

**MAKERERE UNIVERSITY  
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DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY**

**THE WORLD PHILOSOPHY DAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2023**

**THEME: THE ETHICS OF THE HUMAN OF THE FUTURE**

**Introduction**

The World Philosophy Day is a global celebration that promotes the value of philosophical thinking and encourages discussions on various philosophical topics. This year, we propose to celebrate the day under the theme "The Ethics of the Human of the Future." The theme delves into the ethical considerations that arise with the rapid advancement of technology, biotechnology, and the potential transformation of human existence. Whereas advances of in Science and Technology present opportunities for continuous improvement in the human condition, they at the same time pose significant threats to human values. In their endeavours, scientists are usually focus on possibilities and methods actualities them by focussing on the questions of 'what' and 'how', leaving the questions of 'whether/ the ought' and 'why'. The latter questions imply concerns about the potential unintended negative impact of advancements on humanity and social values. This is the background to a number a number of international declarations such as the 2005 The Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights; The Universal Declaration on the Human Genome and Human Rights, among others. However, there still remain limited dialogue and awareness on these matters in Uganda.

**Goals and Objectives of the Event**

The World Philosophy Day Plenary Session on the theme "The Ethics of the Human of the Future" aims to provide a concentrated and impactful exploration of the ethical challenges posed by advancements in science technology. Specifically, the event aims at:

1. **Deepening understanding of ethical issues** posed by advancements in biosciences and biotechnologies, and artificial intelligence, and their potential impact on the future of humanity.
2. **Promoting interdisciplinary and inclusive dialogue** through open discussions among philosophers, ethicists, scientists, policy makers, and the general public to exchange viewpoints and insights on the ethical challenges ahead.
3. **Raise Ethical Awareness** about the need for thoughtful ethical assessment in the development and application of new technologies and human enhancements.

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**PROGRAM**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>RESPONSIBLE PERSONS</b>
08:30-09:00 AM	Arrivals and Registrations	Ms. Amuge C. & Kayaga.
09:00-09:45 AM	<b>Opening Remarks</b> 1. Dean SLPA 2. UNATCOM Representative 3. Principal, CHUSS 4. Vice Chancellor 5. Guest of Honour	HOD Secretariat
09:45-10:45AM	<b>KEY NOTE ADDRESS:</b> <i>Advances in Science and Technology, and ethics compliance: Managing the promises and perils of genetic engineering in Uganda.</i> <b>Dr. Giregon Olupot, Makerere University</b>	Moderators
10:45-11:15AM	<b>Discussant:</b> Prof. Edward Wamala Q & A	Moderators
11:15-11:45AM	<b>Tea break</b>	<b>Catering Group</b>
11:45-12:30PM	<b>Paper presentation:</b> <i>Artificial Intelligence, Human values and the human of the future</i> Dr. Ferdinand Mutaawe Kasozi & Rev. Fr. Akena	Moderators
12:30-1:30PM	Discussion and Q&A	Moderators
1:30-2:30PM	<b>Lunch Break</b>	<b>Catering Team</b>
2:30- 3:15PM	<b>Paper Presentation:</b> <i>Social Media transforming human relations.</i> Dr. Jimmy Spire Ssentongo	Moderators
3:15-4:15PM	Discussion and Q&A	Moderators
4:15-4:30PM	Closing Remarks	Head/Dean