

PHILOSOPHISCHES SEMINAR I
DER UNIVERSITÄT IN MAINZ

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Am Rosengarten 27

20.4.62

Dear Professor Ferrater Mora,

Thank you very much for your kind letter.

I shall inform Prof. Brüning to write a review of your book, ^(Hilfs-Forschung) Ser y la Muerte. I am happy that you are going to send me your book, Philosophy Today. I shall first read it carefully in order to consider which publisher would be most interested in its eventual publication here. The publishing of a translation in Germany, of an English book, is financially not very easy. For the translation of the book the publisher has to pay approximately 550 dollars. The cost of the entire book making process would be, for a book of 250 sides, around 2000 dollars. In order to cover expenses alone, fifteen hundred copies of the book would have to be sold. As half of Germany is under Communist yoke, there remain only about fifty million people left. To that one can add Switzerland with about seven million, Austria is out of the question as both universities and professors alike have little money.

I personally have never had any of my own books sell more than fifteen hundred copies. I shall, however, do my very best to ensure publication of your book.

I have sent you copies of some treatises of mine, and am sending you "Beyond Existentialism". I would also like to send you a copy of my book on Goethe, if you understand German. Should that not be the case, I would rather wait a year until the English translation has appeared.

I would like to ask you to register for a lecture at the "International Philosophy Congress", in Mexico, Autumn, 1963. As a member of the comité directeur I have spoken about this with the general secretary, Prof. Curiel. Please write to him at this address: Prof. Curiel, Eugenie Sue, ^{n. 339} Mexico 5DF, n. 339, Col. Polanco. We wish to avoid a flood of Communist propagandists dominating the congress.

If you are in Paris in July-August, I shall be most happy to visit you. Please let me have your address there in good time.

I would be extremely happy to know you personally.

With my very best wishes, I remain

yours sincerely,

A. Piatel

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