

Wednesday Social/Dinner

June 9, 2010

Welcome Remarks

Michael Schuck

Welcome to this first gathering of the Democracy, Culture, and Catholicism International Research Project. I am delighted that we have come together to work together beginning a collegial and scholarly bond that I hope will strengthen over the next two years.

We represent different continents, different institutions and different academic fields, but in this project we come together with a shared curiosity about democracy, its relationship to culture, and the role Catholicism has played in its promotion or demotion. We have much to learn from one another about these matters, as much as we do not know; and we have much to give one another on these matters, for we are a gifted--and graced--group of human beings.

So, welcome--and thank you in advance for your scholarly curiosity, collegial openness, and professional commitment to the DCCIRP.

We are not all gathered this evening, some participants are still arriving later this evening and tomorrow, but I do want to take this opportunity to introduce the research participants who are here this evening. Please raise your hand when I introduce you . . .

Fr. Robert Araujo, S.J., LUC, Law
Novita Dewi, Sanata Dharma University, English Language Studies
James Garbarino, LUC, Psychology
Christina Siwi Handayani, Sanata Dharma University, Psychology
Elizabeth Jones Hemenway, LUC, Women's Studies and Gender Studies,
History
Marcia Hermansen, LUC, Theology
David Ingram, LUC, Philosophy
William O'Neill, S.J., Theology, Jesuit School of

David Posner, LUC, Modern Languages and Literature
Russell Powell, Seattle University, Law
Julia Pryce, LUC, Social Work
Peter Schraeder, LUC, Political Science
Antanas Saulaitis, S.J., Lithuanian Jesuit Community, Lemont, IL
Vidmantas Simkunas, S.J., Lithuanian Jesuit Community, Vilnius Lithuania
Güne Murat Tezcür, LUC, Political Science

Not here this evening, but joining us
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The schedule for the rest of the evening is to reconvene, renew acquaintances, make new ones, hear some remarks from Dr. Boyle at 7:30, get some details about tomorrow's schedule from John Crowley-Buck, and then find out how the Blackhawks won the Stanley Cup.

Before we head to the buffet table, I have asked Judith Pryce, Assistant Professor in Loyola University Chicago's School of Social Work, to offer an invocation.