

Editor's Preface

Border events, including war, have always inevitably become, and invariably do become, a cause and subject of philosophical reflection. At a contemporary moment in European history and culture, Russia's invasion of Ukraine is such a cause.

Abandoning any easy indignation and hasty judgement towards which philosophy as such should remain consistently distrustful while maintaining rationality and rational distance, the present volume presents itself in terms of the Russian tradition on its own. We submit to the reader articles from the field of Russian philosophy, but also exceptionally valuable reflections proposed by Ukrainian scholars.

At the same time, we have two hopes. The first is the expectation that the perceptive reader will perceive this collection as an uneasy attempt to describe and rationalise the problems brought about by contemporary events, but with inalienable reference to concepts developed in the past. The main difficulty here is the lack of historical and research distance from the Russian aggression against Ukraine. The second hope is to provoke reflection on an extremely important, even fundamental issue. Here, we are referring to the question of the relationship between philosophy and politics. It is self-evident that such a relationship exists, but in this place we put the accent on the question of the threat to the freedom of philosophical reflection being restricted by the historical and political contexts of a dramatic reality.

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