

## Opening Speech

### Søren Kierkegaard's Publications of 1843

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Mr. President, Ambassador, ladies and gentlemen

A year ago some colleagues and I, in Copenhagen, were discussing our plans for the year to come. We thought that we ought to celebrate, this year, the year 1843 as the starting point of Kierkegaard's pseudonymous authorship, as well as, his upbuilding authorship. We have, however, to accept that we had too many plans to carry out. Then suddenly, in Spring this year a letter from Mexico arrived, telling that the Panamerican University had planned what we ought to have done in Copenhagen.

During our stay in Mexico we have learned that everything is possible in Mexico. And if it is impossible, you will make it possible—at least for us.

During the last, say, five to ten years a Kierkegaard renaissance has taken place, and what is remarkable is that it has not only taken place in countries with a long tradition of Kierkegaard scholarship. So I think it is outstanding that we celebrate Kierkegaard in Mexico.

I am going to talk about repetition later. And one of the main points of Kierkegaard's use of repetition is that repetition is a movement forward, a becoming. And I wish the exchange of views in this conference will not only be something to be remembered or recollected, but something to be repeated.

I would like to thank you, thank the Panamerican University, especially Professor Guerrero, for organizing this conference. Thank you.

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