



Aurora Philosophy Institute

**Institut philosophie
Aurora**

AURORA PHILOSOPHY INSTITUTE (API)



- the API (founded in July 2019) is a non-profit institution federally incorporated in Canada

- we promote philosophical ideas and concepts which will have practical results in the areas of:

- community outreach
- education
- research
- public policy

API Vision, Mission, and Values

VISION: discourse and public policy based on sound philosophical methods and analysis

MISSION: promote and sustain applied philosophical research, improve people's quality of life by offering platforms for informed philosophical discussion, provide leadership and excellence in philosophical discourse for our communities, associates, members and partners

CORE VALUES: knowledge, collaboration, respect, dignity, compassion

Aesthetics

Law

Religion

Politics

Music

Society

PHILOSOPHY

Ethics

Education

Economy

History

Technology

Science

Philosophy in Action

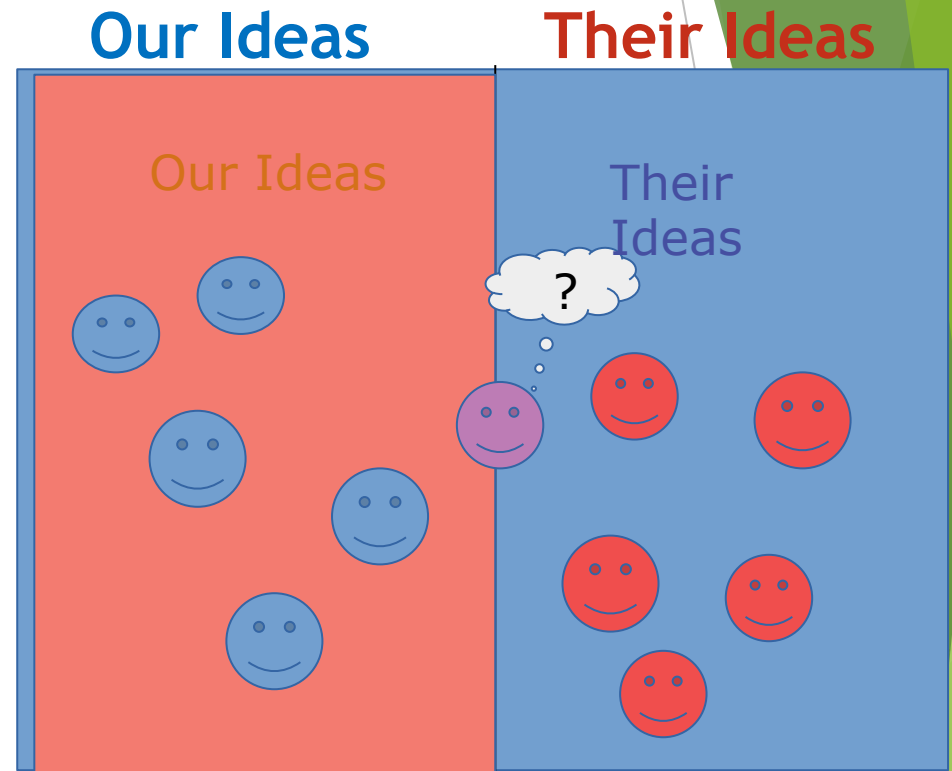
Philosophy has profoundly influenced the foundations of civilization. It asks questions about;

- the nature of being and reality
- the purpose of existence
- the means and pursuit of happiness
- the pursuit of wisdom and knowledge
- the 'answer to the ultimate questions of life, the universe, and everything' (~ Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy)

Philosophy effects everybody, and all aspects of human society.

The First Challenge

- people tend to base their perspectives solely on their own experiences and social background.
- this may lead to *prejudice*. We reject ideas foreign to us, without considering their merit.
- we at the API hope to meet this challenge and allow people to actually talk to each other



The Second Challenge

- ▶ the depth, scope, and specialized language of philosophy is often daunting to beginners.
- ▶ but philosophy must prove relevant to the concerns of ordinary folk.
- ▶ we at the API will work hard to *demystify* and make accessible the basic ideas of philosophy to all.



- ▶ the Aurora Philosophy Institute (API) aims to;
- ▶ promote philosophical work that has direct bearing on areas of practical concern,
- ▶ enrich society by promoting informed philosophic discussions between amateurs, enthusiasts, academics and experts,
- ▶ build bridges between the different perspectives, share experiences, pursue a robust practical philosophy.

Our Purpose

Accomplishments

The API was founded in July 2019, but already has significant achievements;

- **Community Outreach**

- support for the *Aurora Philosophy Club* (APC) and its program
- reached out to local community and business leaders

- **Education**

- provided online educational materials, encouraged public discussion of philosophical topics
- founded the Hana Hermanska Memorial Library of Philosophy

Accomplishments

The API was founded in July 2019, but already has significant achievements;

- **Public Policy**

- founded the Ottawa chapter of the API
- consolidated a critical mass of expertise and interest in *Political Economy*
- recruited *Associates* worldwide

- **Research**

initiated research projects in;

- philosophical realism
- Canadian philosophy
- social ontology
- the construction of social reality
- philosophy of money
- philosophy of religion

Goals and Ambitions

- **Community Outreach**

- continued support of the APC; its programs, lectures, presentations and discussions
- assistance to small business
- further develop our links to the community

- **Education**

- provide educational materials online and *via* other delivery methods
- expand/develop the Hana Hermanska Library
- publish the API blog
- provide individual and group instruction to interested parties

Goals and Ambitions

• Public Policy

- expand/develop the Capital Region chapter of the API
- continue to build on our expertise in political economy
- expand our list of domestic and international *Associates* and forge other links

• Research

- promote research into topics of public interest
- promote research in realist philosophy, Canadian philosophy, political economy, social ontology, philosophy of money, philosophy of religion, *etc.*
- publish the API *Journal*



**We are a recently established
and growing
institution,
but have already made some notable
achievements.**

**We hope that
our example and enthusiasm
may inspire others to dare to ask the
truly *BIG* questions.**

OUR TEAM

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