



The UST Social Research Center (SRC),
UST Social Science Department,
and Minimal Government Thinkers, Inc.,
cordially invite the public to a symposium,

***“Rule of law and Entrepreneurship:
Where is the Limit to State Intervention? ”***

September 17, 2008, Wednesday, 9:00am
Tomas Aquinas Resource Complex
University of Santo Tomas

Speakers:

Barun Mitra

Director, Liberty Institute
New Delhi, India

Alec van Gelder

Network Director, International Policy Network
London, UK

Dr. Emmanuel Lopez

Chairman, Department of Social Sciences
UST, Manila

MC and Forum Moderator:

Dr. Alvin Ang

Research Associate, SRC
Prof., Economics, Department of Social Sciences, UST

This symposium will tackle the role of institutions and markets in economic development, including the role of civil society. Earlier studies on “Seven habits of highly effective countries” cases of S. Africa and India will also be discussed.

This event is open to the public, no registration fee.

SRC-SSD-MG Symposium on

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Program

- 9:00 am Registration
- 9:30 National Anthem
Invocation
Introductory notes
- Dr. Alvin Ang, Acting Director, SRC
Mr. Bienvenido Oplas, Jr., President, MG Thinkers, Inc.
- 9:45 Presentations
- Barun Mitra** "Rebirth of Property Rights and Rule of Law"
- Alec van Gelder** "Habits of Effective Countries: Cases of South Africa and India"
- Emmanuel Lopez** "Underground Economy: The Philippine Experience"
- 10:30 Open forum
- 11:30 Synthesis
- 11:35 Awards and tokens
- 11:45 Closing Remarks
Dr. Fortunato Sevilla III
Asst. to the Rector for Research and Development, UST
- UST Hymn

Speakers' Profile:

Alec Van Gelder is Network Director of the International Policy Network (www.policynetwork.net) in London, UK. He is also the author of "Dirigiste Divide; how Governments obstruct development and access to ICTs" among other publications and his work on trade, health, technology and development issues has been published in many newspapers including: the Globe and Mail, Boston Globe, Business Day, Wall Street Journal and International Herald Tribune. Alec holds a Master's degree in International Economics and Development from UCL in Belgium and a Bachelor of Science in Finance from Lehigh University in the United States. He speaks English, Spanish, French and Dutch with fluency.

Barun Mitra (b. 1960) is founder and Director of the Liberty Institute (www.indefenceofliberty.org) in Delhi, India, a non-profit, independent public policy research and educational organisation, dedicated to providing market-based solutions to contemporary public policy issues that enhance freedom of choice for all. He writes on public policy issues with a special interest in development and environment, economics and entrepreneurship, trade and technology, property and intellectual property rights, education and health, democracy and related issues. He has been published in a wide range of national and international newspapers and magazines.

Emmanuel Lopez is an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Arts and Letters and the Graduate School, University of Santo Tomas (UST). He has a Masters Degree in Business Administration and a Doctorate Degree in Economics from the same university. He is currently the Chair of Social Sciences Department. Dr. Lopez has presented papers both here and abroad on several topics in Economics. In 2005, he delivered a paper on Comparative Economics at the Kobe International University and Osaka University of Foreign Studies in Japan. He also presented a paper on Financial Derivates in Universiti Malaysia, Labuan, Malaysia in 2004. He has written and published several papers and articles, some of which found their way in local and international dailies.

Moderator:

Dr. Alvin P. Ang has 17 years of professional experience in both public and private sectors. He first worked at the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), then moved on to Investment Research and Economic Forecasting with stints at the Philippine National Bank and All Asia Capital, while teaching part-time at UST. In 1999, he joined the academe as full time Faculty member and Researcher. He has done consulting work with the World Bank, World Health Organization and the USAID. Alvin got his AB Economics from UST, Masters in Public Policy from National University of Singapore, then his PhD in Applied Economics from Osaka University.

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