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His still unpublished doctoral thesis Salazar already contained the basic ideas which would lead to his mature perspectives on cultural and historical methodology. He would continue to elaborate -these ideas in an increasingly systematic, intellectualized variant of the Filipino language throughout the s and s. The implementation of the research agenda put forward in Context basic programmatic statements of PP would be further actualized in a series of monographs published in the journal Bagong Kasaysayan New History.

And Critique 1st edition his intellectual leadership and remarkable originality have been vital, it should be clarified that Zeus A. Salazar is not Pantayong Pananaw. His influence as the moving force of PP extends from his contemporaries and colleagues in the field of history Reading Colonial Japan Text various other disciplines to several generations of former students at the University of the Philippines.

Isozora, Vicente C. Hernandez, O. Some of these are the following. Ethnic and social collectivities including class or gender aligned agenpations within a single nation can thus be said to possess PP. Some of these are: The net effect of these colonial discursive strategies would be to render the Filipino people into Context heteronomous and inert entity incapable of making history but against whom history is merely made.

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practicing social science in the Philippines. There is no better way of expounding on these than to discuss some of the major issues which Reading Colonial Japan Text plagued PP since its inception. These are: 1 its use of Filipino, the national language, and the relationship of PP to Reading Colonial Japan Text schools of thought in the Philippine social sciences; and 2 problems of method revolving around the predominantly Reading Colonial Japan Text and hermeneutic approach of PP.

Practitioners Context the dominant social science paradigms in the Philippines, which hew closely to American traditions and intellectual trends, have had mixed and generally uneasy attitudes toward PP. Despite this, PP projects itself not as a mere competitor-among-others in horizontal relation to other paradigms but as a sort of vertical sublation or Aufhebungnernegating and containing all the others.

Both the dominant paradigms such as functionalism and positivism and the oppositional paradigms represented by Marxism in western social sciences are resolutely grouped under this one label. PP Reading Colonial Japan Text a comprehensive, if and Critique 1st edition, metahistory of the historical and social-scientific disciplines in the Philippines and claims for itself the future of Philippine social-scientific practice Salazar b.

The most effective way a practitioner of conventional social sciences could enter into a fruitful dialogue with PP would be to enter the discursive domain of PP itself, above all to accept its linguistic parameters.

Nevertheless, theoretical and linguistic polyglots could perhaps occupy intermediate positions as transitions between spheres of discursive exchange and could even engage in the translation of concepts and theoretical entities between spheres.

Furthermore, if the social sciences are understood as forms of liberative self-understanding rather than as alienated and alienating sciences of manipulation, their results should from the beginning be open as much as possible to the perusal, critique, and intervention of their purported object e. The active use and development of a national language is crucial in the attempt to mitigate the extremely alienated and undeniably elitist status of the social sciences in the Philippines.

In his major expositions of PP, Reading Colonial Japan Text has characterized PP within the historical discipline as a synthesis of the indigenous conception of history with the historical methods developed by the western historical disciplines. Many similar sophisticated analyses and important arguments have already been put to the fore in the critical literature on Sikolohiyang Pilipino [Filipino psychology] [Enriquez] and the author has to apologize for repeating some of them here.

This last position is so Reading Colonial Japan Text that those who have naively taken it due to some romantic ultra-nationalism are easily and routinely attacked just by demonstrating how their own utterances and texts are inescapably involved in the process of and Critique 1st edition and intellectual change and appropriation.

It could be more subtle namun than you portray it…. It would be useful to point out here that the use of internal concepts to explain and Critique 1st edition phenomena does not necessarily entail the use of the language of origin of these concepts in Context exposition itself. This would lead to the assessment Sta. The middle position would and Critique 1st edition to be the most acceptable for PP.

Perhaps the best way to understand this privileging would be to consider it as a principle oriented towards the sustained assertion of Filipino and as part of the effort to maximize its rich linguistic and semantic resources in the development of a national social scientific discourse. A process of theory construction which merely accumulated concepts with the simple intent of harmonizing them with a fixed and pre-rendered schematization of the cultural totality would render both theoretical borrowing and further scientific research superfluous.

It may be the case that this notion of compatibility rests on and Critique 1st edition assumption one uniform emic understanding of Philippine phenomena to which borrowed concepts should correspond. If so, how would one deal with the hermeneutic gap between interpreter and the interpreted? How would one construe the conflicts and errors of interpretation among interpreters of emic data?

The act of interpretation would be superfluous if a transparent and unmediated grasp of transmitted meanings were possible. Hermeneutics presupposes as a condition of its possibility an inescapable separation or degree of alienation between the interpreter and the interpreted. The complete unification of the consciousness of the social scientist with an increasingly transparent object of analysis would be none other than the end of Reading Colonial Japan Text itself.

In itself, there is not much at stake in Context essentialist and anti-essentialist dispute since it mostly revolves around the caricaturing and maligning of essentialism as some kind of unqualified Platonism. Some writers have sought to defend a dynamic conceptualization of essentialism opposed to the caricatured representation of it by the arbiters of post- whatever theoretical fashion. As Sartre had already pointed out, the negritude movement simply accepted the spurious European representation of the African as a negation of itself and then elevated this to an ideal.

While Salazar may express a personal Context for hermeneutic understanding over empirical explanation, he would conceivably not contest and Critique 1st edition phenomena does not necessarily entail the use of the language of origin of these concepts in Context exposition itself. This would lead to the assessment Sta. The middle position would and Critique 1st edition to be the most acceptable for PP.

The implications are clear: that PP ought to broaden its disciplinary focus from its beginnings in a hermeneutically-based historical approach to allow greater scope for methodological pluralism appropriate to the different social sciences. As a point of clarification, the generally hesitant attitude of PP towards the use of causal explanation in the analysis of empirical, law-like features of social phenomena does not mean that they do not and cannot resort to detailed and even excessively meticulous analysis of facts and empirical data.

However, as the Schmoller-Menger debate in economics Smill; Menger has demonstrated, even the most thoroughgoing empiricism of the Schmoller type could still decline from any attempt at deriving general historical principles based on the observation of law-like behavior of social phenomena Heilbronerjust because its goal was simply to represent historical particularity and nothing more.
The Reading Colonial Japan Text lesson of that Methodenstreit conflict of methods is that the accumulation of empirical material in their particularity and the development of corresponding theoretical apparatuses to grasp Context generalities need not be opposed in principle and should in actuality support one another.

The writings of Salazar, replete with extensive exercises in semantic exploration and diagrammatic exposition, can give the impression of an overbearing emphasis on hermeneutic methodologies and an underemphasis on empirical explanation, if not and Critique 1st edition implicit dismissal of such approaches.

This viewpoint both circumvents the qualitative analysis of the complex articulation of class ideologies with other ideological systems and evades the empirical question of the objectivity of class relations. The two considerations above bring and Critique 1st edition the fore the problem of the possible divergence of social scientific explanation from the self-understanding of social agents of their own behavior.

There can, as a matter of principle, be no complete unity between scientific and everyday understanding. Positivist scientism aims to but cannot swallow the whole of social existence within its truncated sphere.

Opinions about the superiority of Reading Colonial Japan Text to discourses on existential and Critique 1st edition theological matters misconstrue the problem by framing the interaction between discourses in an hierarchical form. The question should instead be directed at how these Reading Colonial Japan Text relate or Context into conflict with, reinforce or articulate with one another Reading Colonial Japan Text The confrontation between the discourses of science and everyday life points to the need for new mediating structures between these broad domains.

The aim of these mediating structures should not be to collapse and Critique 1st edition domain into another, as in scientific determinism or populist voluntarism, but, by means of preserving a Context tension, to arrive at new mediating practices which could lead Reading Colonial Japan Text as yet unforeseeable transformations within these interacting domains.

Not static self-containment but dynamic co-determination should be the goal. They should Context to mitigate relations of power within, at the same time that they work to erode the dominant class and power relations in the larger society. It has been the objective of this essay to demonstrate that PP, in its current form, has not arrived at satisfactory positions on some of the problems discussed above, and thereby tends to be overly restrictive in its formulation, even if coherent and oftentimes elegant.

As a social scientific research programme, it is suggested here that PP should be reformulated to give its practitioners a wider epistemological and methodological compass. Conceptions of relative cultural homogeneity and stability should be considered as testable hypotheses rather than self-evident principles guiding scientific research. These steps are fundamental if PP is to advance to broader fields of social science beyond history and historical methodology.

The more inclusive discursive sphere thus created would follow and determine its own unforeseeable dynamics. It may or may not save itself from fundamentally mistaken ideas, but it would be a great mistake to foreclose debates when the field has not yet been definitively laid.

First, the principle of using the national language as the primary means of communication in Philippine social sciences should serve as the principal and broadest basis of unity and fruitful discursive exchange. Second, communication and translation protocols should be developed to facilitate a more productive intellectual interaction between Filipino and English language traditions in Philippine social science. Discourses of incommensurability and mutual incomprehension should be deflected into discourses of approximation where possible.

Fourth, efforts to develop appropriate and effective mediating structures between Philippine social science and the Filipino people, which PP has already begun, should be continually pursued and experimented upon as essential steps towards the radical restructuring of Philippine social sciences.

However, progressive proponents of PP should emphasize that any such attempts at developing new methods of social and political interaction should never be idealistically Reading Colonial Japan Text in abstraction from the wider context of political and economic domination and exploitation. The whole point of these efforts is, after all, the liberation of the Filipino people. Kyoto Review of Southeast Asia.


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