

Inter-American Philosophic Review

Proposal

We hereby request funds to launch an on-line journal devoted to Inter-American philosophy. The “Americas” are the lands of the Western hemisphere or New World, consisting of the continents of North and South America with their associated islands and regions. The main goal of the on-line Journal and website is to foster interaction, communication, and genuine philosophical dialogue between and among philosophers and philosophic institutions throughout all of the Americas.

The *Inter-American Philosophic Review* (IPR) will be a biannual publication of original philosophical articles in Spanish, Portuguese and English of current interest in the Americas. In some cases, translations will be provided as a means of stimulating a wider discussion. In other cases, however, we intend for the Journal to promote multi-lingual conversations about issues of common interest. A section of book reviews will play an important role in keeping everyone throughout the Americas informed about recent publications in philosophy. More specifically, the journal will publish original work that focuses on past, present and possible future philosophical connections between philosophers and philosophic traditions in different parts of the Americas. Examples of topics include: (1) the connections between the philosophy of classical figures in American Pragmatism (e.g., William James, Charles Peirce, and John Dewey) and the original philosophy developed in the Hispanic world; (2) the important contributions of philosophers in Latin America to past and present problems in the Analytic and Continental traditions; (3) the mutual influence of philosophy done in the north and the south or a fruitful comparison of the philosophical insights of prominent philosophers on both sides; (4) how the philosophy done on one side can be a resource to think about the socio-political problems of the other side (e.g. does pragmatism holds great promise and potential in addressing problems experienced in the Hispanic world? Is the socio-political theory of a prominent Latin American philosopher suitable to analyze the problems experienced in the USA?).

In a recent article Guillermo Hurtado, director of the Institute of Philosophy in Mexico (UNAM), states that the world wide philosophic community currently lacks the proper means for a “Pan-American” philosophical dialogue. He says that “a dialogue between our philosophical communities is not only desirable, but urgent”.¹ Currently, no professional journal is devoted to the fast growing field of

¹ Hurtado, Guillermo “Two Models of Latin American Philosophy” *Journal of Speculative Philosophy*, Vol. 20, 3, p.212.

research known as Hispanic/Latin American/Pan American philosophy. The purpose of IPR is to bridge the regrettable gap between philosophers and philosophic traditions in the United States and Latin America. In the 2005 NEH Institute on Latin American Philosophy, held at the State University of New York at Buffalo, (<http://philosophy.buffalo.edu/neh/>) the topic of a journal such as this was a major topic of discussion among participants of the NEH Institute, and there was considerable feeling in favor of it. Discussion of the project continued at the 2006-2007 NEH Workshops on Teaching Latin American Philosophy, held at the University of Texas Pan-American.

The future of philosophy and the philosophic profession will depend upon opening an international dialogue, not just with Europe but with our neighbors in the South. The founding of IPR will constitute an important step in a new philosophical dialogue between the two Americas for the 21st century. The journal will be genuinely global in reach. IPR's electronic format will be economic, efficient, eco-friendly, and technologically up-to-date. The electronic format of the journal is ideal for facilitating the kind of communicative and interactive project that requires dialogue among participants separated by vast distances. IPR and its accompanying website will facilitate the global distribution of professional, peer-reviewed articles in Hispanic/Latin American/Pan American philosophy, provide an international venue for discussion of topics and issues central to Hispanic/Latin American/Pan American philosophy, and provide a platform for postings, and announcements of upcoming philosophic events all over the Americas. The International and multilingual nature of the journal will advance the goal of the diversification and inclusiveness of our profession, helping to eliminate the invisibility of philosophy written in countries other than the United States and Europe and in languages other than English, German and French.

We request a grant of \$5,000 for launching--rather than sustaining--the journal. The funds are required primarily to hire administrative staff, including an IT/Web specialist to design, set up and maintain the IPR website for the first year. We are seeking further institutional support (from both Americas) to sustain the journal after its founding.

The steering committee and editorial board will seek funding from the NEH and any other US organization interested in enhancing intellectual dialogue across the Americas. We are confident that with the seed support from such an important institution as the APA, universities and societies will provide their support. There is already considerable support for the project from institutions within Texas A&M University, the "home" of the journal. Financial support is expected from the Glasscock Center for Humanities Research, The Office of the Vice-President for Diversity, the Hispanic Studies Program, the Office of the Vice President for Research and Office of the Dean of Faculties. The Department of Philosophy has already pledged to support the project in its incipient stage of development. A likely source of support is UNAM and its Institute of

Philosophical Investigation, Mexico's most prestigious research institution. SAAP (Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy), the Society for Ibero-American thought, and the Mexican Philosophical Association are among the societies that have expressed interest in helping to make this Inter-American online journal a reality.

We anticipate developing an Advisory and Editorial Board as well as a five member Steering Committee. A preliminary listing of members is below. Many members are bilingual, and either have very good relations and reputation with our neighbors in the south, or are prominent philosophical professors from Latin America. It also includes young scholars with experience editing and eager to work on opening a new dialogue. Gregory Fernando Pappas will serve as the managing editor of IPR and chair the Steering Committee. Gregory Gilson will serve as a co-editor of the journal.

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More specific plans and budget

We have already consulted some experts in IT to get a sense of the options of this new medium as well as how much money would be needed for our setting up the site and ongoing maintenance (see the estimate below). We will hire a graduate student with interests in Inter-American philosophy to manage the website. The site will perform the following functions:

1. Host articles and book reviews of the current and back issues;
2. Host a bulletin board of upcoming philosophy events, calls for papers, etc. We would allow users to submit posts, but also have some mechanism for review before they are actually posted;
3. Host a vehicle for Cyber- asynchronous discussion (a blog linked to the main page);
4. Host a section of the site with external links regarding Pan-American philosophy.

Expenses:

Initial set up of Web page platform (includes the overall website design/layout, the bulletin board, and additional pages):	\$1,900
Creating and hosting a blog:	\$1,000
On-going basic maintenance (for the first year):	\$1,000
Administrative costs:	\$1,100

Total: \$5,000