

PNPRS LECTURE SESSION, 23 September 2017 (Saturday)

(Jade Vine Restaurant and Executive Inn, 537 UN Ave. cor. Jorge Bocobo St., Ermita, Manila)
Registration: P2000; Early Registration: P1800 (Deadline: 31 August)
[Certificate plus 2 snacks, lunch, free-flowing coffee, and 2 back issues (2000-2005) of *Philosophia* and
1 back issue (1998-99) of *Sophia* free]
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PROGRAM

7:30 Am-8:30 AM Registration

8:30 AM – 8:45 AM INVOCATION AND INTRODUCTION

8:45 AM – 9:30 AM First Speaker

(1) 23 Sept 2017 Juan Rafael G. Macaranas, PhD (De La Salle-College of St. Benilde, Manila): “Making Lecture Method Work in a Learner-Centered School”

I choose the lecture as my primary method of teaching in DLS-CSB, which is branded as a learner-centered school. Faculty members are expected to veer away from methods identified with traditional philosophy. But my teaching performance record seemed to affirm that this lecture method works. Based on a study to investigate this method, I shall describe the approach and highlight the findings from this study for collegial consideration. Earning consistently with high performance ratings, I am convinced that a modified lecture method, that is, employing it in a way that accommodates the needs and interest of the learner, makes it effective and truly learner centered.

9:30 AM – 9:45 AM OPEN FORUM (Moderator)

9:45 AM – 10:30 AM Second Speaker

(2) 23 Sept 2017 Agustin Martin G. Rodriguez, PhD (Ateneo de Manila University, Quezon City): “How We Have Come to This: The Roots in Our Selves of the End of Life as We Know It”

In this reflection, the author will trace the roots of the environmental crisis in certain fundamental needs of the human person, dangerously spiraling of those needs into obsessive consumption and accumulation.

10:30 AM – 10:45 AM OPEN FORUM (Moderator)

10:45 AM – 11:00 AM SNACKS

11:00 AM - 12:15 PM Third Speaker

- (3) 23 Sept 2017 Wilfried M. A. Vanhoutte, PhD (Saint Louis University, Baguio City)
“Nicholas of Cusa: Medieval and/or Modern Philosopher? A Selective Exploration of His Thought”

One of the key problems in the history of philosophy is the evolution of the interpretation of the meaning of a philosopher and his work for the whole of philosophy. A subjacent problem is how to categorize philosophers in conventionally preconceived periods. While the division between those periods may be flexible, some authors are difficult to classify because their thoughts or forms of writing do not perfectly match historical paradigms, or simply because their lifetime is situated in the transition between two major historical periods. This is what affects an author like Nicholas of Cusa (Cusanus), who has been sometimes interpreted as a medieval author and sometimes as an initiator of the modern period. The author will demonstrate that Cusanus may be like a bread baked from the medieval dough, but with an unprecedented, original shape that prefigures modern culture.

12:15 PM – 1:00 PM OPEN FORUM (Moderator)

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM LUNCH

2:00 – 2:45 PM Fourth Speaker

- (4) 23 Sept 2017 Rolando M. Gripaldo, PhD (PNPRS, Quezon City): “*Philosophia* and the Turabian Documentation Convention (or How to Document a Paper for *Philosophia* Publication”

Many papers submitted to *Philosophia* are written in different documentation conventions like the Modern Language Association (MLA), American Psychological Association (APA), American Medical Association (AMA), and the like. Since *Philosophia* uses the Turabian convention, the present paper will show how authors can write their papers using this convention for the purpose of publication in *Philosophia*. In a word, it is Turabian as revised and applied by the editors of *Philosophia*.

2:45 PM – 3:00 PM OPEN FORUM (Moderator)

3:00 PM – 3:15 PM SNACKS

3:15 PM – 4:00 PM Fifth Speaker

- (5) 23 Sept 2017 Feorillo P. A. Demeterio, PhD (De La Salle University, Manila): “A

Humboldtian Critique of the University of the Philippines as the Flagship of Philippine Higher Education”

For the Philippines to benefit from the ASEAN integration and globalization, in general, it must be able to mold highly educated citizens who can proactively engage themselves with the national, regional, and international knowledge economies. The Philippines has nine research universities that presumably lead its approximately 2,500 higher educational institutions in molding these much needed citizens. These nine research universities are the eight autonomous constituent units of the University of the Philippines and the De La Salle University. The idea of the modern research university was invented more than 200 years ago in Berlin by the philosopher, linguist, humanist, and statesman Wilhelm von Humboldt [1767-1835]. Around 1850, American educational leaders started to appropriate Humboldt’s ideas to establish the American research universities. As the University of the Philippines is an American creation and at the same time the flagship institution of Philippine higher education, this paper used the Humboldtian philosophy of education as well as its American translation in looking at the soundness of this university’s claim to being a research university. To attain this goal this paper has three substantive sections: (1) a discussion on Humboldt’s philosophy of education, (2) a discussion of the American translation of Humboldt’s philosophy of education, and (3) a critique of the foundational principles of the University of the Philippines as a research university. This paper will show if the University of the Philippines conforms to the Humboldtian idea of a research university or to the American translation of such an idea.

4:00 PM – 4:15 PM OPEN FORUM (Moderator)

4:15 PM – 4:45 PM GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

4:45 PM – 5:00 PM PICTURE TAKING

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