Systems Thinking

OVERVIEW
Systems Thinking presents a different way of thinking - a shift of mind to look at familiar things from a new perspective. In the early days of modern science, the prevailing idea of reductionist approach took hold: you can understand a system by taking it apart and study each part in isolation. In contrast, the complexities in a VUCA world (Volatile, Uncertain, Complex and Ambiguous) require us to see the whole picture rather than focusing on just its parts.

The lens of systems thinking emphasizes looking at wholes rather than parts. It explores the interconnections of the cause and effect relations among elements of a system. These interconnections form a feedback loop structure which causes the behavior of the system over time. This valuable insight leads to guidelines for designing systemic interventions.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES
- To introduce the basic principles of Systems Thinking
- To introduce the basic characteristics of systems and the importance of systemic thinking in organizational life.
- To develop whole brain thinking skills
- To use systems thinking as a platform for enhancing innovation and creativity
- To practice a "shift of mind" framework to understand complexity by viewing systems as a whole and using the view to find the effective leverage as insights for breakthrough solutions.
- To develop the skill to create your own causal loop diagram to analyze the problematic behavior of systems
- To help take your first step toward becoming a systems thinker.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN
- How does our brain work and why do we need to understand this in studying systems
- Why we need Whole Brain Thinking skills in Systems Thinking
- Fundamentals of Systems Thinking
- How to see and understand structure
- Systems Archetypes as Structural Pattern Templates
- More System Archetypes Applications

KEY BENEFITS
- Understand how our brains work and why we do not take to systems thinking naturally
- How to use system thinking skills to enhance creativity & innovation
- Using right brain thinking skills in seeing the Big Picture
- Moving from Linear thinking to closed-loop thinking

WHO SHOULD ATTEND
The program is recommended for senior executives, functional area managers, planners, and strategists who are seeking a fresh way of thinking to resolve complex business problems and to maximize benefits from business opportunities.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE
Week 1:
May 4, 6, 8, 2020
8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Week 2:
May 11, 13, 15, 2020
8:30 am to 12:30 pm

PROGRAM FORMAT
The program will be conducted online with live virtual interactive sessions to be implemented via Zoom Video Conferencing. Strong internet connection is recommended, with a speed of at least 10 Mbps.

YOUR PROGRAM FACULTY

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Your Program Faculty

Prof. Fernando Y. Roxas
Prof. Fernando Y. Roxas, DBA, teaches Service Operations, Quantitative Analysis, Systems Thinking, and Sources & Uses of Power in the degree and executive training programs of AIM. He is also the Executive Director of the Dr. Andrew L. Tan Center for Tourism where he develops training programs and research on Sustainable Tourism. He has published in peer reviewed and case journals on topics such as renewable energy, sustainability, and poverty mitigation.

Prof. Antonio Ma. Perez
Prof. Antonio Ma. Perez teaches Systems Thinking, Balanced Scorecard, Quantitative Analysis and Operations Management. Prior to joining AIM, he was a regular lecturer in Operations Management and Decision Analysis in the MBA program of the Malaysian Institute of Management in Kuala Lumpur. Prof. Perez obtained his MBA degree from the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) with major in Management Information Systems. He was elected member to the Beta Gamma Sigma, the national honor society for students in Business Administration in the U.S.A. He completed a course on Systems Dynamics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.