

**Abstract:**

The paper focuses on the personality of Sergei Iosifovich Gessen, Russian philosopher and emigrant, who lived and worked in Czechoslovakia during the inter-war period. The main aim is to present Gessen's philosophy of pedagogy, mostly by means of his works, that were written and published during his stay in our country. This includes his articles for journal *Russian school abroad*, of which he was also an editor, his shorter studies but most importantly his monography *Philosophical principles of pedagogy*, which was partly rewritten by the author for the purpose of its Czech edition. Based on his works, we will try to formulate the topics and the principles, which Gessen emphasizes in his texts and which should be valid in his ideal pedagogical system. We will also consider, if the pedagogical topics he was analyzing are still up to date in contemporary circumstances.

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Sergei Gessen, Sergius Hessen, Russian emigration, Russian philosophy, pedagogy