Regulations for the Jan Patočka Archive at the Institute for Human Sciences in Vienna

The Institute for Human Sciences in Vienna (hereinafter referred to as IWM) maintains three archives, each of which is governed by its own regulations. The present regulation concerns the Jan Patočka Archive.

1. Definition and Tasks

The Jan Patočka Archive is the oldest archive of the IWM and since its inception has been dedicated to preserving, researching and making accessible the writings and correspondence of Jan Patočka. The archive collects all the writings of Jan Patočka, both published and unpublished. In particular, the collection includes all known manuscripts, typoscripts, notes and correspondence of the philosopher. The archive holdings are structured according to the bibliography of Jan Patočka's writings. Most of these documents are available in this Viennese archive in copy; the originals are kept in the Prague Archive (Archiv Jana Patočky, hereinafter referred to as AJP), with which the Vienna Archive works closely. The latter also endeavors to collect as complete a collection as possible of Patočka's book publications in all languages, as well as secondary literature (original publications or copies).

The collection guidelines are the responsibility of Dr. Ludger Hagedorn as Permanent Fellow of the IWM and Head of the Archive. The Head of the Patočka Archive may entrust a suitably qualified third party with the management of the archive in whole or in part. The holdings may not be used to enrich other collections (except for the AJP). In addition, it is the sole responsibility of the archive management to grant reproduction and publication permits and to expand the collection with new materials.

2. Use

Anyone may submit a request for use of the archive. The request for use must be made in writing; besides the patron's personal data (name, address, etc.), the request must include a justifiable research question/project (scientific or journalistic interest, etc.).

The user may lose the right of use again if the Patočka-Archive and/or user regulations are disregarded, archive material is damaged, or archive material is stolen. IWM management and the Director of the Patočka -Archive reserves the right to refuse requests for use, even without disclosing the reason.

3. Terms of Copyright and Reduction of Terms of Copyright

The Jan Patočka Archive is fully open for use.

4. Publications of Archive material

Any publication of sources of the Jan Patočka Archive must respect the copyright and personal rights; the management of the archive must be informed of studies based on these sources. The sources used must be clearly proven when published by the name of the archive and the archive shelf mark or other unique identifier of the original source. In addition, the author must provide the IWM with a copy of the publication.

5. Expenses

Access to the Jan Patočka Archive is free.