

Polissia Scientific School of Petro Saukh
Philosophy and Phenomenology of Religion
History

Conceptual framework of the Scientific School was formed on the basis of the scientific research conducted by V. Pavliuk, Doctor of Sciences (Philosophy), Professor; P. Saukh, Candidate of Sciences (Philosophy), Associate Professor; P. Rusyn, Candidate of Sciences (Philosophy), Professor; V. Nesterenko, Candidate of Sciences (Philosophy), Professor; and M. Zajtsev, Candidate of Sciences (Philosophy), Associate Professor who lectured in higher educational establishments of Rivne at the end of the 1970-s.

In 1982 the Department of Philosophy in Ukrainian Institute of Water Management Engineers was headed by a young scientist Petro Saukh and the second stage of the School history began. The Department became the regional center for researches on metaphysics of religion, epistemology and praxeology of religion. There appeared a set of scientific projects devoted to the study of religious alienation, religious morality, the meaning of life and human happiness, problems of holiness and suffering in religion. A group of philosophers interested in religious studies gathered around Petro Saukh, Doctor of Sciences (Philosophy). The post-graduate training program and concept of senior research workers were established.

The third stage of the Scientific School development started in 2002. As Professor P. Saukh moved to Zhytomyr, the center of philosophical study emerged at Zhytomyr Ivan Franko State University. The Rivne Scientific School of Philosophy and Phenomenology was reestablished as Polissia Scientific School and joined by a number of researchers working in Zhytomyr, e.g. A. Herasymchuk, M. Kozlovets, O. Polishchuk (Doctors of Sciences (Philosophy), Professors); H. Starodubets, O. Shvydak (Doctors of Sciences (History), Professors); S. Rudnytskyi V. Starodubets, S. Sukhachov, V. Sliusar, N. Kovtun (Candidates of Sciences (Philosophy), Associate Professors); N. Butkovska (Candidate of Sciences (Sociology), Associate Professor).

At the Department of Philosophy at Zhytomyr Ivan Franko State University

the post-graduate training course and the doctorate training course were established in 2003-2004 and in 2011-2012 academic years respectively. Thus, young scientists join the School annually (post-graduate, doctorate and degree-seeking students). In recent years 18 post-graduate students have defended their theses in the framework of the School's theory.

The Main Scientific Research Areas of the School:

- investigation of the spiritual life processes in politics, culture, religion and education;
- study of philosophical problems of natural sciences, philosophy of science, philosophical anthropology and philosophy of culture, religion and history of philosophy, the relationship of philosophy, religion and science, as well as relationship between faith and reason;
- analysis of the Ukraine's development peculiarities at the turn of the millennium, the specificity of the spirit transformation in terms of its testing with national being;
- study of the religious and moral issues transformation in nihilism centered existentialism;
- analysis of the category of "national" as existential project and movement of existence in the subject field of Prague Poetic School;
- structural and functional analysis of the Ukrainian mythology in terms of conceptual fields of mythological and religious classics, apocrypha and legends of the Ukrainian people;
- social and philosophical analysis of the globalization, national identity; the role and place of culture, education and religion in these processes;
- implementation of scientific and educational projects facilitating the preparation of up-to-date textbooks and books on philosophy, logic, ethics, religion, rhetoric, sociology.