

## Speaker's Information

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Prof. Leonardo de Castro is chair of the Philippine Health Research Ethics Board, the national policy-making body responsible for promoting ethical health research in the country. He has served on the National Bioethics Advisory Committee and the National Transplant Ethics Committee. Currently affiliated with the Department of Philosophy, University of the Philippines, Prof. de Castro was Senior Research Fellow at the Center for Biomedical Ethics, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore. He was Editor-in-Chief of the Asian Bioethics Review since its founding in 2008.

Prof. de Castro has been President of the Asian Bioethics Association, Vice Chair of the UNESCO International Bioethics Committee, Vice Chair of the Forum for Ethics Review Committees in Asia and the Pacific, President of the Philippine Health Social Science Association and a Bioethics Consultant to the United Nations, the World Health Organization, the European Union and the European Commission. He represented the Philippines in the UNESCO Inter-Governmental Bioethics Committee.

As a member of UNESCO's Advisory Expert Committee for Teaching Ethics, he helped formulate a Bioethics Core Curriculum that is used by UNESCO in resource challenged countries in the establishment and training of national bioethics committees as well as in its Ethics Teacher Training Program. A member of UNESCO's International Bioethics Committee for eight years, Prof. de Castro was Vice Chair from December 2002 to May 2007. He became a member of the Drafting Group for the Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights, which was approved by the UNESCO General Conference in October 2005. He also participated in the writing of various other UNESCO international instruments, including the International Declaration on Human Genetic Data in 2003.