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Abstract

This paper traces universalism, the vision of international public order built upon rights and values shared by all individuals and peoples, as a purposely embedded ideology in the history and evolution of the Philippine Constitution. As the postcolonial and post-dictatorship founding document of the post-modern Philippine polity, the paper contends that 1987 Philippine Constitution enshrines nearly a century of constitutional text and practice which has led towards the present institutionalization of universalist rights-democratic theory in the Philippines' constitutional interpretive canon.

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