

School of History, Philosophy, Religion and Classics

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.

3:00-5:00pm

Abel Smith Lecture Theatre (23) The University of Queensland St Lucia Campus

Philosophy @ UQ PRESENTS



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 with refreshments and light snacks!

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.