

In our university libraries we find big volumes bearing the title “World Philosophy” that contain extracts of texts from the Upanishads to Kant. These volumes are rarely used for the purpose of research. Serious attempts to establish World Philosophy as a space for international intellectual communication remain sparse. True, there have always been philosophers who thought that imitating the classics is not enough. World Philosophy is not a space within which people are supposed to celebrate their own culture. It is not a space within which people can hope to obtain a new Western-inspired rationale for their own age-old particularism. World Philosophy is a space in which different cultures bring forward their way of seeing and thinking about topics that are common to all of them. In this way, World Philosophy can prevent the fragmentation of an international society whose coherence, to the extent that it is more and more granted by nothing other than by a liberal humanistic universalism, remains up to date superficial. (TBB)