

Call for Abstracts

Encounters in Ultimate Situations. Philosophical Practice and Palliative Care in Dialog

Closing conference of the research project "Philosophical Practice in Palliative Care and Hospice Work. The Role of Philosophical Reflection in Developing a Culture of Care and Knowledge about Dying" (FWF P-35627) and Autumn colloquium of the International Society of Philosophical Practice (IGPP) and the Professional Association for Philosophical Practice BV-PP)

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Philosophical practice and Palliative Care exhibit notable intersections for fruitful interdisciplinary exploration. In the context of dying, death and bereavement, recurring questions of a philosophical nature arise that find a home in Philosophical Practice. Philosophical Practice can in turn benefit from the experience-based wisdom of people who are immediately engaged with the dying and their relatives in informal, professional, and volunteer contexts of caregiving. Taken together, Care and Philosophical Practice reveal great potential for strengthening the understanding of Care as something that concerns society as a whole and, hence, for the development of Caring Communities.

The conference brings these fields of practice and research into dialogue by providing space for people from Palliative Care Practice, Philosophical Practice, and actors in Caring Communities in various practice-oriented formats. We look forward to a fruitful interdisciplinary exchange through your contributions and to advancing the joint development of philosophical practice and palliative care.

The *call for abstracts* for workshops, papers and posters focuses on the following topics

- Existential questions in the context of Palliative Practice (**section on palliative care**)
- Philosophical Practice around dying, death and bereavement (**section on philosophical practice**)
- Caring Communities and hospice attitudes (**Care & Caring Communities section**)

Workshops are designed to illustrate practical applications and are distinguished from presentations by the active participation of participants. The maximum duration of a workshop is **90 minutes**. The submission should also include the title, name(s) of the presenter(s) and a description of the concrete implementation. Please note that the maximum abstract length is **250 words**.

Papers are intended to be presented by the author(s) for a **maximum of 15 minutes**. The **abstract** must include a title, the name of the author(s) and a summary of the research design and (preliminary) results. Please note that the maximum abstract length is **250 words**.

Posters are presented in a poster session at the conference and may include scientific papers, research projects, educational programs, or training courses. The **poster abstract** must include a title, the name of the presenter(s) or institution, and the name of a contact person. Please note that the maximum abstract length is **150 words**.

Please send your abstract for a workshop, paper or poster in English or German as a PDF attachment to hospizphilosophie@uni-graz.at, stating the section and format in the subject line (e.g. *Section Palliative Care Poster*). In the cover letter, please include your full name, academic title, and the name of your university or employer (if available). Please note that **only one submission per person** will be considered.

Abstract deadlines: Please submit your abstract between 1 April and 31 May 2025. You will be notified of the decision on your submission by 30 June 2025. Registration for the conference will be open until 15 September 2025.

Conference website: <https://hospizphilosophie.uni-graz.at/en/encounters-in-ultimate-situations/>

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