



Lou Marinoff: Essays on Philosophy, Praxis and Culture:

An Eclectic, Provocative and Prescient Collection

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The aim of the course

Participants will gain a deep insight into the argumentation of philosophical counselling. At the end of the reading seminar, there will be an opportunity to meet the author in person, in a conference organised around the book (June, 7th, 2024, Budapest, Hungary). The referees will be invited to a conference volume, if possible.

English language skills are required to follow the course.

Time: Tuesdays from 11-12 AM.

March 12, 19, 26, April 9, 16, 30 May 7, 14, 28

Location: online ZOOM

Topic: Lou Marinoff Seminar

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/92163810017?pwd=ekZSNlFmTUV4SF1HU2x5VWJvYUUVZUT09>

Meeting ID: 921 6381 0017

Passcode: 254872

About the author

<https://www.loumarinoff.com/about/>

About the book

This collection provides a panoramic view of practical philosophical insight, ranging across a spectrum of humanistic themes. These essays cast light on our perennially imperfect human condition. The collection ranges from Alfred Korzybski's general semantics; Thomas Mann's prognosis for Western civilization; Hume's moral skepticism applied to globalization; Jungian synchronicity and encounters with Irvin Yalom; J.S. Mill's harm principle applied to cyberspace; Ayn Rand's prophetic apocalypse; philosophical practice as Dadaist activism; humanities-based therapies as remedies for culturally induced illnesses; biological roots of human conflict; deconstruction and critique of "sustainable development"; dangers and detriments of over-digitalized and hyper-virtualized lifestyles and learning methods; and calls for the re-emergence of philosophy from inactive academic entombment to pro-active modes of personal guidance, social influence, consumer advocacy, and political engagement.

A unifying claim of this anthology is the cautionary tale that humanity's recurrent and conflict-ridden predicaments are only exacerbated by myopic analyses, toxic ideologies, and expedient prescriptions. While philosophy is scarcely a panacea for human afflictions, its proper exercise

illuminates our understanding of them, thereby suggesting better as opposed to worse ways forward. (Source: Amazon.com)

Thematics

A selection of the essays will be discussed. The material needs to be pre-read by the participants before the seminar entitled to the essay.

Registration: please send an e-mail to: libertacsonka@gmail.com

Syllabus:

1. March 12, 2024
Introduction Introduction of Lou Marinoff, APPA, technical discussions
2. March 19, 2024
Essay: #1 “On the Emergence of Ethical Councelling: Considerations and Two Case Studies” pp. 21
3. March 26, 2024
#2 “What Philosophical Councelling Can’t Do” pp.39
4. April 9, 2024
#7 “The Matrix and Plato’s Cave: Why the Sequels Faild” pp. 129
5. April 16, 2024
#9 “Synchronicities, Serpents and Something Else-ness: A Meta-dialoge on Philosophy and Psychotherapy pp. 161
6. April 30, 2024
#10 “Humanities Theraphy: Restoring Well-being in an Age of Culturally-Induced Illnesses pp. 181
7. May 7, 2024
#11 “Biological Roots of Human Conflicts, and Its Resolution via Cultural Revolution pp.205
8. May 14, 2024
#15 “Doing Good and Living Well: the Awakening the Inner- Philosopher pp.287
9. May 28, 2024
Summary

June 7, 2024. Conference