

**UNESCO Asia-Arab Inter-regional Philosophical Dialogues Conference:
Philosophy and the Crisis of Civilization**

28-30 May, 2009

Venue: Imperial Tara Hotel, Sukhumvit Soi 26, Bangkok, Thailand

Draft program of 20th May, 2009

Thursday, 28th May

8:00-9:00 Registration

9:00-12:00: Session 1: Principles and Methods for Inter-regional Dialogue

Chairs: Profs. Ali Benmaklhoul, Philip Cam, Darryl Macer

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| ● <i>Opening and welcome</i> | Darryl Macer ,
UNESCO Bangkok |
| ● <i>Opening and welcome</i> | Souria Saad-Zoy ,
UNESCO Rabat |
| ● <i>Guidelines for philosophical understanding in the different cultural traditions</i> | S. Panneerselvam , India |
| ● <i>Toward fusing the philosophy of science with social space to bring Asian-Arab societies closer in the early 21st century</i> | Osama Rajkhan , United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific |
| ● <i>Modernization and cultural identity in East Asia</i> | In-Suk Cha , Republic of Korea |
| ● <i>Open universalism and the principle of charity</i> | Luca Scarantino , International Federation of Philosophical Societies |
| ● <i>The transformation of the idea of god(s) through time: Joseph Campbell's mythological approach</i> | Fr. Wirach Amonpattana , Thailand |
| ● <i>Meta versus indigenous narratives: the role of philosophy as a dialogical bridge</i> | Azizan Baharuddin , Malaysia |
| ● <i>Translation as a phenomenon of intercultural dialogue</i> | Aktolkyn Kulsariyeva , Kazakhstan |
| ● <i>A study of Buddhist site of Taxila; The meeting point of Arab and South Asia culture</i> | S.M. Haldhar , India |

Lunch

13:00-15:00: Session 2: Challenges of Globalization to Philosophy and Democracy

Chairs: Prof. Rainier Ibana and

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| ● <i>Three ways of conceptualizing the global: The universal, the holistic, and the macrocosmic</i> | Philip Cam , Australia |
| ● <i>Between cultural exchanges and globalization: a reading of Islamic Mirrors for Princes</i> | Syrine Snoussi , Tunisia |
| ● <i>The philosophy of civil consciousness</i> | Aliya R. Massalimova , Kazakhstan |
| ● <i>Overlapping consensus, ijma', shura : towards a global concept of democracy</i> | Soumaya Mestiri , Tunisia |
| ● <i>Justice and the concept of globalization, North-South Dialogue</i> | Ali Hussein al-Jabiri , Iraq |

Afternoon tea

15:30-17:30 Session 3: The Roles of Philosophy in War and Peace

Chairs: Prof. Insuk Cha and

- *Philosophical dialogue on peace among Christians, Muslims and indigenous peoples in Mindanao* **Zosimo E. Lee**, the Philippines
- *The philosophy of war in Islam* **Makram Abbes**, Tunisia
- *Is it permitted to me to hope for a peaceful world?* **Naïma Hadj Abderrahmane**, Algeria
- *The role of philosophical education in promoting peace in Korea* **Jin Whan Park**, Republic of Korea
- *The question of violence in Buddhism* **Suwanna Satha-Anand**, Thailand
- *Education in philosophy and its role in reducing disputes and violence* **Sakhan Khom**, Cambodia

17:30 Conference Dinner

Friday, 29th May

9:00-12:00 Session 4: Human Dignity and Philosophy

Chairs: Souria Saad-Zoy and

- *Human dignity, human rights and bioethics* **Ali Benmakhlouf**, Morocco
- *Building philosophy from the ground* **Rainier Ibana**, the Philippines
- *Sources of human dignity* **Soraj Hongladarom**, Thailand
- *Reclaiming and championing human dignity @ anti-globalization protests? - Re-positioning new advocacies for economic, social and cultural rights in global crisis* **On-Kwok Lai**, Japan
- *Globalization can solve refugee problem of democracies* **Jitendra Nath Sarker**, Bangladesh
- *Commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) by law enforcing personnel and other service providers* **Sanchoy Chanda**, Bangladesh
- *What does human speech imply for human dignity? The Theravadin's perception* **Phinith Chanthalangsy**, Laos
- *Understanding Buddhism philosophy through the alphabetical order in Thai language: a conceptual framework* **Chakratit Dhanagom**, Thailand

Lunch

13:00-15:00: Session 5: Philosophy Facing the Challenges of Modern Technology, and Bioethics

Chair: Profs. Insuk Cha and Ali Benmakhlouf

- *Technology for health and peace* **Chutatip Umavijani**, Thailand
- *The situation and ethical review of organ transplantation in China* **Yanguang Wang**, China

● <i>Virtue ethics: from a Confucian tradition</i>	Xiao Wei , China
● <i>Ethical principles in scientific research: a quest for harmony</i>	Sadek Beloucif , Algeria
● <i>Towards a philosophy and a “meta-ethic” for building a post-European, post-human future</i>	Susantha Goonatilake , Sri Lanka
Afternoon tea	
15:30-17:00: Session 6: Philosophy and Environment Ethics Chair: Profs. Darryl Macer and	
● <i>Ethical worldviews of nature</i>	D. Nesy , India
● <i>Climate change, migration and wars: historic analysis</i>	Ayoub Abu-Dayyeh , Jordan
● <i>Buddhism and ecological crisis: challenge and promise in global perspective</i>	Sirajul Islam , India
● <i>Current ecological challenges and Bhuddhism: a case for animal kingdom</i>	Neelima Dahiya , India
Evening: Free	

Saturday, 30th May

9:00-10:00 Session 7: Future themes plenary discussion
Presentations of proposals from the High-Level Meetings on Teaching of Philosophy held in Arab and Asia-Pacific Region (in May 2009)

- *Open discussion*

10:00-12:00 Session 8: Parallel Working Group Sessions¹

Participants will work on publication and activity plans in 3-4 working groups:

1. Challenges of Globalization to Philosophy and Democracy
2. Philosophy Facing the Challenges of Modern Technology
3. The Role of Philosophy in War and Peace
4. Human Dignity and Philosophy

Lunch

13:00-16:00 Session 9: Discussion of follow-up
In Plenary

Participants from overseas will be housed in the hotel venue, which is located in a fashionable shopping area of Bangkok.

Secretariat: rushsap@unesco-bkk.org. Papers will be maximum of **20 minutes**, followed by discussion. Each session will have general discussion at the end also. Session times will be adjusted after the programme is complete.

There will be morning and afternoon tea, and buffet lunch each day provided to registered participants. There is no registration fee. The Conference dinner is open to all registered participants. The working language will be **English**.

¹ Please refer to <http://www.unesco-bkk.org/rushsap/asia-arab-inter-regional-philoso/> for information on the current working groups