

# Faculty of Philosophy Launches 8th International Conference on Nusantara Philosophy

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The Faculty of Philosophy UGM organized an International Conference on Nusantara Philosophy (ICNP) with the theme "Contribution of Philosophy and Local Wisdom in Building a New World Order in the Covid-19 Pandemic Era" on Saturday (21/11). There were 15 speakers and 175 participants who attended this online event.

Dr. Arqom Kuswanjono as the Dean of the UGM Faculty of Philosophy, said this the eighth conference aimed to explore various thoughts and research results from experts and researchers from several countries, mainly Indonesia, Malaysia, and South Korea, regarding the philosophy contribution and local wisdom in developing the world with new system during the Covid-pandemic. 19.

UGM Chancellor, Prof. Ir. Panut Mulyono, M.Eng, D. Eng, as the keynote speaker at this conference, revealed four important points regarding the contribution of local philosophy and wisdom in building a new world order during the Covid-19 pandemic:

1. Nusantara's philosophy can be developed to formulate and elucidate current fundamental

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- problems, challenges, and future needs and provide past experiences, failures, and achievements.
2. Nusantara's philosophy can contribute to running a positive perspective on this pandemic, from failure to good.
  3. Nusantara's philosophy can develop well when it can put local, national, and global interests beautifully and proportionally.
  4. Nusantara's philosophy can adjust the diversity of perspectives in the world into colors so that they do not have to eliminate each other but complement each other instead.

Prof. Mukhtasar Syamsuddin also conveyed that the Indonesian had a strong local philosophy and wisdom to defeat the Covid-19 pandemic, namely Pancasila. Pancasila philosophy has values that can be used as the base for developing social justice. Relevant to Mukhtasar's statement, Prof. Dr. Lasiyo, M.A, M.M, stressed that local philosophy and wisdom could be used as the base for developing a new culture. Particularly in supporting humane values, society has to adapt and interpret a new life to remain full of meaning, and humans feel comfortable and happy.

Meanwhile, Prof. Zaid bin Ahmad (Professor of Universiti Putra Malaysia) added that the Malay community also known proverbs and quotes that can be used to inspire people in the middle of Covid-19 pandemic, including the saying: Where there is a will, there is a way; A thousand powers do not want a thousand excuses; If we do not break the precarious, how we will get the sago; We carry out the same weight, we also carry out the same light; Provide an umbrella before it rains; The hill is climbed as the ravine is descended; supine and holding up the dew; Lie down and eat sand;

"To sum up, local philosophy and wisdom give several frameworks for subduing all problems, including the Covid-19 pandemic," he said.

In South Korea, a similar thing happened. According to Prof. Yang Seung-Yoon, professor emeritus of Hankuk University, Korean society has a philosophy and local wisdom that can defeat the Covid-19 pandemic known as saemaul undong working cooperation seriously, and for accomplishment together. "I believe the differences between Indonesian and Korean are not quite different. If anyone wants to be prosperous, she or he has to work as hard as possible by presenting a good work ethic," said Prof. Yang.

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