

Global APPA News 2021: Year-end Must Read!



Dear APPA Members,

As 2021 draws to a close, we enter our third year of Covid-19 and its ongoing disruptions. Even so, it is clear that 2021 has witnessed a global growth of philosophical practice. Here are some highlights from **India, Russia, China, Mexico, Romania, USA, and APPA Authors.**

India

Congratulations to **Balaganapathi Devarakonda** and his colleagues at the University of Delhi for organizing an international conference on philosophical counseling this coming January 14-16, 2022. It will take place in "blended mode": both in-person and online. To view speakers and to register please visit: <https://www.sites.google.com/view/icpc2022>

Russia

Congratulations to **Sergey Borisov, Lydia Ginzburg, and Taisiya Kondratyeva** for organizing the 16th International Conference on Philosophical Practice (ICPP) online in 2021, and for guest-editing a Special Issue of APPA's journal (Volume 16.3, November 2021). As subscribers already know, it is not to be missed! <https://appa.edu/journal/> As always, APPA members receive a 50% discount on subscriptions.

China

Congratulations to **Balaganapathi Devarakonda, Sudeep Raj Kumar, Vaughana Feary, Rick Repetti, Nancy J. Matchett, and Vasile Hategan**, whose articles in recent issues of APPA's journal (2019-2021) were selected for a special issue of the *Chinese Journal of Cognitive Science*, guest-edited by **Xiaojun Ding** of Xian Jiaotong University. Their articles have been translated into Chinese, and are now in the press.

Additional congratulations to **32 other contributors** to previous issues of APPA's journal, whose articles are also translated and collected into a comprehensive Chinese anthology on philosophical practice, edited by **Tianqun Pan** of Nanjing University. The anthology should be published soon, and we'll keep you posted.

Mexico

Congratulations to **David Sumiacher** who, in collaboration with APPA's web development team, has completed the chronology of all sixteen International Conferences on Philosophical Practice (ICPPs) to date, from 1994 to 2021. This site is a unique and informative resource for the history and evolution of our movement. See for yourselves at <https://icpp.site>

Romania

Congratulations to **Vasile Hategan** and his colleagues for winning the bid to host the 17th ICPP, in Timisoara, Romania, in 2023. On a parallel note, Vasile's application to register philosophical counseling as an official occupation in Romania's *Register of Occupations* has also succeeded. Congratulations on this breakthrough recognition.

USA

Thanks to **Shahin Kaveh** for helping APPA to qualify for Google's non-profit ad grant program. APPA will receive in-kind support worth \$10,000 per month in free Google ads, which we will deploy to draw traffic to APPA's new chat-with-a-philosopher service, as well as to APPA's main website.

Congratulations to **Julie Van Laar**, who has garnered official approval from her administration at Ivy Tech Community College in Madison, IN, to offer philosophical counseling to students. She will provide services to individuals and groups starting in 2022.

APPA Authors

Congratulations to APPA members who have just published new books, including **Lydia Amir** on [The Legacy of Nietzsche's Philosophy of Laughter](#) and **Sharin Elkholy's** [Philosophy Wise: Timeless Ideas for a Meaningful Life](#). In addition, **Michael Picard** has a forthcoming book [How to Play Philosophy: A book for public thinking and the thinking public](#), while **Rick Repetti** has edited a forthcoming [Handbook on the Philosophy of Meditation](#).

Thanks to one and all for your continued engagement with APPA, which helps maintain us at the leading edge of the global philosophical practice movement. Please stay tuned for more news in 2022.

Meanwhile, on behalf of APPA's directors and officers, I extend our warmest wishes for a safe and happy holiday season, and an abundant New Year.

Best regards,

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