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Philosophical Practice aims to familiarize its readers with the developmental, theoretical, methodological, and professional aspects of philosophical practice. It explains what philosophical practice is "from the inside out": where, how, and why it works, and how to establish a professional practice-all from the pioneering practitioner's viewpoint. Its scope includes developmental perspectives, theoretical models, methodological tools, and professional requirements-as well as sharp critiques of the contemporary Academy. It concentrates on the three pillars of philosophical practice: client counseling, group facilitation, and organizational consulting. It identifies new and vital roles for philosophers in the emergent global village.

About the Author

Lou Marinoff, a Commonwealth Scholar, earned his doctorate in Philosophy of Science at University College London. After holding Research Fellowships at University College and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, he became a Lecturer in Philosophy at the University of British Columbia, and was also Moderator of the Canadian Business and Professional Ethics Network at UBC's Center for Applied Ethics. He is currently an Associate Professor, and Chair of the Philosophy Department, at The City College of New York. Lou has been a philosophical practitioner for ten years. He is past president of the American Society for Philosophy, Counseling and Psychotherapy (ASPCP), and founding president of the American Philosophical Practitioners Association (APPA). He is a Fellow of the Institute for Local Government at the University of Arizona, and a Fellow of the World Economic Forum (Davos). He publishes regularly in decision theory, ethics, philosophical practice, and other fields. He is author of an international best-seller,

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