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# Re-Learning to Be Human for Global Times: The Role of Hermeneutics in Philosophy and Religious Studies

Ayutthaya, Thailand  
August 3-4, 2018  
Room 401, the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of Rector Building

## Conference Program

**August 3, 2018**

**8.30am-9.00am Registration**

**9.00am-9.40am: Opening Session**

**Chair: Anurak Sakaew & Tikumporn Rodkhunmuang**

Opening Speech by Professor Dr. **Phra Rajapariyatkavi**, Acting Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs, and Acting Rector of Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University, Thailand (Reported by Phra Sitawatchamethi, Vice-Director of ASEAN Studies Centre, MCU, Thailand)

Welcome Speech by Assistant Professor Dr. **Warayuth Sriwarakuel**, Vice President for Research and Academic Services, Assumption University, Thailand

**9.40am-10.00am Group Photo and Break**

**10.00am-11.30am Keynote Speech**

10.00am-10.45am **João J. Vila-Chã**, Vice President, The Council for Research in Values and Philosophy (RVP) and the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, Italy  
“The Hermeneutical Age of Religion: The Model of the Text and the Search for Meaning”

10.45am-11.30am **Veerachart Nimanong**, Assumption University, Thailand  
“An Application of the Debate between Gadamer’s and Habermas’ Hermeneutics to a Buddhist Study of Naga Fireballs or Mekong Lights (Bung Fai Paya Nak)”

**11.30am-12.30pm Lunch Break**

**12.30pm-2.30pm: Session I. Hermeneutical Understanding in a Multiple World**

**Chair: Phramaha Yuthana Narajettho & Veerachart Nimanong**

12.30pm-12.50pm **Javad Raghavi** (Philosophy Department, Al-Mustafa International University, Mashhad, Iran)

“The Implications of Hermeneutics in Diverse Society: A Critique of the Effectiveness of Philosophical Hermeneutics in Creating Religious Solidarity by a Hermeneutical Approach to the Transcendental Unity of Religions”

12.50pm-1.10pm **Amal Kumar Harh** (Department of Philosophy, Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University, Cooch Behar (West Bengal), India)

“Hermeneutical Understanding of the Concept of Being”

1.10pm-1.30pm **Ramanath Pandey** (Oriental Institute, the Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Vadodara, Gujarat, India)

“Hermeneutics of the Process of Word Meaning”

1.30pm-1.50pm **Rekha Ojha** (Department of Philosophy & Comparative Religion, Visva Bharati, Santiniketan, India)

“Feminist Hermeneutics: A Discourse”

**1.50pm-2.30pm Discussion**

**2.30pm-3.00pm Tea/Coffee Break**

**3.00pm-4.00pm: Session II. Hermeneutics in Islamic Thought and Hindu Tradition**

**Chair: Lampong Klomkul & Michal Valco**

3.00pm-3.20pm **Badruddin** (Department of Political Science, PES’s RSN College of Arts & Science, Goa University, Goa, India)

“Hermeneutics in Islam: A Case Study of India”

3.20pm-3.40pm **Abani Sonowal** (Department of Philosophy, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong, Meghalaya, India)

“The Role Hermeneutics in Understanding the Text of the Bhagavadgītā”

3.40pm-4.00pm **Hammet Arslan** (Dokuz Eylul University, Izmir, TURKEY)

“How Can We Understand The Basic Principles Of The Upanishads? Some Reflections”

**4.00pm-4.30pm Discussion**

**4.30pm-6.00pm Free Time**

**6.00pm Dinner**

**August 4, 2018**

**8.30am-9.00am Registration**

**9.00am-11.00am: Session III. Hermeneutics in the Western Traditions**

**Chair: Pintong Mansumitrchai (Chatnarat)** (Lecturer of International Buddhist Studies College, MCU, Thailand) & **Javad Raghavi** (Philosophy Department, Al-Mustafa International University, Mashhad, Iran)

9.00am-9.20am **Michal Valco and Katarína Valčová** (Department of Religious Studies, Faculty of Humanities, University of Žilina in Žilina, Žilina, Slovakia)  
 “The Epistemological Challenge of Kierkegaard’s Truth is Subjectivity Principle: A Case Study in Theological Hermeneutics”

9.20am-9.40am **Jagadish Basumatary** (Department of Philosophy, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong, India)  
 “Michel Foucault’s Concept of Power and Power in the Catholic Church: A Study of the Productivity of Power”

9.40am-10.00am **Kim Jayson G. Villezca** (The Pontifical and Royal University of Santo Tomas, Manila, Philippines)  
 “On Philosophical Hermeneutics and the Religions Other: Religious Transcendence in Hermeneutics and the Challenges of Inter-Religious Dialogue”

**10.00am-10.30am Tea/Coffee Break**

10.30am-10.50am **Ben Carlo N. Atim** (Saint Paul Seminary, Silang Cavite & University of Santo Tomas, Manila, Philippines)  
 “Jean-Luc Marion’s Hermeneutics of Charity and Its Relevance to Religious Pluralism and Tolerance”

**10.50am-11.20am Discussion**

**11.20am-12.30pm Lunch Break**

**12.30pm-2.00pm: Session IV. Hermeneutics and Social Studies**

**Chair: Phramaha Pornchai Sirivaro** (Lecturer of Graduate School, MCU, Thailand) & **Katarína Valčová** (University of Žilina in Žilina, Žilina, Slovakia)

12.30pm-12.50pm **Bernard Luwerekera** (Department of Religion and Peace Studies, School of Liberal and Performing Arts, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Makerere, Kampala, Uganda)  
 “ICT and the Public School as New Opportunities for Interfaith Dialogue and for Fostering Hermeneutical Consensus”

12.50pm-1.10pm **V. Prabhu & Chandana Deka** (Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati, India)  
 “Some Concerns on New Atheists’ Interpretation of Religion”

1.10pm-1.30pm **Trishna Pallabi Lekharu** (Department of Philosophy, North Eastern Hill University (NEHU), India)  
 “Postmodern Perspective of Hermeneutics Studies in Northeast India”

**1.30pm-2.00pm Discussion**

**2.00pm-2.30pm Tea/Coffee Break**

**2.30pm-4.30pm Session V. Hermeneutic Implications**

**Chair: Tikumporn Rodkhunmuang & João J. Vila-Chã**

2.30pm-2.50pm **Sowit Bamrungphak** (Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University, Khon Kaen Campus, Thailand)  
 “Siho :Spiritual Symbol in Khon Kaen City”

2.50pm-3.10am **Sanjoy Barua Chowdhury** (International Buddhist Studies College, Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University, Thailand)  
 “Nāgārjūna’s Challenge to Ancient Buddhist Hermeneutics: An Inquiry into Evolving Emptiness (Sūnyatā) Doctrine in Buddhism”

3.10pm-3.30pm **Probin Narzary** (Post graduation in the department of Master of Social Work (MSW), Dibrugarh University, Assam, India)  
 “Influence of Christianity on Bodo Culture: A Case Study of the Bodo Christians in Assam”

3.30pm-3.50pm -- **Hadje Cresencio Sadjé** (Evangelical Theological Faculty, University Leuven, Leuven, Belgium/The Center for Palestine Studies – SOAS University of London, United Kingdom)  
 “What would Jesus do? The Hermeneutics of the Kingdom of God: A Prophetic Call, Critic, and Action against Human Suffering using John Caputo’s Deconstruction”

**3.50pm-4.20pm Discussion**

**4.20pm-5.00pm Concluding Session**

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 Lampong Klomkul  
 Tikumporn Rodkhunmuang

**5.00pm-6.00pm Free Time**

**6.00pm Dinner**