member of staff in 2001 and was appointed professor of law at Cardiff University in 2006. He was also visiting professor or scholar at European University Institute in Florence, New York University, University of California in Berkeley, University of San Francisco, University of Pretoria, and University of New South Wales, Sydney. Jirí Pribán has published extensively in the areas of sociology of law, legal philosophy, constitutional and European comparative law, and theory of human rights. He is an editor of the Journal of Law and Society and a regular contributor to the BBC World Service, the Czech TV, newspapers and other periodicals. Monographs in English: Dissidents of Law (2001), Legal Symbolism (2007)

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The Difficult Ethics of Communication and Ideological Difference: How to Uphold Human Dignity in the Face of Disagreement

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