

Text without context is hallucination

Seminar-Workshop
Restoring Our Authentic
Narrative

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CARIBBEAN REALITY STUDIES CENTER

Research for transformative action



<i>Seminar-Workshop</i>	Restoring Our Authentic Narrative
<i>Title</i>	TEXT WITHOUT CONTEXT IS HALLUCINATION
<i>Organizing institute</i>	Caribbean Reality Studies Center
<i>Presenter</i>	Dr. Glenn Sankatsing, Author of Quest to Rescue Our Future Director of the CRSCenter, Rescue Our Future Foundation
<i>Date and time</i>	November 12 and 13 from 14.00 to 17.00 UTC
<i>Duration and sessions</i>	6 hours, 6 sessions
<i>Venue</i>	Virtual on Zoom
<i>Registration</i>	US\$ 125, Registration Link
<i>Sponsored registration</i>	US\$ 40 for change-makers in 'survival mode', SPONSORED
<i>Contact and inquiries</i>	rescue@crscenter.com
<i>Invitation to humanity's moral reserves</i>	Environmental and peace movements, authors, influencers, professionals, change agents, indigenous and new generation activists working for a better world
<i>Start time</i>	UTC 14:00 - San Francisco 7:00 - Mexico City 8:00 - New York, Oranjestad 10:00 – Paramaribo, Rio de Janeiro 11:00 - Lagos, London 15:00 - Amsterdam 16:00 – Kampala, Riyadh 17:00 - New Delhi 19:30 - Jakarta, Tokyo 23.00 - Sydney 24:00

I. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the seminar-workshop “Text Without Context Is Hallucination” is to restore our authentic narrative of ‘life seeking more life’ to revitalize environmental movements, peace organizations and change agents for a better world, deeply affected by nature’s warning that we are losing a livable and peaceful planet due to the reckless actions of selfish elites. A workshop on cross-cultural calibration will enable authentic messages to resonate with a global audience across cultural boundaries and worldviews. A forum for critical reflection and peer-to-peer dialogue will give change agents the opportunity to share ideas, experiences and perspectives on how to change course.

II. FOCUS

The seminar-workshop will critically evaluate dominant discourses, identify authentic narratives based on one’s own context, and provide focused training in professional self-editing skills to communicate accurate messages across cultural boundaries to a broad audience as part of global action to rescue our future. These are the key issues that will be addressed.

1. Anatomy of the system maintenance strategy

- a. *The power to define.* The dominant system has seized the power to define in order to impose decontextualized narratives under the guise of universality.
- b. *The tyranny of established wisdom.* Knowledge and theory are not tested to prove their validity in another reality, but reality is modified to fit the model.
- c. *Information obesity.* Information overload from peer-reviewed fake news creates confusion, distorts truth and stifles change.
- d. *Induced consent.* The strategy of persuading the majority to accept the dominant narrative is inspired by ‘Thomas’ theorem “If men define situations as real, they are real in their consequences.”
- e. *Silencing moral voices.* Mass surveillance, censorship, digital invisibility and media of mass excommunication are the primary system maintenance tools for silencing messages of change.

2. Reclaim our authentic narrative

- a. *Context.* The starting point for a creative effort to transcend false claims of universality is ‘con-text,’ the meeting place of text and reality.
- b. *Narrative deficit.* The marginalization of authentic narratives leads to a narrative deficit, which professional writers misdiagnose as writer’s block and thesis writers experience as poor academic writing skills.
- c. *Extra-systemic solution.* The system that created our crises and feeds on our misfortune cannot offer a solution from within. An extra-systemic way goes beyond thinking outside the box, where the box remains the reference and starting point.
- d. *Life seeking more life.* Our authentic narrative is linked to the driving force of evolution, which is “life seeking more life”.

3. Communication that resonates with the target audience

- a. *Write first, then read.* The creative key to bringing an inner design to printed life is: “Write first, then read.” Speak before others tell you what to say. This frees us from the edicts of ‘established wisdom’ and breaks the myopia of unquestioned expert authority and scientific judgment. The best candle maker could not imagine electric light.
- b. *Cross-cultural message calibration.* The growing editorial power of AI models for text improvement does not overcome the bias of building on established wisdom by relying primarily on the mass of traditional system-driven online sources. This makes it an inadequate tool for finding creative extra-systemic solutions to end the current harmful system. To overcome this obstacle and make the message resonate with a global audience seeking change, the event will feature a special cross-cultural calibration workshop that will allow the message to cross cultural boundaries and adapt to the context and worldview of other languages. Breaking with the universalist tradition that ignores context will pave the way for the restoration of the authentic narrative to mobilize

the inner voice of liberation. This will make it possible for the moral reserves of humanity to speak with a similar voice across linguistic boundaries.

4. From message to action to rescuing our future

- a. *Reverse engineering the future.* By working backwards from the desired future to the present, rather than focusing on the lessons of an unsuccessful past, we can open up creative avenues of transformative action to shape a better world.
- b. *Ethical era.* The transition from the age of science to the age of ethics shifts the focus from science's concern with how reality is to the ethical question of how things should be and can be changed.
(<https://crscenter.com/science-to-ethics.pdf>)
- c. *Harmony with nature.* For humanity to survive, it must live in harmony with nature, with each other, with other cultures and with other worldviews. Without harmony with nature, sustainability is impossible. Any other 'model' is tantamount to induced extinction.
- d. *Action is the best prediction.* To turn hope into action, agents of change must walk the talk of the great transformation.
- e. *The moral reserves of humanity.* The social force that constitutes the conscience of our species and is still capable of rescuing our future is the moral reserves of humanity. It encompasses all the agents of change for a better world, joining forces in dialogue and patience as architects of a livable, peaceful and prosperous future.

III. URGENCY AND INVITATION

Our global movement for a healthy environment and peace, the conscience of humanity, cannot continue to sleep on the edge of the abyss. We are not running out of options, but we are running out of time. Yet, the ruling powers have managed to divert movements for change towards paralyzing system-maintenance narratives. Typical examples are clean energy for a dirty system, circular response to a spiral of waste and war as the guardian angel of peace. We have naively looked for solutions in the corridors of

the current dominant system, which created our existential crisis and continues to thrive on our suffering. We must stop looking for a needle in the wrong haystack and take our destiny into our own hands.

Frustration and despair are growing in the peace and environmental movements in the face of the worsening ecological crisis and out-of-control wars of domination. This seminar-workshop aims to stem the tide by restoring our authentic narrative of life seeking more life, which is the first step to find a way out of the crisis that threatens our survival. To take control over our destiny, humanity needs a reset, not as a discontinuity, but with a change of gear.

This seminar-workshop is, therefore, addressed to a wide audience, but especially to environmental and peace movements, authors, influencers, professionals, change agents, indigenous activists and the new generation committed to building a better world. NGOs, international organizations and government agencies can also benefit from it to develop their agendas for change. Graduate students can also benefit. Previous editions focused more on writing issues, and the seminar was a game changer for graduate students who were stuck in the thesis writing process.

IV. ORGANIZATION

The seminar-workshop is organized by the Caribbean Reality Studies Center, a regional center with a global reach that addresses the existential problems of humanity in the spirit of Quest to Rescue Our Future whose author, Dr. Glenn Sankatsing, Director of the center, is the facilitator.

The event will consist of six sessions, including a workshop. At the end of each session, there will be an open forum for participants' comments and suggestions. To encourage the free exchange of ideas, thoughts, critical analysis and valuable personal experiences while respecting confidentiality, no recordings will be made. PowerPoint presentations of all sessions, including instructions for the editing exercises and other relevant documents. will be made available to participants.

V. PROGRAM

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Dr. Glenn Sankatsing			
November 12 and 13 from 14.00 to 17.00 UTC			
DATE	TIME UTC	ACTIVITY	THEME
<i>Doors open at 13.45</i>			
November 12	14:00	WELCOME	
	14:05-14:45	SESSION 1	INTRODUCTION: THE URGENCY TO RESTORE OUR AUTHENTIC NARRATIVE
	14:45-15:00	OPEN FORUM	DISCUSSION AND DIALOGUE
	15:00-15:45	SESSION 2	TEXT WITHOUT CONTEXT IS HALLUCINATION
	15:45-16:00	<i>Break</i>	
	16:00-16:15	OPEN FORUM	DISCUSSION AND DIALOGUE
	16:15-17:00	SESSION 3	WORKSHOP CROSS-CULTURAL CALIBRATION OF MESSAGES TO RESONATE WITH A GLOBAL AUDIENCE
	17:00	CLOSURE	
November 13	14:00-14:05	OPEN FORUM	Remarks on previous sessions
	14:05-14:45	SESSION 4	RESTORING OUR NARRATIVE FOR TRANSFORMATIVE ACTION
	14:45-15:00	OPEN FORUM	Discussion and dialogue
	15:00-15:40	SESSION 5	FROM MESSAGE TO ACTION TO RESCUE OUR FUTURE
	15:40-15:55	OPEN FORUM	Discussion and dialogue
	15:55-16:05	<i>Break</i>	
	16:05-16:35	SESSION 6	MORAL RESERVES RESCUING OUR FUTURE
	16:35-16:50	OPEN FORUM	Discussion and dialogue
	16:50-17:00	EVALUATION	FINAL REMARKS
	17:00	CLOSURE	

VI. REGISTRATION

Registration for the Seminar-Workshop is now open through the link [Registration](#). The registration fee is US\$125. Upon registration, participants will receive an invitation letter with the link to Zoom and other materials, including a personal pdf copy of *Quest to Rescue Our Future* as an optional warm-up reading of the book that has inspired many of the topics discussed.

We welcome change-makers in “survival mode” and without institutional support with a [Sponsored Registration](#) of US\$40 (includes the book). Come help us answer the question: Why do we let others destroy our future when we can create our own?

*History travels from the past to the future, and we are its footsteps.
The past is a valuable reference book, the future is our compass.*