The Oswald Spengler Society

for the Study of Humanity and World History

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Conference

100 Years after the Publication of "The Decline of the West": Oswald Spengler in an Age of Globalisation

and award of the first "Oswald Spengler Prize"

17th -20th October 2018, Blankenheimerdorf and Brussels

Call for Papers

The newly founded "Oswald Spengler Society" is pleased to hold a scholarly conference on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the publication of "The Decline of the West", one of the most important –and notorious - works on the philosophy of history of the 20th century.

In accordance with the broad historical and philosophical perspectives embraced by Oswald Spengler, the conference welcomes contributions coming from all fields of the Humanities, Social and Natural Sciences dealing either with Oswald Spengler's theory and its intellectual and scientific context, or with the actuality of the morphology of cultures today in the age of globalisation.

The conference will take place in two parts.

From 17th to 19th October 2018, the participants will meet in scholarly reclusion at the seminar facilities of Blankenheimerdorf, south of Cologne, Germany, in order to give and discuss their papers. Full catering and accommodation will be provided for by the Society for the whole of the conference, and a shuttle-service for those coming from Brussels and Cologne airport will be organised.

On 19th October, the participants will be driven to Brussels, Belgium, in order to attend the first public award of the "Oswald Spengler Prize" to a globally renowned contemporary author. The ceremony will be followed by a formal dinner; accommodation for the participants will be provided for by the Society. On 20th October, a shuttle service will be set up for those having to return to Brussels or Cologne airport.

The "Oswald Spengler Society" invites those interested in attending the conference and the subsequent social event to submit, by 28th February 2018 latest, the following documents by email (to <u>spengler.society@gmail.com</u>):

- A CV complete with publication list
- An abstract (min. 300 words) of their intended paper.

PhD-students are particularly welcome to present their "work in progress"; a publication of the conference proceedings is planned. For students and PhD students accepted, the Society will cover as much of the travel expenses as possible. All those submitting a paper will be informed during the first halve of March about the outcome of the selection.

Mission of the Oswald Spengler Society for the Study of Humanity and World History

The Society engages in the understanding of the principles underlying Human Evolution and World History and its perspectives. It is dedicated to the comparative study of cultures and civilizations, including pre-history, the evolution of humanity as a whole and extrapolations regarding the possible future of man. It draws inspiration from the works and ideas of Oswald Spengler, but aims at applying state-of-the-art multidisciplinary approaches including evolutionary theory, sociobiology, philosophy, psychology, jurisprudence and archeology. Both generalist and specialist are welcome to engage which each other in a constructive dialogue on the evolution of societies from earliest time throughout our human history in order to gain insight into the functioning and fate of present-day societies. The Society also welcomes efforts to shed light on the development of World and Universal History as a scholarly discipline including a critical reassessment of Oswald Spengler's works and background.

With best wishes, on behalf of the "Oswald Spengler Society",

Prof. Dr. David Engels

Prof. Dr. Max Otte

Prof. Dr. Michael Thöndl