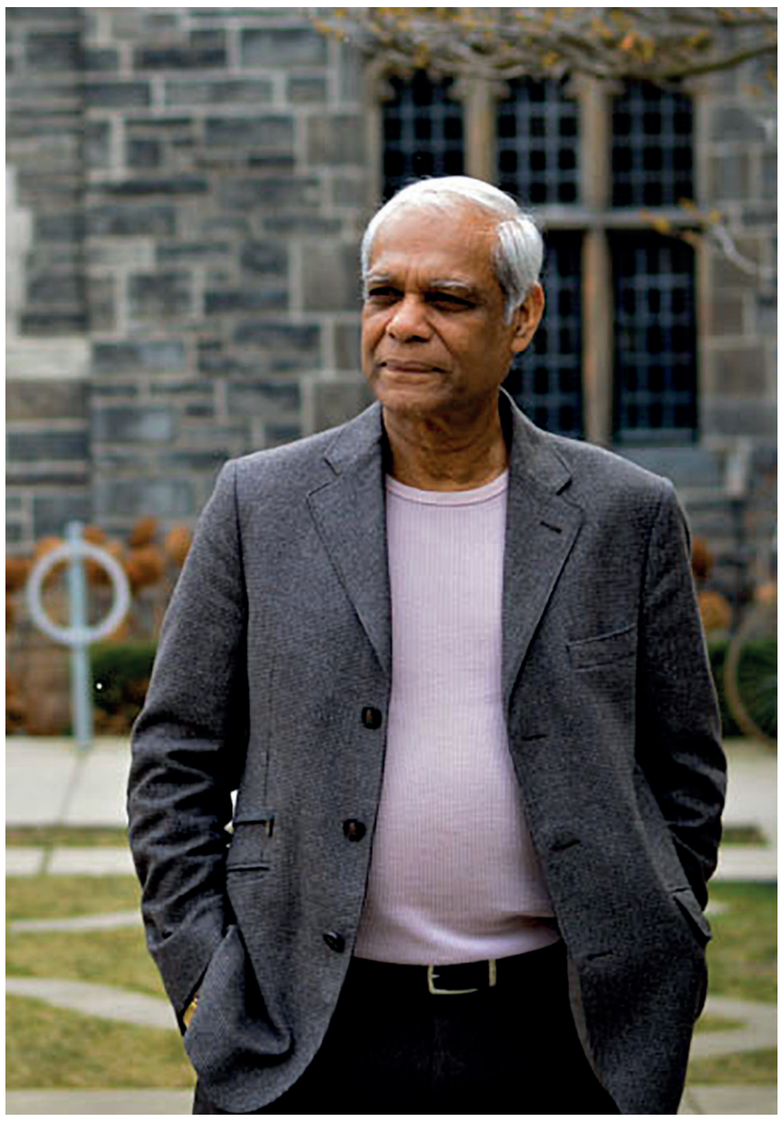
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významnému filozofovi
prof. Abrahimovi H. Khanovi, Ph.D.
z Torontskej univerzity v Kanade

to significant philosopher
Prof. Abrahim H. Khan, Ph.D.
from University of Toronto in Canada

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Tr. A. Hlinku 1, Nitra

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je profesor a garant študijného programu na Bohosloveckej fakulte a Torontskej teologickej škole Torontskej univerzity. Pôsobí tiež v univerzitnom Centre pre štúdium náboženstva a je externým zamestnancom Centra pre etiku a Centra pre bioetiku. Jeho pedagogické a výskumné témy zahŕňajú myslenie S. Kierkegaarda, interkultúrne a komparatívne náboženské štúdiá, vzťah vedy a náboženstva, medicíny a náboženstva, náboženstva a medzinárodnej diplomacie a filozofiu náboženstva.

Narodil sa 13. apríla 1943 v Guyane (býv. Britská Guyana) na severnom cípe Južnej Ameriky, odkiaľ v roku 1962 odišiel za univerzitným vzdelaním do USA. Abrahim Habibulla Khan získal vysokoškolský diplom z fyziky na Howardovej univerzite a z teológie na Yalovej univerzite. V štúdiu pokračoval ďalej v roku 1968 na Inštitúte pre islamské štúdiá na McGillovej univerzite v Kanade. V diplomovej práci sa venoval otázke slobodnej voľby Al-Aš'arího a Luthera. V roku 1973 úspešne ukončil doktorandské štúdium v odbore filozofia náboženstva a obhájil dizertačnú prácu na tému Kierkegaard a utrpenie. Tu vznikli zárodky jeho ďalšieho vedeckého smerovania: Kierkegaard a výpočtová analýza.

Abrahim Habibulla Khan pôsobil ako pedagóg na viacerých katedrách filozofie a náboženstva na niekoľkých kanadských univerzitách. Časť svojho výskumu strávil v Kierkegaardovej knižnici v Kodani a v Centre pre štúdium svetových náboženstiev na Harvarde (1997 – 1998). Bol prezidentom Kanadskej teologickej spoločnosti, tajomníkom výkonného výboru Medzinárodného združenia pre históriu náboženstiev (IAHR, 2005 – 2015), spoluzakladateľom Ústavu pre štúdium náboženstva a zakladateľom Kierkegaardovho centra v Toronte. V roku 2010 sa stal podpredsedom organizačného výboru a sekretárom 20. ročníka svetového kongresu IAHR (XXth World Congress of the International Association for the History of Religions). Je editorom Toronto Journal of Theology a zároveň členom redakčných rád či spoluvydavateľom ďalších siedmich periodických publikácií.

Medzi jeho publikácie patrí monografia zo série o Kierkegaardovi: „Salighed“ as Happiness? Kierkegaard on the Concept of Salighed (1985), monografia Person and Boundedness in Wittgenstein and Tagore: Positioning Artificial Intelligence (2003) a mnoho ďalších knižných kapitol, encyklopedických hesiel a článkov na rôzne témy. Základnou premisou jeho výskumu zameraného či už na Kierkegaarda z pohľadu výpočtovej analýzy alebo na iné témy je hľadanie odpovede na otázku, čo znamená byť osobou, t. j. komparácia interkultúrneho chápania a identifikácie ľudskej bytosti. Tejto téme sa venuje napr. v prácach: Tagore and Kierkegaard and Political Theology (2017), Privileging Communication: Evidentiary Admissible Statements and Comparison in the Study of Religion (2016), Tagore and the Academic Study of Religion (2016), Islamic Influence in the Caribbean: Traditional and Cultural Healing Practice (2013), The Actualized Individual (2013), Religion and Mainstream International Diplomacy (2012), Postulating an Affinity: Amartya Sen on Capability and Tagore (2012), Charles Taylor: Taylor's Affinity to Kierkegaard (2012) a Muhammad Iqbal and Kierkegaard's Judge William (2011).

V roku 2007 po prvýkrát navštívil Univerzitu Konštantína Filozofa v Nitre a vystúpil na konferencii o S. Kierkegaardovi. Pozvanie inicioval prof. Roman Králik, s ktorým sa zoznámil počas jeho doktorandského štúdia. Ich prvé kontakty viedli k intenzívnejšiemu výskumu S. Kirkegaarda v strednej Európe a k založeniu Stredoeurópskeho výskumného ústavu S. Kirkegaarda na pôde Katedry všeobecnej a aplikovanej etiky Filozofickej fakulty UKF v Nitre. Za vedecké, akademické a pedagogické kvality prof. Abrahima Habibullu Khana ako aj osobný prínos pre rozvoj výskumu S. Kierkegaarda, jeho šírenie a prehlbovanie v našom akademickom a kultúrnom priestore sa mu Univerzita Konštantína Filozofa v Nitre rozhodla udeliť čestný titul Doctor honoris causa.

is a professor and graduate director in the Faculty of Divinity at Trinity College in the University of Toronto and of the Toronto School of Theology. He is cross-appointed to the University's Graduate Department for the Study of Religion, and is an affiliate member of its Centre for Ethics and its Joint Centre for Bioethics. His teaching and research interests span Kierkegaard's thought; cross-cultural and comparative studies in religion; science and religion; medicine and religion; religion and international diplomacy; and philosophy of religion.

Born April 13, 1943, in what was then British Guiana, and now Guyana, on the northern tip of South America, he left in 1962 for university education in the United States. Abrahim Habibulla Khan completed degrees in physics at Howard University and in divinity at Yale University. Continuing his studies, he went in 1968 to the Institute of Islamic Studies at McGill University in Canada. His thesis for the MA degree in comparative religion dealt with the freewill issue in Al-`Asharī and Luther. By 1973 at McGill, he obtained a doctoral degree in philosophy of religion, writing a thesis on Kierkegaard and suffering. There he would also develop an interest in what was to become one of his research lines: Kierkegaard and computational analysis.

In professional development and service, Abrahim Habibulla Khan taught in departments of either philosophy or religion at a number of Canadian Universities. He spent research time at the Kierkegaard Bibliotek in Copenhagen and was Senior Fellow at Harvard University, Center for the Study of World Religions (1997-98). He is a former president of the Canadian Theological Society, chaired two program units for 10 years at the American Academy of Religion, and was an office holder on the executive of the International Association for the History of Religions (2005-2015). He is a co-founder of the Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion (Trinity College), and convener of the Kierkegaard Circle (Toronto). In 2010, he was the associate chair of the secretariat for XXth World Congress of the International Association for the History of Religions. He edits the Toronto Journal of Theology and serves on editorial boards or as a co-editor of seven or more serial publications.

His publications include the Kierkegaard monograph series „Salighed“ as Happiness? Kierkegaard on the Concept of Salighed (1985), Person and Boundedness in Wittgenstein and Tagore: Positioning Artificial Intelligence (2003), among book chapters, encyclopedia entries, and numerous journal articles in different research lines. Underlying his research, even in Kierkegaard and computational analysis and other topics, is the probing of what it means to be a person, cross-culturally understood compared to identification as a human being. Some recent titles exemplify: Tagore and Kierkegaard and Political Theology (2017), Privileging Communication: Evidentiary Admissible Statements and Comparison in the Study of Religion (2016), Tagore and the Academic Study of Religion (2016), Islamic Influence in the Caribbean: Traditional and Cultural Healing Practice (2013), The Actualized Individual (2013), Religion and Mainstream International Diplomacy (2012), Postulating an Affinity: Amartya Sen on Capability and Tagore (2012), Charles Taylor: Taylor's Affinity to Kierkegaard (2012), and Muhammad Iqbal and Kierkegaard's Judge William (2011).

In 2007 Prof. Abrahim Habibulla Khan paid his first visit to Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra to present at the University's first Kierkegaard conference. The invitation came through Prof. Roman Králik whom he got to know during his doctoral studies. Their first contacts eventually initiate productive outcome for Kierkegaard Studies in Central Europe and establishing of the Central European Research Institute of S. Kierkegaard affiliated to Department of General and Applied Ethics at Faculty of Arts, Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra. In recognition of scientific, academic and pedagogical qualities of Professor Abrahim Habibulla Khan, his contribution to Kierkegaard studies and to its widening and deepening in our academic and cultural milieu as well, Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra is conferring on him an honorary degree of Doctor honoris causa.

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