

# UNESCO WORLD PHILOSOPHY DAY

Thursday 19th November 2009

World Philosophy Day is an annual celebration of philosophy initiated by UNESCO in 2005. The objective of this international event is to make philosophy accessible to all by organising events that open up more spaces for reflection, collaborative discussion and inquiry, to foster independent and critical thought.

## What's on in Brisbane?

**9:30am-1:00pm**

### PHILOSOPHY IN THE CLASSROOM

Buranda State School  
Cowley Street, Buranda

To celebrate World Philosophy Day, Buranda State School will showcase their Philosophy program. You are invited to send two teachers to participate in one or more of the following:

Time	Sessions	Level
9:30 – 10:30am	Observe a classroom community of inquiry	Lower Middle Upper
10:30 – 11:00am	Information session	
12:00 - 1:00pm	Observe a classroom community of inquiry	Lower Middle Upper
	OR Participate in an adult community of inquiry	

Numbers are strictly limited, so registration is essential. Please contact the school ([mhint3@eq.edu.au](mailto:mhint3@eq.edu.au)) stating:

1. name and school of attendees (limit of two per school)
2. which session you wish to attend (please include a second option in case your first preference is full)
3. lower, middle or upper school preference.

*NB There is no parking available at the school, and very little in nearby streets. You will need to car pool and expect to walk, or come by train or taxi.*

## **ALL DAY**

### **PHILOS-OTHON**

*This event is open to Brisbane State High students and invited guests only*

To celebrate World Philosophy Day, Brisbane State High School students are invited to participate in a whole day of philosophical discussion. Philosophy & Reason senior syllabus teacher Kirsti Ellerton will facilitate the day.

Brisbane State High School  
Vulture Street  
South Brisbane

## **3:00-5:00pm**

### **PHILOSOPHY @ UQ**

Philosopher Julian Lamont will share his thoughts with anyone who is willing to listen.

There will be plenty of time for Socratic and other discussion and for celebrating the end of semester!

One ideal view of science is of objective researchers carrying out objective research and presenting it in an objective way free from all the influences that affect everyday people in their everyday lives. There are merits to this ideal, but it is only an ideal.

Dr. Julian Lamont, a philosopher from the University of Queensland, will reflect on why it is essential for those with philosophical training, including scientists, to constantly scrutinize science so that it can serve its dual functions of serving society and seeking out scientific truth.

Abel Smith Lecture Theatre  
The University of Queensland  
St Lucia Campus

**Opens 6:30 starts 7:00pm**

## **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

### **A PHILOSOPHICAL FEAST TO CELEBRATE UNESCO WORLD PHILOSOPHY DAY**

Select from a menu of tasty philosophical topics and embark upon a discussion in the company of trained facilitators at each table. Meet and mingle with fellow lovers of philosophy, and go beyond the small talk.

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The online presence of the Australian Philosophy Teachers' Network

*433 on Logan* – Conference and Banqueting Centre  
433 Logan Road  
Stones Corner

\$35 includes canapes + 2 course meal. Cash bar.

Enquiries and Bookings: [worldphilosophyday@gmail.com](mailto:worldphilosophyday@gmail.com) / 3281 1229

#### **Guest s i ncl ude:**

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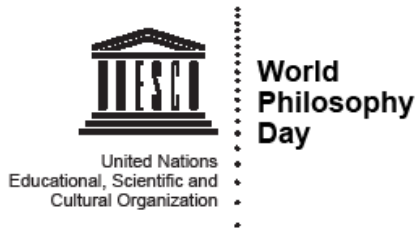
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## Want to know more about philosophy?

### [Philosophy & Reason](#)

Senior Syllabus 2004  
Queensland

Philosophy & Reason is concerned with developing the ability to reason and the role of reasoning in developing coherent world views. The contribution that the study of reasoning and philosophy makes to students lies in their attainment of the knowledge, skills and processes of rational thought. These directly affect the students' quality of life, not only determining the rational nature of their own decisions but also their responses to the views of others.



QAPS is an Associate of the [Federation of Australasian Philosophy in Schools Association](#) (FAPSA). FAPSA has links with international philosophy in schools organisations including the [International Council of Philosophical Inquiry with Children](#) (ICPIC), an organisation founded by philosophers and teachers interested in engaging school students in philosophical inquiry.



### [UNESCO Study "Philosophy: A School of Freedom"](#)

UNESCO publishes "Philosophy: A School of Freedom. Teaching philosophy and learning to philosophize: Status and prospects" - an innovative publication based on the results of a worldwide study and abounding with unprecedented recommendations and proposals on the teaching of philosophy.

### [Philosophy](#)

**The School of History, Philosophy, Religion & Classics**  
**The University of Queensland**

Philosophy is part of the School of History Philosophy Religion and Classics within the Faculty of Arts. Philosophy has been part of the curriculum at the University of Queensland since 1911. We teach all major areas of philosophy and our research strengths include: metaphysics, philosophy of logic and language, philosophy of mathematics, philosophy of science, continental philosophy, feminist philosophy, applied ethics, social and political philosophy, decision theory, and history of philosophy.