

## **RUBEN O. BALOTOL JR**

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### **Profile**

Dedicated scholar of philosophy with vast experience in teaching and research. Committed to the promotion of philosophy and scholarship, particularly in Eastern Visayas. Experienced research collaboration with international scholars of philosophy. Driven and open to learning new approaches and frameworks.

### **Employment History**

#### **Burauen Community College**

**January 2024- June 2025**

#### **Designation**

- Head, Office of Research and Development
- Faculty Member, General Education Department

#### **Accomplishments**

- Presented a paper during the Philosophical Association of the Philippines International Conference.
- Presented a paper during the 6<sup>th</sup> Politics and Culture International Conference (Social Ethics Society).
- Served as paper reviewer for the Social Ethics Society Journal of Applied Philosophy.
- Member, Philosophical Association of the Philippines
- Published an article entitled, *Prospects of Doing Philosophy in Eastern Visayas from Reading Borrinaga and Kobak's The Colonial Odyssey*.
- Published an article entitled, *Mad World: The Image of War and Peace in Philippine Motion Pictures*.
- Co-authored an article entitled, *Memes, Viral Content, and Digital Stories: Constructing Political Narratives and Political Mobilization*.
- Conducted research-workshop for the faculty member of Burauen Community College

**Visayas State University**  
**May 2014- 2024**

Faculty, College of Arts and Sciences

**Accomplishments**

- Participant of the University of Santo Tomas Special Intensive Courses for Philosophy Educators.
- Published a Scopus indexed article
- Founded an organization, Association of Eastern Visayas Studies, Inc.
- Conducted and Organized conference in December 2021 and 2022.
- Received a Publication Award for Article in Peer-Reviewed Publications (Scopus Indexed) Category.
- Presented a research paper hosted by Mindanao State University-IIT.
- Member of Societas Ethica Philosophica, Inc.
- Co-authored textbooks on: Understanding the Self, Life and Works of Rizal and Ethics.
- Received a Publication Award for Article in Peer-Reviewed Publications (National) Category
- Become a member of Philosophical Society of Visayas and Mindanao (PHAVISMINDA)
- Member, Social Ethics Society
- Extension project component member.
- Attended seminar on various conferences on philosophy.
- Published philosophical articles.
- Invited as a resource speaker in handling new general education subjects.

**On-Going Project**

Book Project: CONTRADICTIONary: An Almanac of Resistance

Book Project: What is Psychoanalysis Today? Criticizing Psychoanalytic Theory and Clinic from Philosophy. (2024).

Book Project: Between the Duty and Responsibilities of Intellectuals in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: What is the Directions of the Social Sciences and Humanities Today? (2024)

Book Project: José Luis Villacañas in the History of Ideas of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (2025).

**Publications**

The Mad World: The Image of War and Peace in Philippine Motion Pictures. Social Ethics Society Journal of Applied Philosophy (2025): 201-212.

Prospects of Doing Philosophy in Leyte. In Christopher Maboloc (ed.) Ethics in Contemporary Philippine Society. (2025):284-201.

Daydream and Emancipation: against surplus-enjoyment, repression and their parallax of lack and excess. In *Political Jouissance*. Nicole Barria-Asenjo and Slavoj Žizek (2024):115-132.

Prospects of Doing Philosophy in Eastern Visayas from Reading Borrinaga and Kobak's *The Colonial Odyssey of Leyte*. *Social Ethics Society Journal of Applied Philosophy*. February 2024:245-262.

Ideology in the time of Pandemic: a Filipino Experience. *Discusiones Filosóficas* 2021 Vol 22. Issue no. 38: 31-41.

Intersectionalities of the left and right in Latin America and Europe: An exploration of contemporary political processes. *Iconos-Revista de Ciencias Sociales*. 2023. Vol. 77: 157-176.

The Cinematic Daydream as a tool of Political Emancipation: plus-de-jour, aufhebung and the parallax. *Bajo Palabra: Revista de Filosofía*. 2023. 32: 37-55.

Žizek and Violence in the Philippine Context. In *Psychoanalysis Between Philosophy and Politics* edited by Nicol A. Barria-Asenjo and Slavoj Žižek. 2023.

Redefining the Common Causes of Social Struggles: An Examination of the Antinomies of Value, Labor and Subsumption. *International Journal of Political Philosophy/Las Torres de Lucca*. 2023 Vol. 2 Issue no. 2

Freedom, history and the subject of the unconscious. Theoretical contributions to the ideological study. *Revista de Humanidades de Valparaíso*. 2023 Issue no. 23:69-89.

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An Analysis of Philippine Political Economy under Duterte. In *Radical Politics in the Philippines: A Reader* (2022).

*Understanding the Self*, Manila, Philippines: Mutya Publishing House, 2018

An Analysis of Philippine Political Economy under Duterte. *Social Ethics Society Journal of Applied Ethics Special Issue*.

*Life and Works of Rizal*, Manila, Philippines: Mutya Publishing House, 2018.

*Ethics*, Manila, Philippines: Mutya Publishing House, 2018.

## **Awards and Recognition**

Best Paper Award for the paper Ideology in Time of Pandemic: A Filipino Experience on November 2021 at the Cebu Normal University, Cebu City, Philippines.

Publication Award for Whole Book Category on December 2019 at the RDE Hall, Visayas State University, Baybay City, Leyte.

Publication Award for Article in Peer-Reviewed Publications (National) Category on December 2019 at the RDE Hall, Visayas State University, Baybay City, Leyte.

Publication Award for Whole Book Category on December 2019 at the RDE Hall, Visayas State University, Baybay City, Leyte.

Best Paper Award under the Organization and Governance during the 3rd International Recoletos Research Congress on March 4—6 at University of San Jose-Recoletos, Cebu City, Philippines.

## **Educational Background**

Master of Arts in Philosophy (2020)  
University of San Jose-Recoletos  
Cebu City, Philippines

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy (2006)  
University of San Carlos  
Cebu City, Philippines

## **References**

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Chief of Hospital  
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