

Symposium | Forensic Psychiatry : [Symposium 10] Ethics in Society and Forensic Psychiatry

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Moderator: Susanna Every-Palmer (University of Otago)

[SY-10-01] Marriage and Divorce in the Philippines: A Psychiatric Perspective

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This lecture explores the intersection of marriage, divorce, and psychiatry in the Philippines, highlighting the complex legal, cultural, and psychological dimensions of marital relationships. Despite the absence of a legal divorce option for most Filipinos, public sentiment is shifting, with approximately 50% of adults supporting the legalization of divorce. The psychological implications of remaining in unhealthy or abusive marriages can be profound, often leading to increased stress, anxiety, and depression. Legalizing divorce could provide individuals with a pathway to escape toxic relationships, ultimately improving mental health outcomes. Moreover, this movement reflects broader societal changes that challenge traditional norms surrounding marriage and family dynamics. However, significant challenges remain, including the influence of the Catholic Church and economic disparities that hinder access to legal resources. The lecture emphasizes the importance of recognizing the mental health implications of marital dissolution and advocates for legal reforms that prioritize individual well-being and promote healthier family structures in contemporary Filipino society.