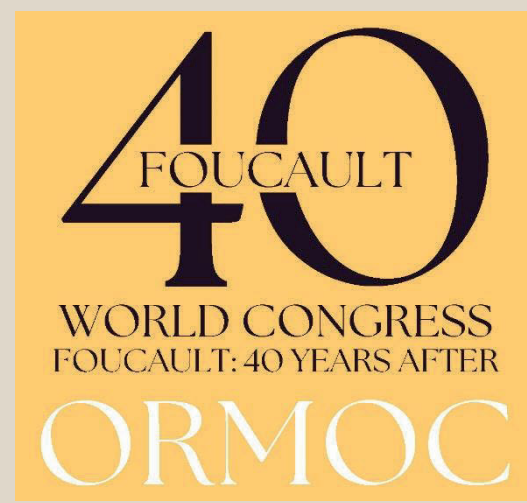




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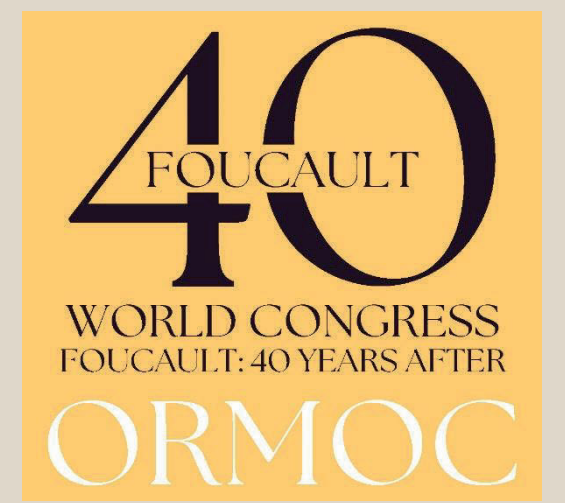
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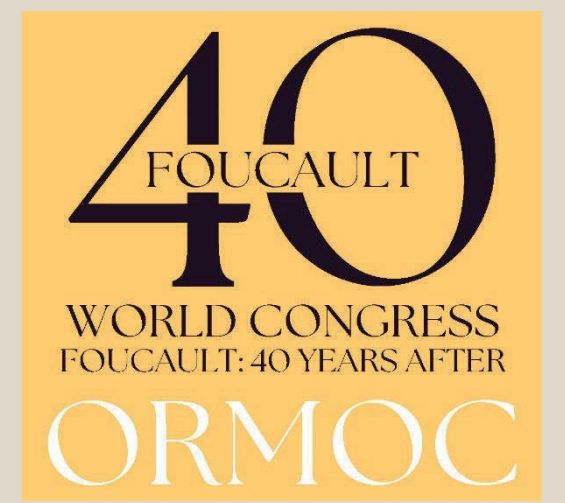
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## **Rationale**

The intersectionality of Thomas Aquinas' and Michel Foucault's philosophy unveils intriguing parallels and divergences in understanding power, knowledge, and the human condition. Despite their philosophical disparities, both thinkers converge in recognizing the pervasive influences of power structures in shaping individual identities and social dynamics. This year, 2024, marks the 750th of Aquinas' and 40th of Foucault's demise, a remarkable year for both thinkers. PHAVISMINDA through its 46th International Conference offers a unique opportunity to engage with the legacies of these two influential thinkers, spanning centuries and continents. Their dialogues continue to echo across the crossroads of medieval and contemporary periods bringing together diverse voices and perspectives and fostering a deeper understanding of their enduring legacies and their relevance to philosophy.



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### OBJECTIVES

This year marks the **750th** and **40th** death anniversaries of **Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)** and **Michel Foucault (1926-1984)** respectively. To commemorate these significant occasions, this conference aims to bring together scholars from various disciplines to explore the enduring relevance of their philosophies. By examining their ideas in dialogue, we hope to:

- Foster a deeper understanding of both Aquinas and Foucault's thought, particularly in light of their respective anniversaries.
- Identify continuities and ruptures between medieval and contemporary philosophy, highlighting the ongoing influence of Aquinas' work.
- Explore how these thinkers address pressing issues in contemporary society, demonstrating the continued relevance of their ideas.
- Generate new avenues for philosophical inquiry, inspired by the rich intellectual legacies of Aquinas and Foucault.

### Sub-themes and Possible Paper Topics:

#### •Knowledge and Power:

- How do Aquinas and Foucault conceptualize the relationship between knowledge and power?
- How does power shape the production and dissemination of knowledge in each thinker's work?

#### •Subjectivity and Selfhood:

- How do Aquinas and Foucault understand the formation of the self?
- What role does power play in shaping subjectivity?

#### •Ethics and Politics:

- How do Aquinas' natural law and Foucault's concept of biopower inform ethical and political thought?
- Can these thinkers provide resources for navigating contemporary political challenges?

#### •Language and Discourse:

- How do language and discourse function in Aquinas' and Foucault's philosophies?
- How do they analyze the role of language in shaping our understanding of the world?

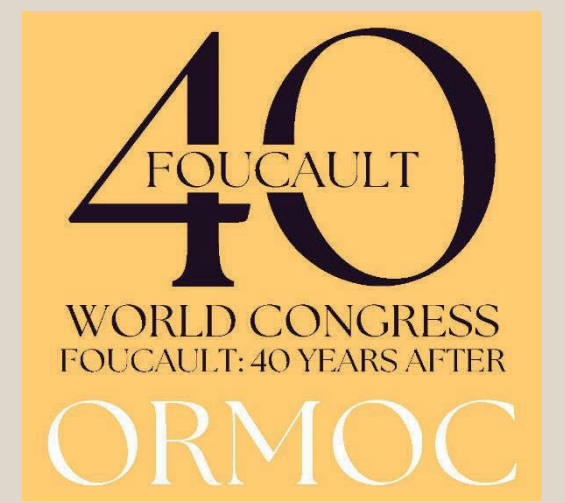
#### •History of Philosophy:

- How did Aquinas engage with earlier philosophical traditions?
- How has Foucault been influenced by or challenged Aquinas' work?
- Reassessments of other key figures in the history of philosophy through the lens of both Aquinas and Foucault.

**We encourage submissions that explore the following:** comparative analyses of Aquinas and Foucault's ideas, the application of their concepts to contemporary issues, and under-explored connections between them.



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## MEET THE SPEAKERS

**Philipp W. Rosemann, Ph.D.**

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY UNITED  
STATES OF AMERICA KEYNOTE  
SPEAKER

"The Scholastic Episteme Revisited"



**Gregory M. Reichberg, Ph.D.**

PEACE RESEARCH INSTITUTE OSLO  
OSLO , NORWAY  
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

"Aquinas and the Power Effects of Attention"



**Daniele Lorenzini, Ph.D.**

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
PLENARY SPEAKER

"Archaeology as Diagnostic: On the Political Dimensions of  
Foucault's History of the Present"



**Gyula Klima, Ph.D.**

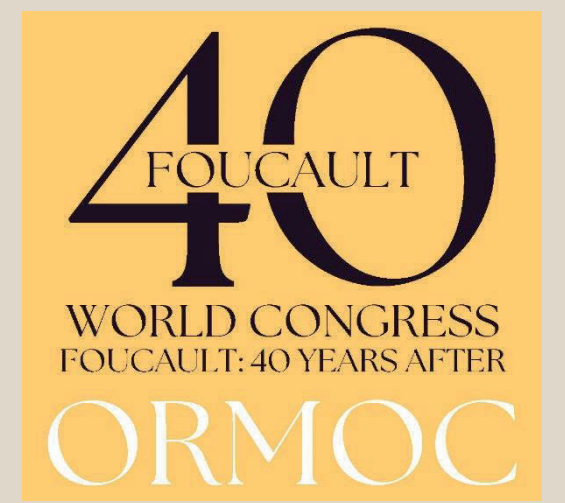
FORDHAM UNIVERSITY , NEW YORK  
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**Jove Jim Aguas, Ph.D.**  
UNIVERSITY OF STO. TOMAS  
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"St. Thomas Aquinas' Notion of Virtue and Virtue Ethics"



**Michael Anthony C. Vasco, Ph.D.**  
UNIVERSITY OF STO. TOMAS  
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"Confrontations between Knowledge and Power:  
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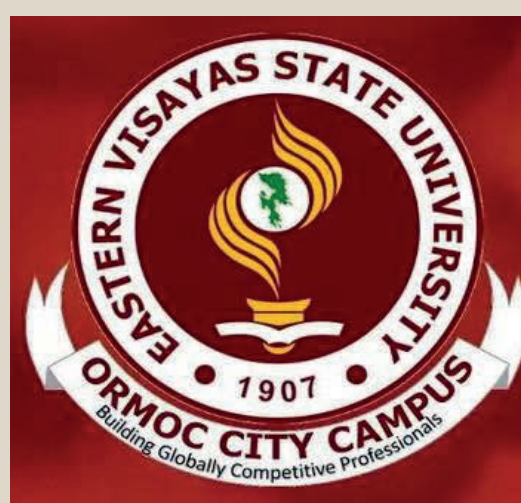
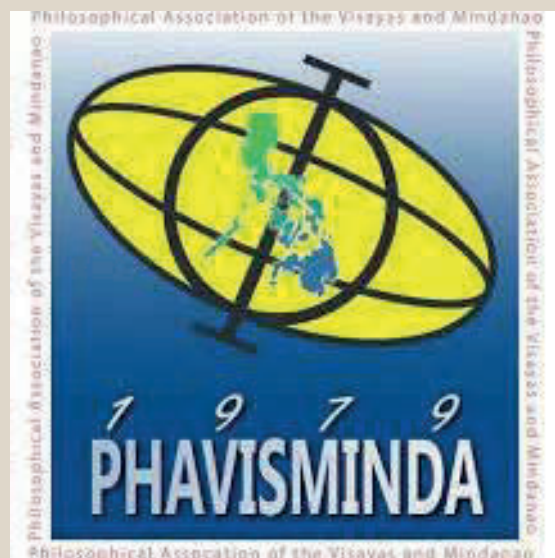
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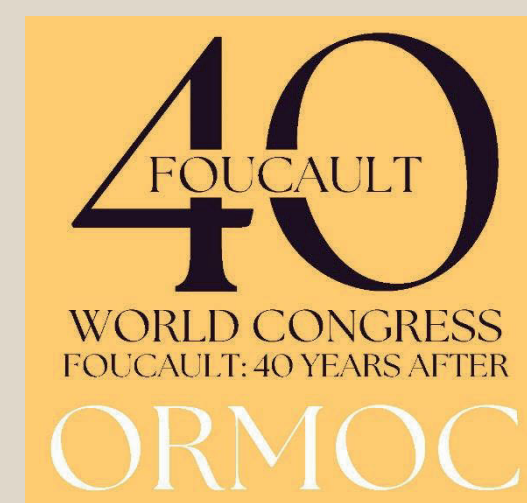
**Ma. Liza Ruth A. Ocampo, Ph.D.**  
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