

Call for Papers

Principia Pedagogica

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Except for a small number of specialists Whitehead is a relatively unknown philosopher. Logicians know him for having written *Principia Mathematica* with Russell. For different reasons, Russell and Whitehead ended their collaboration around the year 1920 and their philosophical interest moved from formal logic. In 1926 Russell published *On Education* (he later published some other papers on the subject). The first chapter of this book is entitled ‘The Aims of Education’. In 1929 Whitehead published a collection of papers under the title *The Aims of Education, and other Essays*. Each of them made a strong criticism of traditional system of education, and – referring to Dewey, James, Montessori – developed a theory for education aimed at the student. They are sometimes considered as forerunners of active pedagogy. One may dream that in an alternative past Whitehead’s and Russell’s collaboration may have grown into a *Principia Pedagogica*.

At the occasion of Prof. Vesselin Petrov and Prof. Marina Bakalova (Bulgarian Academy of Science) a workshop will be hold on that theme at the University of Liège on the 22 and 23th of November 2017. If you wish to make a communication on that theme – or on the sources and the pertinence of Russell and Whitehead’s claims – would you kindly send me a suggestion at the address fbeets@ulg.ac.be ?

The communications are supposed to long 20 minutes plus questions. They would preferably be made in English, but there is a possibility to devote half a day to communications in French.