

The world undergoes profound disorientations and transformations; many societies are increasingly forced to face multiple crises simultaneously. Not only have climate change and mass migrations introduced unprecedented challenges, but fundamental geopolitical shifts and a new war in Ukraine have also destabilized a long-established world order. Political, financial, economic, and societal crises are converging, raising the critical question of how we can navigate multiple crises under intense pressure of time. It is a question that challenges our capacities for orientation, demanding both conceptual clarity and practical responsiveness. In this volume, we present the five best essays from our second philosophical essay prize competition. The authors of the five essays are:

Nataliia Reva from Ukraine defended her doctoral thesis, *Logical and cognitive analysis of the concept of thinking*, at Taras Shevchenko University of Kyiv in December 2021. Her philosophical inquiries are on logical reasoning, critical thinking, decision-making and cognitive biases. Currently, as a postdoctoral visiting researcher at the Universidade Tecnológica Federal do Paraná in Curitiba, Brazil, she examines the role of embodiment in shaping conceptual understanding.

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Tomáš Korda from the Czech Republic defended his doctoral thesis, *Hegel and Post-Communism*, at Charles University in Prague in 2022. He examined the post-communist era by applying Hegel's critique of Spinozism to Karl Marx's philosophy. He addresses contemporary issues such as the ecological crisis, the communist experiment, post-communism, and war. Currently, he is developing Hegel's theory of international relations.

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