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# The Center



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The **University of the Philippines Center for Integrative and Development Studies (UP CIDS)** is the University of the Philippines System's policy research unit which aims to address problems of national significance by employing an integrative and collaborative approach in its policy research work. This is carried out by utilizing and maximizing the expertise and resources available to the University.

UP CIDS was founded by the late UP President Edgardo J. Angara in 1985 and has since then been guided by the following objectives and functions as stated in his Executive Order No. 9 dated September 24, 1985:

- Develop, organize, and manage research issues of national significance. Such issues, because of their importance and inherent complexity, require an integrative and collaborative approach and also more sophisticated research methodologies and skills;
- Encourage and support research and study on these issues by various units of the University and individual scholars;
- Secure funding from public and private persons and agencies; and

- Ensure that the research outputs and recommendations of the Center are published and openly disseminated.

The UP Strategic Plan 2017–2023 provides further guidance to the Center's activities by stressing the University's role in (a) contributing to national development through knowledge creation and public service, and (b) promoting access and diversity through enhancing structures and policies for collaboration and undertaking internationalization efforts.

## Research Programs

The UP CIDS adopts a programmatic structure wherein a sizeable network of scholars is brought together and maintained under a Research Program through which they can pursue a common research agenda and build their academic, industry, and policy networks relevant to their research work. By supporting several Research Programs, the UP CIDS is also able to provide opportunities for and encourages collaboration between and among them. Such an arrangement does not only enable the Center to address critical and long-standing national issues, it further allows the

UP CIDS to accommodate research on new and emerging international and national policy concerns.

At present, the Center supports the following twelve (12) Research Programs grouped into three general clusters. The Research Programs of the UP CIDS are as follows:

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<b>Education and Capacity Building Cluster</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ <b>Education Research Program (ERP)</b></li><li>■ <b>Program on Higher Education Research and Policy Reform (HERPR)</b></li><li>■ <b>Assessment, Curriculum, and Technology Research Program (ACTRP)</b></li><li>■ <b>Program on Data Science for Public Policy (DSPP)</b></li></ul>
<b>Development Cluster</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ <b>Program on Escaping the Middle-Income Trap: Chains for Change (EMIT C4C)</b></li><li>■ <b>Political Economy Program (PEP)</b></li><li>■ <b>Program on Alternative Development (AltDev)</b></li><li>■ <b>Program on Health Systems Development (PHSD)</b></li></ul>
<b>Social, Political, and Cultural Studies Cluster</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ <b>Program on Social and Political Change (PSPC)</b></li><li>■ <b>Islamic Studies Program (ISP)</b></li><li>■ <b>Strategic Studies Program (SSP)</b></li><li>■ <b>Decolonial Studies Program (DSP)</b></li></ul>

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## Core Staff

Essential to the functions of the Center is its Core Staff who facilitate and support the administration, finance, documentation, and dissemination of the projects and activities of UP CIDS' Research Programs. The Core Staff maintains close coordination with the UP System offices and all the UP CIDS Research Programs to effectively

carry out its role and provide guidance and assistance on various matters.

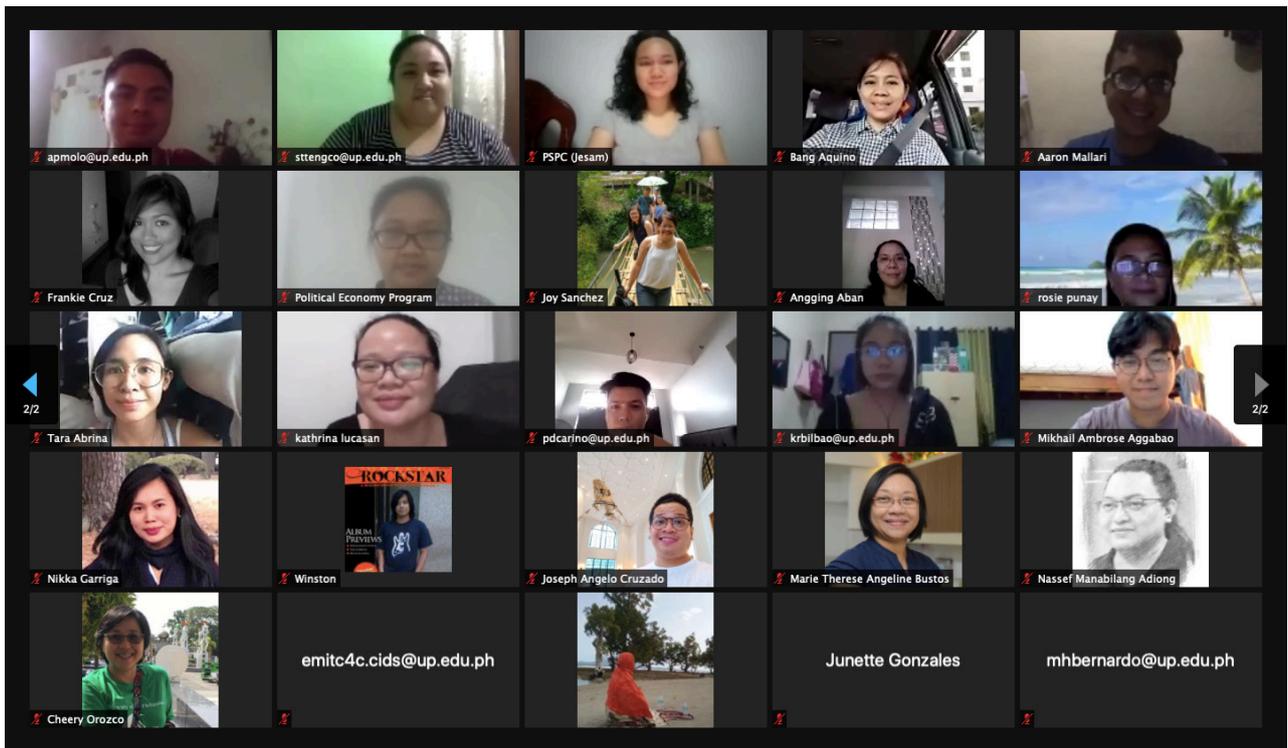
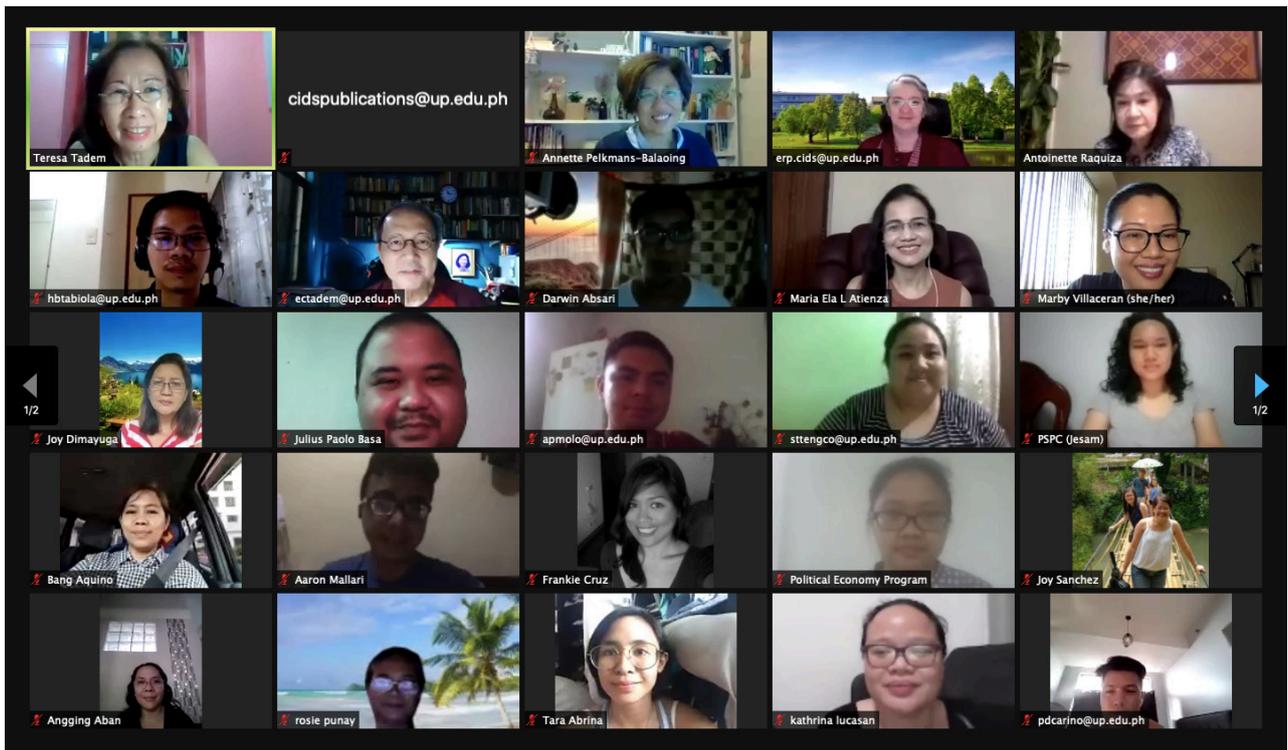
The Core Staff is headed by the UP CIDS Executive Director and is housed in the UP CIDS Administrative Office. They are functionally organized into (1) Administration, (2) Finance, (3) Publications, and (4) Library and Resources.

## Continuing Efforts During the COVID-19 Pandemic

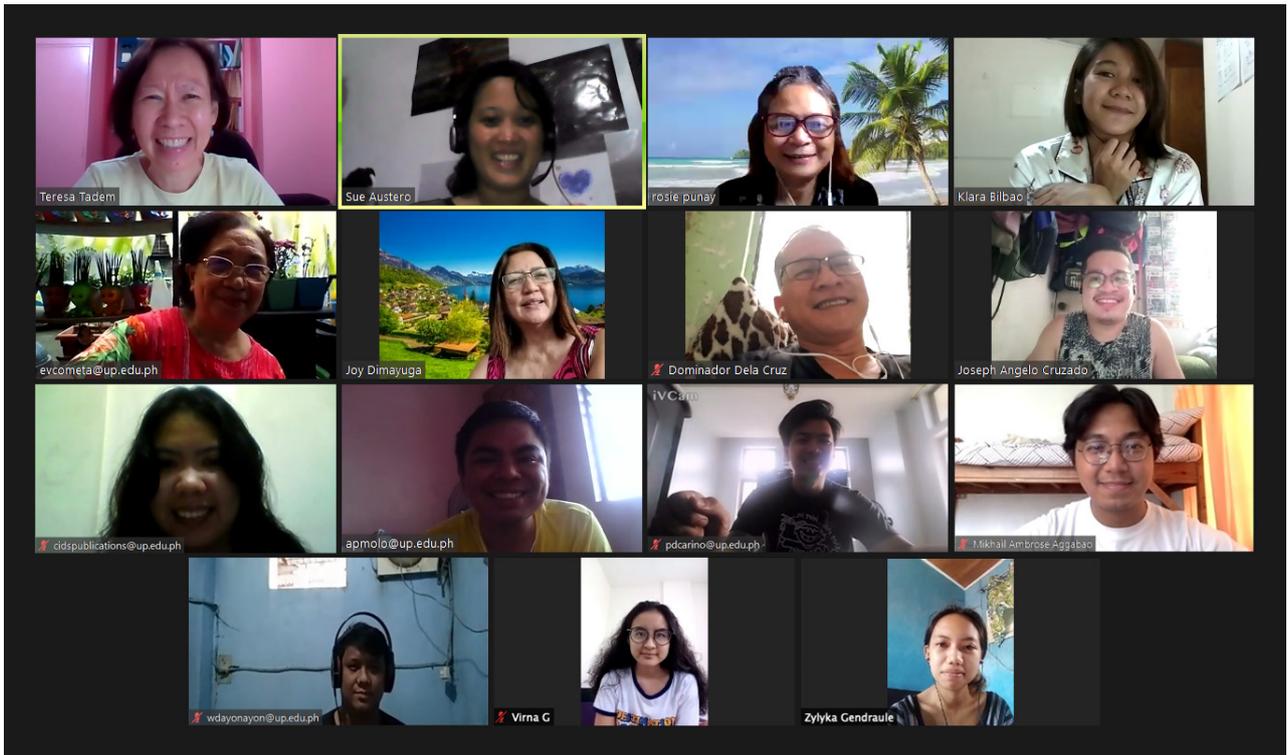
The research and administrative activities of the UP CIDS has continued despite the persistence of the COVID-19 pandemic. While challenges with remote work arrangements continue and processes at the UP System remain unpredictable at times, internal efforts have made it possible for the Center to carry on with its work.

The UP CIDS Research Programs, after having earlier assessed and adjusted their research agenda in light of the pandemic, were able to hold meetings and even host forums and conferences online in lieu of face-to-face research activities. Online work and collaborative platforms facilitated new COVID-19 related research efforts of the Programs. The restrictions to mobility and prohibition of face-to-face activities also encouraged UP CIDS Programs to focus on finalizing outputs from previous research projects and activities. The Programs, in coordination with the Publications Unit, were thus able to publish research outputs during the pandemic.

The Core Staff was also key in setting up online platforms through which UP CIDS Research Programs can remotely communicate and carry out research activities. Efforts taken by the Core Staff include requesting for UP Mail accounts and coordinating with the UP Information Technology Development Center (UP ITDC) for access to webinar features in the online video conferencing platform Zoom. Aside from these, the standardization of internal administrative, finance, and publications processes was also pursued in response to changes of procedures and practices at the level of the UP System.



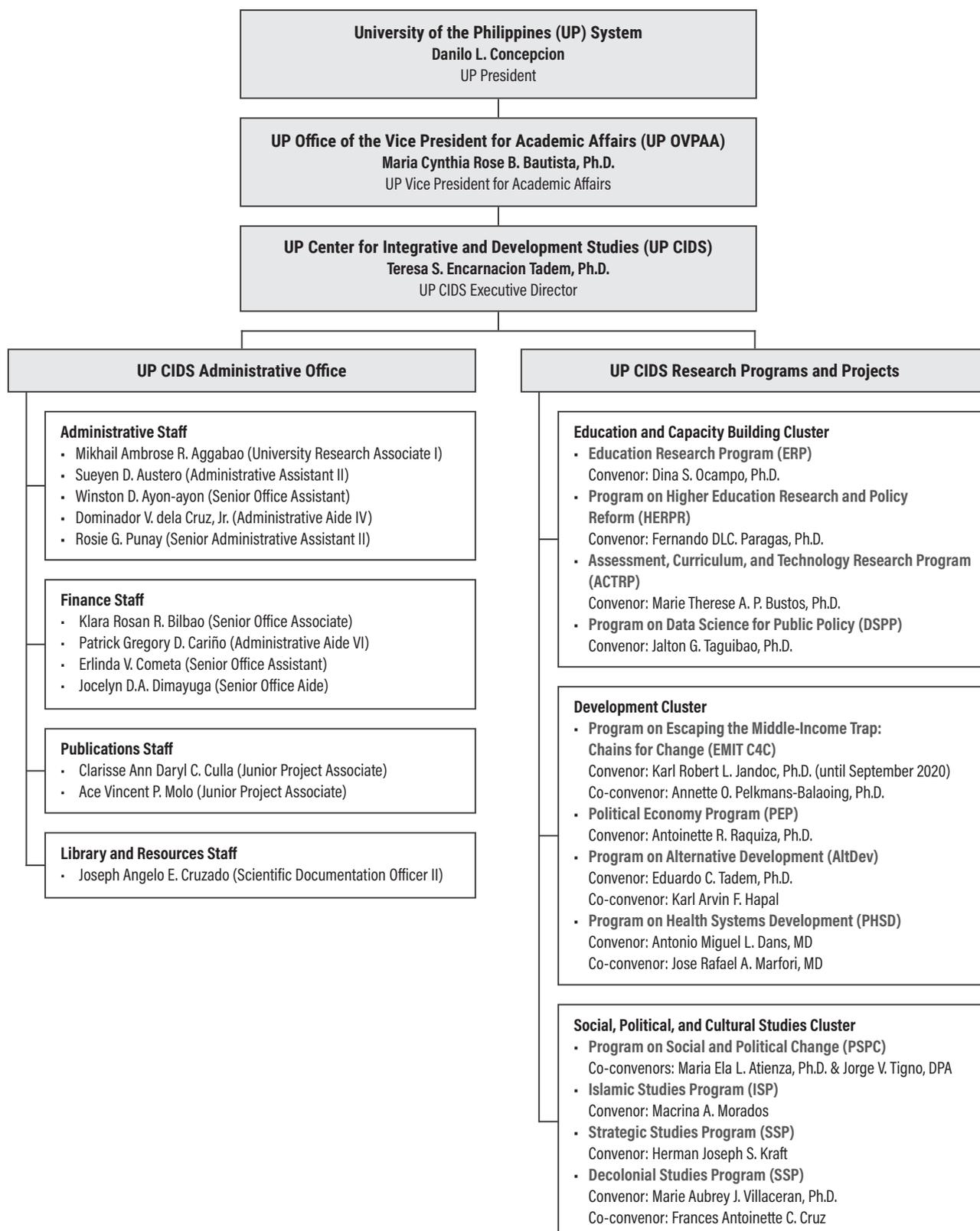
Led by UP CIDS Executive Director Teresa S. Encarnacion Tadem, Ph.D., the 2020 edition of the annual UP CIDS Convenors' Meeting was conducted online via the online videoconferencing platform Zoom and served as a venue for the UP CIDS Research Programs and the UP CIDS Core Staff to discuss the Center's activities and projects in the context of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. PHOTOS COURTESY OF SUEYEN AUSTERO



UP CIDS Executive Director Teresa S. Encarnacion Tadem, Ph.D. and the UP CIDS Core Staff PHOTO COURTESY OF SUEYEN AUSTERO

# Organizational Chart

As of December 2020



EDUCATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING CLUSTER

# Education Research Program

The **Education Research Program (ERP)** aims to contribute to the deeper understanding of education delivery and implementation in the Philippines. In addition, the Program seeks to understand the influence of educational reforms in the last decade on student learning and teacher competencies. Finally, it seeks to nurture a community of scholars who conduct research on education.

In the second half of 2020, the ERP's studies focused on literacy and multiliteracy development. Areas of research that were started in the first half of 2020, such as impact studies of the Senior High School Program, were continued. Additionally, a research partnership with the University of Oxford and the University of the Philippines on supporting oral language development among early learners was commenced and formally recognized through a signing ceremony.

The content of the ERP's intended research was modified to include issues that have arisen and emerged in the education sector due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Areas of curriculum, assessment, learning delivery, teacher development, school leadership, and governance concerns have adapted to the present conditions that are characterized by the enforcement of health protocols

such as quarantine, social distancing, and avoidance of mass gatherings. To adjust to the pandemic, the ERP revised some of its research projects and has focused on the development of publications, while exploring alternative platforms for its other activities.

## Program Organizational Structure

<b>Convenor</b>	Dina S. Ocampo, Ph.D. (Professor, College of Education, UP Diliman)
<b>Senior Research Associates</b>	Naomi M. Fontanos Junette Fatima D. Gonzales Kathrina Lorraine M. Lucasan Donna Pamella G. Romero

## Research Projects

### Multi-literacy Assessments for Filipino Children (MLAF)

The study aims to develop literacy assessments in different languages of the Philippines for learners of all ages. For the first phase of the project that took place

# Edukasyon sa Bagong Normal: Ano-ano ang mga dapat asahan?

*Education in the New Normal: What to expect*



One of the videos from Bayanihan E-skwela, a project of the Office of the Vice President of the Philippines, tackled learning in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic  SCREENSHOT FROM THE BAYANIHAN E-SKWELA FACEBOOK PAGE

during the second half of 2020, data gathered from the field trials with Kindergarten to Grade 3 learners were analyzed using the classical test theory and Rasch modelling.

## **K to 12 and Senior High School (SHS) Studies**

The SHS studies aim to investigate questions related to the four (4) components of the SHS program: learners; curriculum implementation; financing and partnerships; and teacher/continuing professional development.

## **TalkTogether: A UK Research and Innovation Global Challenges Research Fund (UKRI GCRF) Project**

This three-year research project in collaboration with the University of Oxford focuses on supporting oral language development among early learners. It is divided into several studies, namely the Corpus Study, Age of Acquisition Study, Assessment Study, Co-Production Study, Intervention Study, Mapping Study, and Classroom Ethnography Study. Research team leads and members for each study were organized to work on their own review of related studies and research protocols, which take into consideration the challenges imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **Indigenous Peoples (IP) Voices and Multilingual Education**

The ERP's research strand on Indigenous Peoples (IP) Voices and Multilingual Education aims to study language use and appreciation in indigenous peoples communities. Research under this strand was based on the data gathered from focus group discussions with elders and interactive activities with learners from the Agta-Dumagat community of Gen. Nakar, Quezon; Iraya Mangyan community of San Teodoro, Oriental Mindoro; and Ayta Mag-indi community of Porac, Pampanga.

## **Teacher Professional Development**

Supported by the Human Capital and Education for Asian Development (HEAD) Foundation, the project on the use of Learning Action Cell (LAC) to improve the teaching-learning process in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) has produced data on teachers' content knowledge in several Grade 6 Science topics and their experiences in handling LAC in their respective schools. Research papers are currently being written by partners from the UP Integrated School (UPIS) and the UP National Institute for Science and Mathematics Education Development (UP NISMED) based on the gathered data.

## Activities from July to December 2020

### PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT LAUNCH

#### Bayanihan E-Skwela

August 16, 2020

The Office of the Vice President of the Philippines launched a project called Bayanihan E-Skwela, which aims to support teachers and parents for remote and distance learning during the COVID-19 pandemic. One of the video learning materials for the project, titled “What to Expect: Education in the New Normal,” was developed by the ERP together with Prof. Margaret Mary Rosary Carmel Fua and Dr. Joel Javinari of the UP College of Education and Brigitte Anne Limbo of De La Salle Philippines.

### PRESENTATION IN CONFERENCE

#### Words in the World International Conference

October 16 to 18, 2020

Prof. Portia Padilla of the UP College of Education presented the paper titled “English Loan Words in Filipino Children’s Literature: Implications for Cross-Linguistic Literacy Development” at the virtual edition of Words in the World (WoW) International

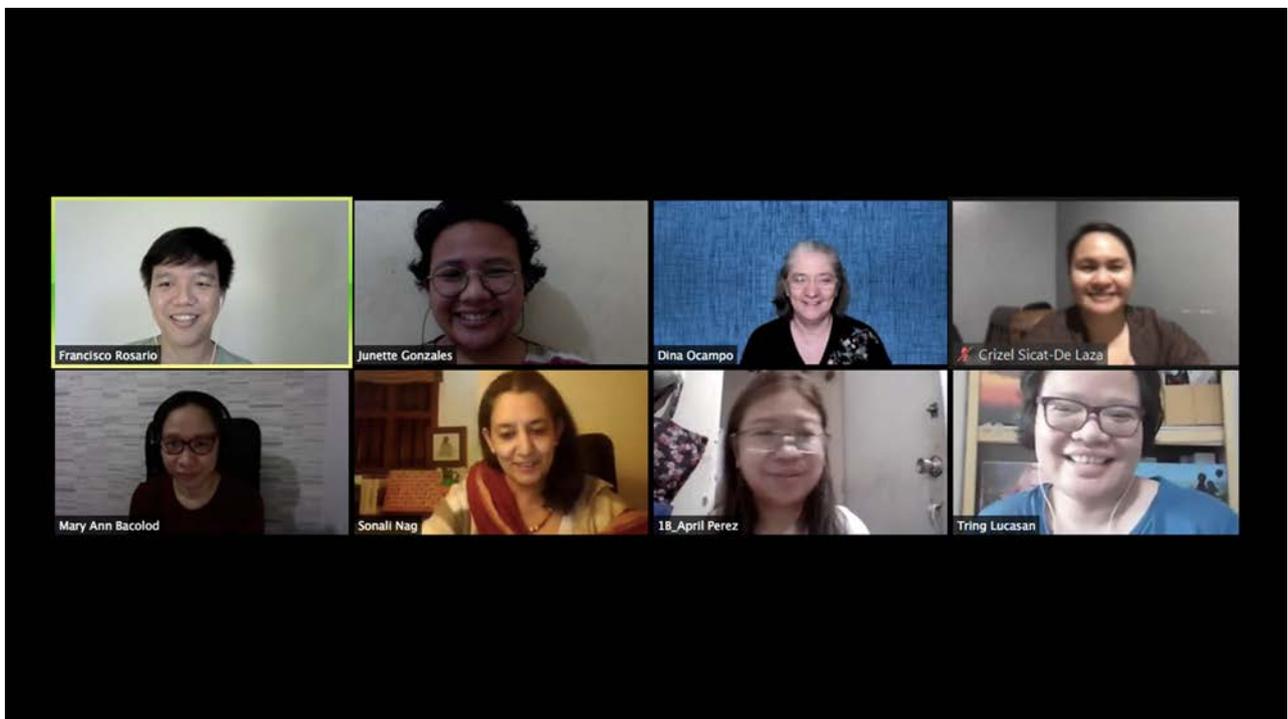
Conference held in October 2020. The paper was co-authored with Dr. Dina Ocampo and Kathrina Lorraine Lucasan of the ERP and Dr. Sonali Nag of the University of Oxford. The data for the presentation were harvested from the corpus study done for the TalkTogether project. The conference was organized by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

### VALIDATION AND FINALIZATION

#### UKRI GCRF TalkTogether Corpus Study: Filipino Parts-of-Speech Tags

November to December 2020

The Corpus Study group of the TalkTogether project conducted the validation and finalization of the parts-of-speech (POS) tags generated by the Stanford POS Tagger for Filipino developed by Matthew Phillip Go and Nicco Nocon of De La Salle University. Junette Fatima Gonzales of the ERP, Prof. April Perez of the UP Departamento ng Filipino at Panitikan ng Pilipinas, Prof. Francisco Rosario, Jr. of the UP Department of Linguistics, and Prof. Crizel Sicat-de Laza of the UP College of Education served as first-round validators, while Dr. Mary Ann Bacolod of the UP Department of Linguistics served as second-level validator.



Members and validators of the TalkTogether Corpus Study’s Parts-of-Speech Tags group meets with Principal Investigator Dr. Sonali Nag of the University of Oxford PHOTO COURTESY OF JUNETTE FATIMA GONZALES

## MEETING

### UKRI GCRF TalkTogether First Philippine Team Meeting

November 30, 2020

Faculty and researchers from the UP College of Education and the ERP gathered for the first Philippine Team meeting and orientation for the UKRI GCRF TalkTogether research project. UP College of Education Dean Dr. Jerome Buenviaje delivered the welcome remarks. An overview of the project was presented and the expectations and tasks for the studies within the project were discussed during the meeting. The researchers present in the meeting were also asked to select the study that they want to join in.

## VIRTUAL SIGNING CEREMONY

### Virtual Signing of TalkTogether Collaboration Agreement

December 17, 2020

UP Diliman Chancellor Dr. Fidel Nemenzo signed the collaboration agreement between the University of the Philippines and the University of Oxford for the TalkTogether project in an online ceremony. Also present were Dr. Sonali Nag, principal investigator and

representative of the University of Oxford, Dr. Sunila John and Dr. Shivani Tiwari of the Manipal Academy of Higher Education, and researchers from the UP College of Education and the ERP headed by Dr. Dina Ocampo and Prof. Portia Padilla, the project's co-investigators in the Philippines. Representatives from the UP Diliman Office of International Linkages were also present in the signing of the agreement.

## Outputs from July to December 2020

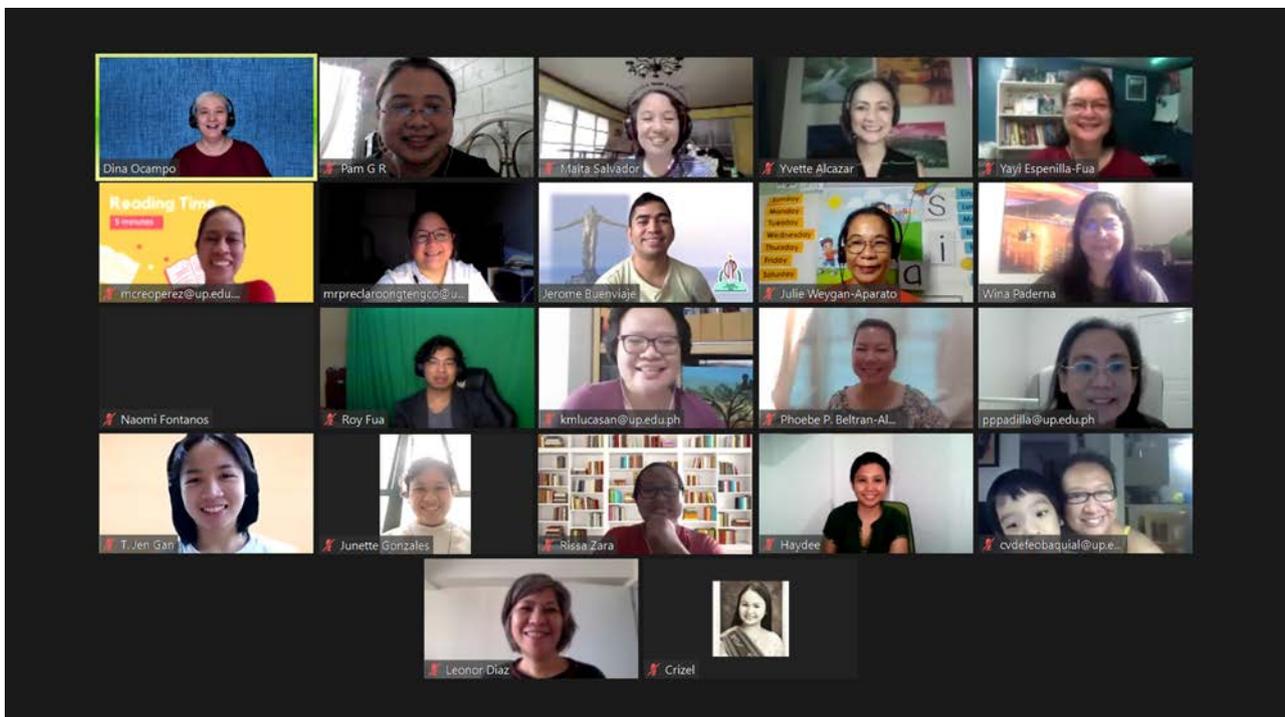
### Released Publications

#### Policy Brief

- "Basic Education and Federalism: Implications and Options for the National Capital Region" (Authors: Elvin Ivan Y. Uy and Dina S. Ocampo)

#### Monograph

- *Policy Investigations in Support of the Filipino Learner: The UP CIDS ERP Research Agenda 2019-2024* (Authors: Dina Ocampo, Kathrina Lorraine Lucasan, Junette Fatima Gonzales, Naomi Fontanos, Donna Pamella Romero, and Cynthia Villafranca)



Leads and members of the Philippine Team, composed of faculty and researchers from the UP College of Education and the ERP, joined the first big meeting for the TalkTogether project PHOTO COURTESY OF DONNA PAMELLA GONZALES



UP Diliman Chancellor Fidel R. Nemenzo signs the collaboration agreement between the University of the Philippines and the University of Oxford for the TalkTogether project PHOTO COURTESY OF DONNA PAMELLA GONZALES

### Technical Notes

- "Generating Education Resources during the COVID-19 Pandemic: Analysis and Recommendations" (Authors: Mark Angelo B. Abinsay, Aser B. Javier, and Junette Gonzales)
- "Revisiting Flexible Learning Options in Basic Education in the Philippines: Implications for Senior High School" (Authors: Naomi Fontanos, Junette Fatima Gonzales, Kathrina Lucasan, and Dina S. Ocampo)

### Academic Paper

- "Language Appreciation Among Elders and Learners from Indigenous Peoples' Communities" (Authors: Kathrina Lorraine Lucasan, Dina Ocampo, Anne Sheila Choi, and Rozanno Rufino; published by the British Council)

### Forthcoming Publication

#### Book Chapter

- "Transforming Educational Policies of Indigenous Peoples of the Philippines" (Authors: Dina S. Ocampo, Rozanno Rufino, and Junette Gonzales), in *Reading Inclusion Divergently: Articulations from Around the World* (International Perspectives on Inclusive Education Series, Emerald Group Publishing, 2021)

## Upcoming Activities and Outputs for 2021

For the first half of 2021, studies slated for 2020 that were delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic will be continued. Possible partnerships with the UP College of Education and the UP Integrated School for policy research on topics based on the ERP research agenda are also being considered.

### UKRI GCRF TalkTogether Project

The international partnership for the TalkTogether project will also continue with studies on age of acquisition, co-production, and assessment commencing within the first half of the year.

In addition, the Philippines will host the project's annual international meeting in January 2021. The virtual meeting will be attended by partners and stakeholders of the project from the University of Oxford (United Kingdom), The Promise Foundation (India), Georgia University (United States), the UP College of Education, and the ERP (Philippines). Moreover, partnerships with the Reading Association of the Philippines (RAP), Asian Regional Network on Early Childhood (ARNEC), and the Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) Council

of the Philippines will be forged for the study. The preparation and submission of documents for ethics review of the assessment and feasibility studies will also be done during the first half of the year, in coordination with the Ethics Research Committee of the University of Oxford.

### Conferences and Fora

ERP Research Fellow Prof. Margaret Mary Rosary Carmel Fua, will present the paper “Assessing Filipino and English Literacy Skills of Kindergarten to Grade 3 Filipino Children” at the Association for Reading and Writing in Asia (ARWA) Conference in March 2021. Dr. Dina Ocampo, Kathrina Lorraine Lucasan, Donna Pamela Romero, and Joedal Jan Marabe will serve as co-presenters. The paper utilizes data from the field trials of the assessment tools from the Multi-Literacy Assessments for Filipino Children which have been conducted from November 2019 until March 2020.

Another edition of the ERP’s Sipat Edukasyon research dissemination forum and a webinar featuring the UP CIDS Education and Capacity Building Cluster is scheduled in 2021.

### New Research Projects

A research project on disinformation studies in education will be conducted with Dr. Lorina Calingasan and Dr. Sharehann Lucman of the UP College of Education’s Social Studies Education Department in 2021. This aims to understand and explain disinformation and

its effects on education outcomes. Moreover, surveys on the experiences of teachers and students about remote learning during the COVID-19 pandemic will be conducted as an extension to the ERP’s studies on flexible learning options (FLOs) and use of information and communications technology (ICT).

### Outputs

#### Discussion Paper

- “Measuring the Efficiency of Educational Institutions: Evidence from Primary and Secondary Public Schools” (Author: John Lorenzo A. Yambot)

#### Policy Briefs

- Understanding Home Contexts of Learners
- Learner Assessment

#### Journal Articles

- “Education During the COVID19 Emergency: Policy Analysis on Flexible Learning Options (FLOs) for Senior High School (SHS) in the Philippines”
- “Teacher Professional Development and Subject Matter Knowledge in Science”
- “School’s Vision-Mission Statements and 21st Century Learning”
- “Language Functions, Language Appreciation, and Mother Tongue-Based Multilingual Education Program Implementation in Indigenous Peoples Communities in the Philippines”

#### Book Chapter

- Chapter in *Handbook on Education in Southeast Asia* (Authors: Dina S. Ocampo and Jerome T. Buenviaje)

EDUCATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING CLUSTER

# Program on Higher Education Research and Policy Reform

The **Program on Higher Education Research and Policy Reform (HERPR)** aims to chart a research agenda, systematically build an evidence base for policy analysis, and create a network of experts and researchers on the Philippine higher education sector. The Program also serves as a convening body which seeks to build partnerships and working collaborative networks among key stakeholders.

Despite disruptions on activities planned for the latter half of 2020, the HERPR continued its consultations with major stakeholders via online video conferencing. Higher education consortiums, government, and private organizations expressed their interest for collaboration during virtual roadshows. The Program also looked into innovations and interventions by higher education institutions (HEIs) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Program Organizational Structure

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## Activities from July to December 2020

### CONSULTATION

#### Virtual Roadshow with the Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities

August 6, 2020

The HERPR held an online consultation with Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities (PACU) President Dr. Carol Marian S. Enriquez, wherein plans for

a compendium from the PACU's webinars on web and internet protocol (IP) security and a manual for HEIs on responding to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed. Dr. Enriquez also suggested to discuss the practicality of internships in the current times and explore further the complementarity of public and private higher education.

#### CONSULTATION

##### Virtual Roadshow with Edukasyon.ph

August 6, 2020

The HERPR organized a consultation session with Edukasyon.ph's Head of Education Ms. Patricia Cañaverl, discussing the possible contributions of the platform to higher education research, such as data on online presence and interactions of HEIs with students. She also expressed interest in gaining access to databases to help enrich Edukasyon.ph's development of technological solutions for Filipino students.

#### CONSULTATION

##### Virtual Roadshow with the Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines

August 7, 2020

The HERPR also held a consultation with Dr. Lourdesita Sobrevega-Chan, Chair of the Ateneo de Davao University

(AdDU) Research Council, representing the Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines (CEAP). Dr. Sobrevega-Chan shared Ateneo's public and system-wide research database and committed to sharing the HERPR's presentation at a university meeting and with other members of the AddU Research Council.

#### CONSULTATION

##### Virtual Roadshow with the Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges

August 8, 2020

The HERPR also met with Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo, President of the Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges (PASUC), to discuss plans of publishing policy briefs from the consortium and on their involvement in the drafting of bills filed in the Senate of the Philippines and the House of Representatives. He also committed to submitting a paper on higher education leadership.

#### CONSULTATION

##### Virtual Roadshow with the House Committee on Higher and Technical Education

September 21, 2020

A consultation with the Committee on Higher and Technical Education of the House of Representatives



The HERPR met with Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges (PASUC) President Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo in one of its virtual consultation roadshows PHOTO COURTESY OF DR. FERNANDO DLC. PARAGAS

(HOR), represented by Committee Secretary Ms. Frances Melanie Mauricio, was also organized by the Program. Issues that were discussed include the dire situation of private HEIs, the realignment of budget for scholarships to make way for funds for COVID-19 response, the danger of contractual HEI workers losing their jobs, and concerns on the coverage of the Tertiary Education Subsidy (TES) Program. Ms. Mauricio likewise expressed interest in submitting manuscripts to the Program.

#### CALL FOR PAPERS

### Higher Education Interventions for the Better Normal

September 24 to December 1, 2020

The HERPR called for policy papers on interventions made by HEIs to deliver a better normal for their constituencies during and beyond the COVID-19 pandemic. The papers will become part of a pioneering collection that documents how HEIs are making sense of and moving forward against the unprecedented complexities and consequences to higher education operations brought about by the pandemic. The volume also seeks to document the context and content of pandemic-related higher education policies, as well as current and future initiatives and innovations by HEIs.

#### CONSULTATION

### Virtual Roadshow with the Office of Senator Sherwin Gatchalian

November 11, 2020

The HERPR also held an online consultation session with the Office of Senator Sherwin Gatchalian through Education Policy Team Head Ms. Kat Adiente and Policy Analyst Mr. Adnan Ahmad. They discussed how research and writing lead to the drafting and filing of bills to the Senate. They also committed to submitting a policy brief on the thinking that goes into process of crafting HEI-related Senate bills in early 2021.

## Outputs from July to December 2020

### Forthcoming Publications

#### Monographs

- *Higher Education Interventions During and Beyond the COVID-19 Pandemic*
- *Contemporary Issues in Philippine Higher Education*

## Upcoming Activities and Outputs for 2021

### Program Plans and Projects

The HERPR aims to carry on its efforts for a monograph series on contemporary issues in higher education. The Program will also continue collaborating with higher education stakeholders on research on HEI interventions and innovations in light of “the new normal.”

To achieve this, the HERPR will conduct research agenda-setting workshops with government agencies and with higher education consortiums. Topics such as the impacts of the free tuition policy and the TES Program will also be considered in the research agenda.

### Activities

- Webinar on research on media policy and coverage (April 2021)
- Roundtable discussion on the state of higher education a year into the COVID-19 pandemic (June 2021)

### Outputs

- Two (2) monographs
- One (1) webinar report
- One (1) roundtable report
- One (1) research report

EDUCATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING CLUSTER

# Assessment, Curriculum, and Technology Research Program

The **Assessment, Curriculum, and Technology Research Program (ACTRP)** is a joint research program of the Assessment Research Centre (ARC) of the University of Melbourne (UoM) and the University of the Philippines (through the UP CIDS). The ACTRP advises and informs the Philippine education system as major curricular reforms are being rolled out by the Department of Education (DepEd).

The ACTRP has remained true to its mandate of advising and informing the Philippine system of education through curriculum, teaching, and assessment research that is based on empirical studies of curriculum innovation and implementation. The Program has provided research and technical assistance not only to the DepEd, but also to the Senate and House Committees on Basic Education, the Commission on Higher Education, and the Basic Education Forum, a multi-sectoral body supporting the DepEd's efforts of providing quality and relevant basic education for all. While the conduct of the Program's research activities had become challenging due to mobility restrictions brought about by the pandemic, new ways of engaging stakeholders through online platforms and more research areas and opportunities have emerged.

Most of the activities for the second half of 2020 focused on the completion of the review of the K to 12 curriculum, as well as providing support to the DepEd through teacher training on basic video production and enhancing formative assessment in self-learning modules and through building the assessment competence of school supervisors. Other projects conducted during this period include a feasibility study on micro-certification for the Alternative Learning System (ALS) and a baseline study on language match and teacher assignment in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM).

## Program Organizational Structure

### Assessment, Curriculum, and Technology Research Program (ACTRP), UP Center for Integrative and Development Studies (UP CIDS)

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<b>Founding Director</b>	Esther Care, Ph.D.

**Activities from  
 July to December 2020**

**TRAINING**

**Basic Video Production Training for Teachers**

July 15 to 31, 2020

In collaboration with the DepEd Bureau of Learning Delivery (BLD) and Bureau of Learning Resources (BLR) and the UP College of Education, the ACTRP conducted online training on basic video production as part of the preparation for DepEd's distance learning modality. There were 82 participants in the online training, composed of 65 teachers from sixteen regions and 17 personnel from the DepEd Central Office.

**TRAINING**

**Professional Development Modules on Building Assessment Competence for Regional, Division, and District Supervisors**

September 2020

Six professional development modules were developed and delivered by the ACTRP to support the DepEd National Capital Region (NCR) in improving the assessment competence of their supervisors. The modules were meant to build the supervisors' capacity



The ACTRP conducted online training sessions which delivered its professional development modules on building assessment competence to schools supervisors of the DepEd NCR. PHOTO COURTESY OF LALAINE BAGUI



One of the multimedia learning resources (MMLRs) that the ACTRP was able to develop is a six-minute video that explains the Continental Drift Theory and evidence that support it to Grade 10 Science learners 📸 SCREENSHOT FROM THE ACTRC WEBSITE

to shift assessment from simply giving tests and grades to a process that would help learners and allow teachers to use assessment to improve learning. The professional development activity was completed in three weeks, with more than 300 participants attending every session. This initiative was conducted in partnership with the Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP).

#### MEETINGS

### Stakeholders' Consultation Meetings for the Feasibility Study on Micro-certification for the ALS

September to October 2020

The ACTRP, in collaboration with the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), the DepEd-ALS Task Force, and the ARC of the University of Melbourne, held ten virtual consultation meetings with various stakeholders, agencies, and organizations to explore the applicability and feasibility of micro-certification for the Alternative Learning System in the Philippines. Through these meetings, the project team was able to gather ideas for the pilot study, including a proposal to certify life skills of ALS learners and identification of potential challenges in implementing a micro-certification system for the ALS.

#### FORUM

### Stakeholder Forum for the Baseline Study on Language Match and Teacher Assignment in the BARMM

November 9, 2020

The ACTRP held an online stakeholder forum to present the initial results of and gather expert advice for its Baseline Study on Language Match and Teacher Assignment in the BARMM. The study investigates the language match and teacher assignment aspects of the Mother Tongue-Based Multilingual Education (MTB-MLE) as implemented in the nine schools division offices of the BARMM. Language education and research experts from various organizations offered their comments and suggestions to improve the study. National, regional, and division officials from the DepEd and BARMM's Ministry of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education also shared their thoughts on and realizations from the study.

#### ORIENTATION

### Developing Support Materials for Self-Learning Module Writers

December 16, 2020

The ACTRP has started developing a guide for self-learning module (SLM) writers that will be released

in parts to assist the DepEd in enhancing teachers' ability to write formative assessment items and tasks. The learning resource produced by the ACTRP, titled "How to Enhance Formative Assessment in Self-Learning Modules: A Guide for Writers" has three parts: Fundamentals, Formative Assessment Basics, and Advanced Formative Assessment. The orientation for the first part (Fundamentals) was conducted for 8,047 DepEd participants, 720 of which are SLM writers.

## Outputs from July to December 2020

### Publications for the DepEd

- *Narrative and Production Scripts for Multimedia Learning Resources (MMLRs) of the Department of Education*
- *How to Enhance Formative Assessment in Self-Learning Modules: A Guide for Writers (Part I: Fundamentals)*

### Multimedia Learning Resources

- "Ang Aking Komunidad" (Araling Panlipunan Grade 2)
- "Reading Images" (English Grade 6)
- "Continental Drift Theory" (Science Grade 10)

## Upcoming Activities and Outputs for 2021

### Feasibility Study on Micro-certification for the ALS

Three (3) workshops will be conducted from February to March 2021 for the development of the assessment framework to measure two capabilities of ALS learners, namely communication skills and teamwork and cooperation. Orientation and training sessions, scheduled in March, will inform ALS focal persons, district supervisors, and mobile teachers about the objectives and methodology of the pilot study. They will

also be trained on how to use the assessment materials related to the two capabilities that will be assessed.

Pilot study data will be collected from four regions (NCR, Region IV-A, Region XI, and Region XII) in April 2021, while post-pilot consultation meetings with different stakeholder groups will be held in June 2021.

### Technical Assistance to the DepEd

Based on the review of the intended, implemented, tested, and attained K to 12 curriculum, the ACTRP will submit the recommendations for the enhancement of the curriculum and provide technical assistance to the DepEd.

### COVID-19 Response Project on Enhancing Formative Assessment in Self-Learning Modules

The training modules and workshops on Formative Assessment Basics and Advanced Formative Assessment will be offered in April and May of 2021.

### Baseline Study on Language Match and Teacher Assignment in the BARMM

With the finalization and acceptance of the Baseline Study on Language Match and Teacher Assignment in the BARMM, the researchers will present the detailed findings and recommendations for the implementation of the MTB-MLE in the region to officials of the BARMM Ministry of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education.

### Assessment Professional Development for DepEd Junior High School Teachers and Supervisors

Based on its research on formative assessment, the ACTRP will conduct training on building assessment competence for junior high school teachers and supervisors as part of the DepEd's interventions in view of the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) 2022.

## EDUCATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING CLUSTER

# Program on Data Science for Public Policy

The **Program on Data Science for Public Policy (DSPP)** has three objectives. The first is to build the capacity of University of the Philippines (UP) faculty in data science towards application in public policy and governance. The second is to engage a community of researchers within the university and encourage the pursuit of interdisciplinary problem-oriented research using high-level quantitative analyses. The final objective is to convene multidisciplinary teams of social scientists, humanists, and natural scientists to conduct research on issues in the public sector.

Despite the continuing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Program was able to continue its research activities and pursue opportunities for capacity building. The DSPP continued its engagement with the UP Data Science Working Group which proceeded with its review of data science degree program proposals from various UP constituent universities (CUs). Executive-level meetings were also held in order to map all the University's data science activities. The working group also serves as an avenue for updates on recent advancements in technology and on the various COVID-19-related efforts of the UP CUs. The Program likewise continued its involvement in the Data Science Para sa Bayan (DSPB) initiative.

## Program Organizational Structure

<b>Convenor</b>	Jalton G. Taguibao, Ph.D. (Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, College of Social Sciences and Philosophy, UP Diliman)
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<b>Senior Project Assistant</b>	Julius Paolo C. Basa

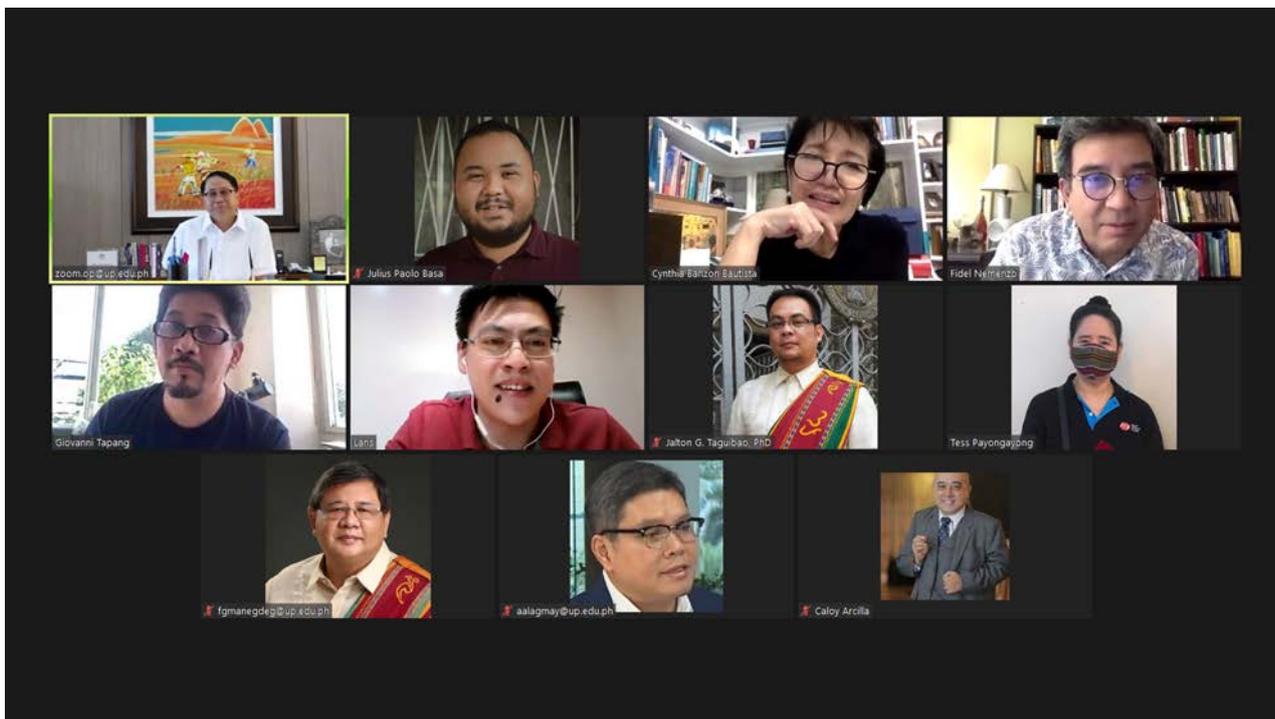
## Activities from July to December 2020

### MEETINGS

#### UP Data Science Working Group Meetings

July 13 and 31, August 14 and 27,  
September 15 and 29, and October 21, 2020

The DSPP continued to convene the UP Data Science Working Group and participated in the continued review of the data science degree program proposals from UP constituent universities. These include the Ph.D. in Data Science in UP Diliman (College of Science, School



The UP Data Science Working Group meets to discuss efforts towards strengthening the data science capabilities of UP's researchers and scientists and to review proposals for establishing data science degree programs in UP constituent universities PHOTO COURTESY OF JULIUS BASA

of Statistics, and College of Engineering), MS in Data Science for Development in UP Open University, Ph.D. and MS in Bioinformatics by the UP Diliman College of Science and the Philippine Genome Center, and BS in Data Science in UP Mindanao.

#### MEETING

### Data Science Para sa Bayan Meeting

October 30, 2020

The DSPP continued its partnership with the UP CIDS Program on Escaping the Middle Income Trap: Chains for Change (EMIT C4C) for the Data Science Para sa Bayan (DSPB) initiative. Despite the pandemic, the initiative moved forward with its activities supporting evidence-based decision-making through data analytics, including the implementation of the BayAni Kita App together with the Department of Agriculture.

#### TRAINING

### Digital Citizen Science Training Program

November to December 2020

The pilot of the Digital Citizen Science Training Program was conducted in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) from November to December 2020. This program is a joint initiative of the

UP Mindanao Department of Mathematics, Physics, and Computer Science, the UP CIDS DSPP and EMIT C4C, the Institute of Peace and Development in Mindanao of the Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT), the DSPB Initiative, the Community Wireless and Power Corporation, and the Partnership Resource Center of the Rotterdam School of Management. An online workshop was conducted to identify the skills gap and other needs of students and provide an overview of the current landscape of digital technology and of the labor market from the perspective of industry players.

#### MEETING

### Executive-Level UP Data Science Working Group Meeting

November 24, 2020

UP President Danilo L. Concepcion called for a meeting with academic heads and executive-level stakeholders of the UP Data Science Working Group to map the University's future plans in boosting its information infrastructure for the big data computing needs of its researchers and scientists. This meeting laid out the plans to integrate efforts towards strengthening data science capabilities and setting up of facilities and supercomputers to cater to fields of data science such as big data analytics and cloud computing.

## PARTICIPATION IN WEBINAR

### Rethinking the Transformations in Public Policy and Governance in the Next Normal

November 27, 2020

This webinar series is organized by the Philippine Public Policy Network (PPPN), with the DSPP providing logistical support for the first webinar. The series seeks to bring together international and local policy experts and practitioners to discuss lessons on the management of the COVID-19 pandemic and their impacts for the “next normal” in public policy and governance. The first webinar highlighted international, national, and local policy responses to challenges posed by the pandemic and identify implications for the study and practice of public policy.

### Outputs from July to December 2020

#### Released Publication

##### Proceedings

- Proceedings of the Workshop on Closing the Digital Skills Gap in the Philippines

#### Forthcoming Publications

##### Policy Brief

- “The Role of Data in the Post-Pandemic World”

##### Proceedings

- Proceedings of the Brown Bag Lecture on Geospatial Information in Disaster Resilience

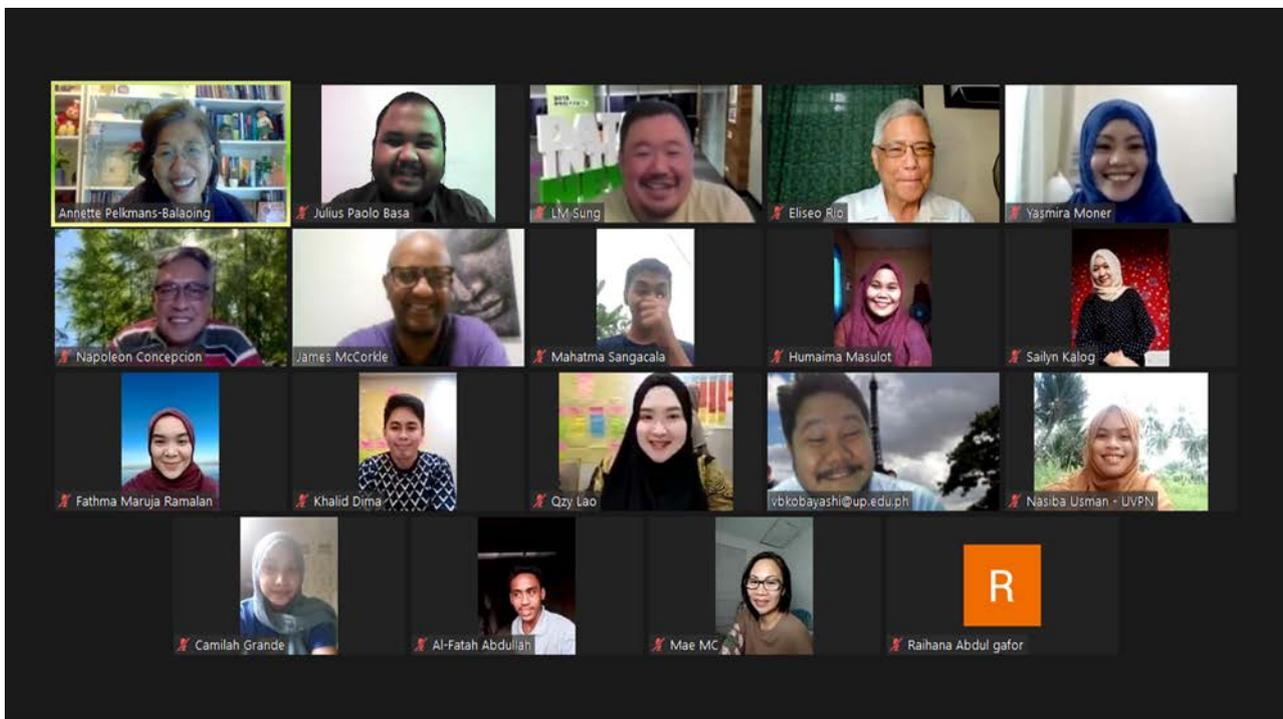
### Upcoming Activities and Outputs for 2021

#### Roundtable Discussion

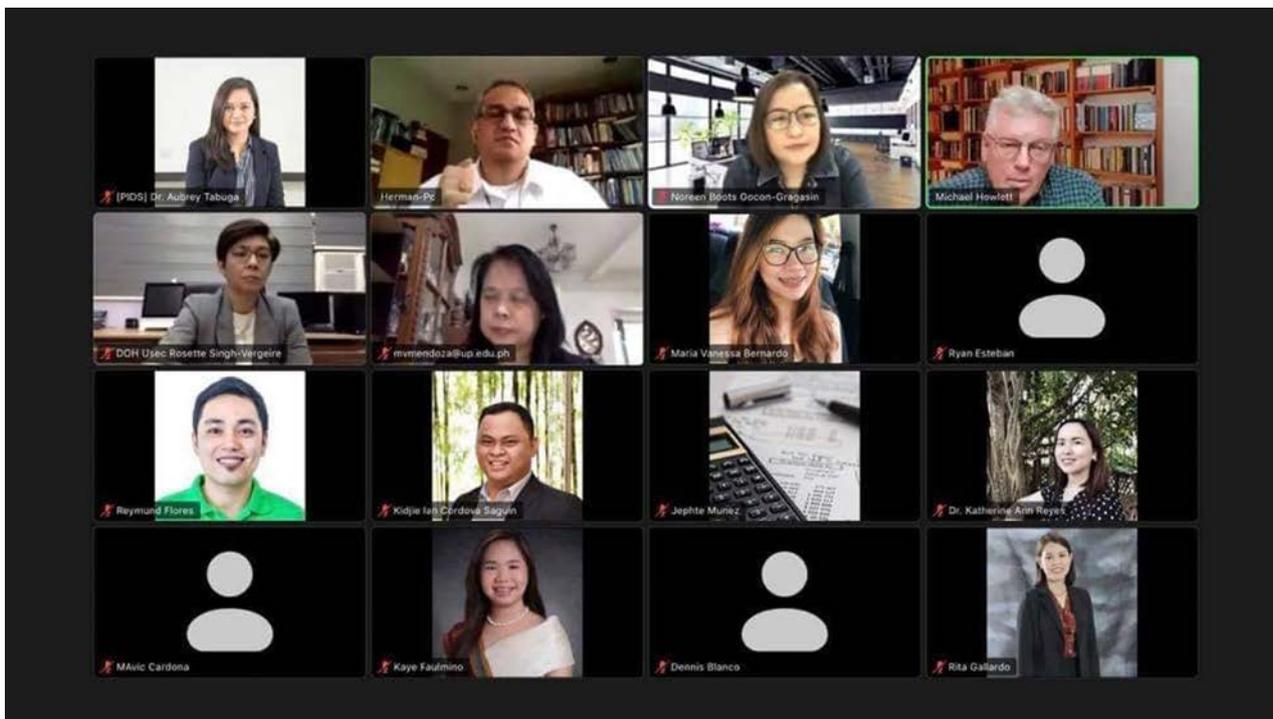
The general objectives of this roundtable discussion is to assess the state of pandemic-related data and information systems; to examine the generation, processing, and dissemination of official data and national statistics; and to recommend policy directions and research agenda to address problems, issues, and gaps in upstream and downstream data management.

#### Digital Citizen Science Training Program

Digital technology is bringing about countless opportunities for collaboration, especially in the way knowledge is created, shared, and acted upon. It is



The five-week pilot of the Digital Citizen Science Training Program in the BARMM was capped off by a culminating activity held last December 19, 2020. PHOTO COURTESY OF JULIUS BASA



The DSPP assisted the Philippine Public Policy Network in the conduct of one of its webinars on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on public policy and governance PHOTO COURTESY OF THE PHILIPPINE PUBLIC POLICY NETWORK

opening up the path towards inclusive science. Digital citizen science offers a low-cost way to strengthen the scientific infrastructure and engage members of the public in science.

The broad objective of the Digital Citizen Science Training Program is to stimulate the partnership of various societal actors—policymakers, business, the academe, and communities—in order to jointly address the complex and systemic challenges facing our world today. It aims to build the skills of young citizen scientists, both to catalyze positive change in

their respective communities, and to prepare them for productive employment.

### Capacity Building Initiative

The DSPP will conduct at least one (1) training session on data science methods and tools in 2021.

### Outputs

- Policy briefs
- Discussion papers
- Lecture proceedings

DEVELOPMENT CLUSTER

# Program on Escaping the Middle-Income Trap: Chains for Change

The **Program on Escaping the Middle-Income Trap: Chains for Change (EMIT C4C)** examines inclusiveness and competitiveness in its research and societal efforts. It undertakes three projects through *inclusive science*: big data analytics on manufacturing and exports, action research on agriculture and fisheries value chains, and action research on business for peace. Inclusive science provides learning and partnering spaces for the academe, government, civil society, and the private sector to share lessons from development efforts.

From July to December 2020, the EMIT C4C recalibrated its research projects given restrictions due the COVID-19 pandemic. In consultation with its key partners, the Program refocused its efforts mainly to the creation of a data lake for evidence-based decision-making and to the writing of policy blogs on various development issues that were surfaced by the pandemic.

## Program Organizational Structure

<b>Convenor</b>	Karl Robert L. Jandoc, Ph.D. (Assistant Professor, School of Economics, UP Diliman) (until September 2020)
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<b>Co-convenor</b>	Annette O. Balaoing-Pelkmans, Ph.D. (Senior Research Associate, Partnerships Resource Center, Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University Rotterdam)
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<b>Senior Research Analyst</b>	Jane Lynn D. Capacio
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<b>Junior Research Analyst</b>	Adrian R. Mendoza, Ph.D.
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<b>Junior Research Associate</b>	Tara Alessandra S. Abrina
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<b>Administrative/ Finance Officer</b>	Rio Marie O. Delgado
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## Activities from July to December 2020

### DISCUSSION

**COVID-19 and Its Effects on the BARMM**  
September 24, 2020

The EMIT C4C, the Hineleban Foundation, and the Dutch Embassy in Manila organized a discussion on the extent

of the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects on livelihood, peace, and other aspects of life in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM). The EMIT C4C's partners for its Business for Peace project served as resource persons.

## TRAINING

### Digital Citizen Science Training Program

November to December 2020

In partnership with UP Mindanao, the Hineleban Foundation, the Dutch Embassy in Manila, the UP CIDS DSPP, and other stakeholders, the EMIT C4C conducted an online training for enumerators who will conduct baseline surveys in the BARMM. This equipped young local stakeholders skills in gathering data through "citizen science." It also provided an opportunity for academics and the private sector to contribute to the enhancement of the enumerators' competencies.

## VALIDATION

### Validation of Action Research Findings

December 16, 2020

The EMIT C4C and Jollibee Group Foundation (JGF) hosted an online session to validate findings of the research on the Farmer Entrepreneurship Program. It

also served as a brainstorming activity on the study's recommendations. The Sustainability Team of Jollibee Foods Corporation and JGF representatives participated in the activity.

## Outputs from July to December 2020

### Released Publications

#### Discussion Paper

- "Going Against the Tide: The Middelven Magna Trade Inc.-Mahusay Case Study" (Author: Tara S. Abrina)

#### Monographs

- *Going Against the Grain: The Unifrutti Transformational Business Partnership Model* (Author: Annette Balaoing-Pelkmans)
- *Competition Policy and Inclusion in the Philippines* (Authors: Raul V. Fabella, Senen C. Bacani, and Andre Palacios)

### Forthcoming Publications

#### Discussion Paper

- "'De-Chinafication' of Global Value Chains in the Post-Pandemic World" (Author: Adrian R. Mendoza)



EMIT C4C was one of the co-organizers of the Digital Citizen Science Training Program which aims to equip young local stakeholders in the BARMM in research through "citizen science" PHOTO COURTESY OF DR. ANNETTE O. BALAOING-PELKMANS



Value chains in fisheries, such as of squids from Masbate, are one of the newer topics explored by the EMIT C4C's action research on inclusive value chains 📷 PHOTO BY TARA ABRINA

### Monograph

- *Going Against the Grain: A Case Study of the Jollibee Group Foundation's Farmer Entrepreneurship Program* (Author: Jane Lynn D. Capacio)

### Upcoming Activities and Outputs for 2021

The EMIT C4C will continue its efforts to publish the findings from its past and ongoing research projects and to work with its partners in the development of knowledge products. Efforts will also be made to put into place organizational structures for the data lake initiative and to engage with other partners on potential action research initiatives.

The Program intends to finalize its case study on Kapunungan sa Gagmay'ng Mangingisda sa Concepcion (KGMC) and to present the findings to KGMC and the Peace and Equity Foundation (PEF) in March 2021. It also intends to hold an online discussion and presentation of new action research findings to various partners including farmers and fisherfolks organizations, local governments, and private foundations by May 2021. The EMIT C4C also plans to hold a forum on manufacturing, decent work, and disruptions brought about by the pandemic which is tentatively scheduled in June 2021.

Moreover, the Program intends to submit two articles to the *Philippine Journal of Public Policy* (PJPP) and a monograph based on the KGMC case study.

DEVELOPMENT CLUSTER

# Political Economy Program

The **Political Economy Program (PEP)** seeks to advance innovation-driven and equitable development through the conduct of problem-solving research on development policies and practice; the promotion of collaboration among the academe, government, industry, and other stakeholders in pursuit of inclusive technology and sustainable industrial policy; and the popularization of the political economy framework in the national conversation on policy options.

In order to gain a deeper understanding of the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on Philippine economy and society, the PEP launched four research projects focusing on vulnerable sectors. These projects offer policy recommendations for both short- and long-term recovery.

In addition to its research projects, the PEP continued its engagement with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), and other stakeholders for the Fifteenth Session of the UNCTAD (UNCTAD XV), which was rescheduled to October 2021. It also participated in a preparatory forum that tackled the pandemic's impact to global trade and development and to the reframing of the UNCTAD negotiations.

## Program Organizational Structure

<b>Convenor</b>	Antoinette R. Raquiza, Ph.D. (Associate Professor, Asian Center, UP Diliman)
<b>Project Leaders</b>	Darlene Dolly Alegado-Cruz Menandro S. Berana, D.Eng. Emily Christi A. Cabegin, Ph.D. Rolando Ramon C. Diaz
<b>Senior Project Associate</b>	Mary Josephine M. Bautista

## Research Projects

### Rebuilding Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the Time of the Pandemic and Beyond

Led by Prof. Rolando Ramon Diaz of the UP Institute for Small-Scale Industries (UP ISSI), this project focuses on the impact of the pandemic on micro, small, and medium enterprises, which compose 99.5% of all business establishments in the country and were among the most affected sectors. It looks into the disruptions to the sector, including financial losses

and operational challenges, and measures for both immediate assistance and long-term recovery. These include improvements to existing financial assistance initiatives and regulatory frameworks and the creation of an enabling environment for innovation of business models.

### Policy Reforms in Social Protection and Labor Market Systems Beyond COVID-19

This project led by Dr. Emily Christi Cabegin of the UP School of Labor and Industrial Relations (UP SOLAIR) focuses on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on informal sector workers. It examines and identifies gaps in existing social protection programs, which are largely limited to regular employment in the formal sector, and proposes more inclusive long-term measures. These cover improvements on programs on social assistance and insurance, capacity building, and the labor market.

### Enabling Philippine Agriculture to Address Pandemics

Led by Darlene Dolly Alegado-Cruz, this project focuses on the impact of the pandemic on Philippine agriculture. It also examines measures undertaken by other similarly-impacted developing countries. The study's

recommendations cover improvements to the movement of agricultural commodities, support for small producers and agro-enterprises, and development of the sector to become more resilient to disruptions.

### Waste Heat as a Clean Thermal Renewable Energy for Distributed Energy Production and Local Development in the Philippines

This project led by Dr. Menandro Berana of the UP Department of Mechanical Engineering reviews existing policies on the utilization of waste heat from industrial processes. It gives recommendations on using waste heat as a renewable energy resource for local communities.

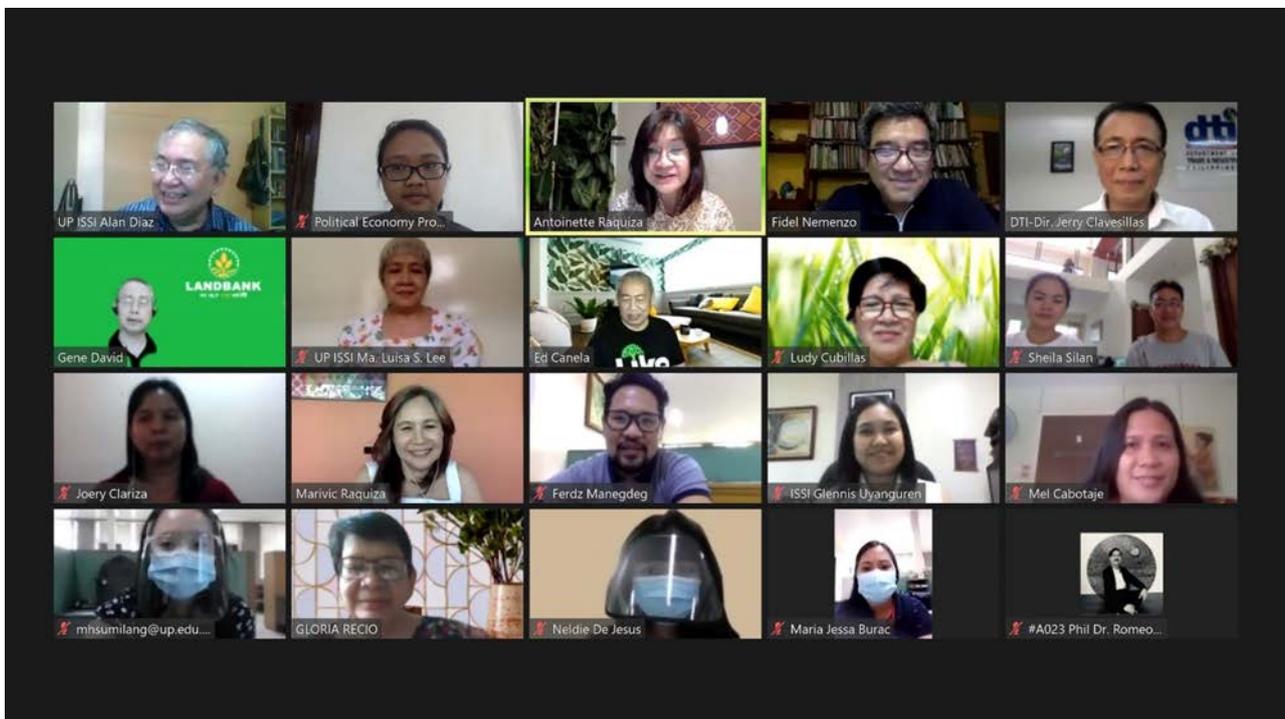
### Activities from July to December 2020

#### INTERNSHIP

#### Hosting of Interns from the UP National College of Public Administration and Governance

July 3 to August 7, 2020

The PEP hosted four student interns from the UP National College of Public Administration and Governance (UP



The PEP continues its efforts to bring together stakeholders from various sectors to examine and give recommendations on the development of domestic industries via online platforms PHOTO COURTESY OF THE UP CIDS POLITICAL ECONOMY PROGRAM



The PEP will continue its engagement with the government, academe, industry, and civil society in view of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) XV to be held in Barbados in 2021 PHOTO FROM THE UNCTAD WEBSITE

NCPAG), each of whom were assigned to a research project focusing on one of the following sectors: health, MSMEs, energy, and agriculture. During this time, the interns assisted with online data-gathering on the impact of COVID-19 on various sectors.

#### MEETING

### Meeting with UP Diliman Units on Possible Collaborations in Science and Technology

July 21, 2020

The PEP organized a meeting with UP Diliman (UPD) units involved in research and development (R&D) on industrial policy, namely the Office of the Chancellor, the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Development, the UP College of Engineering, and the UPD Technology Transfer and Business Development Office. The participants explored ways to promote information-sharing and collaboration on R&D initiatives.

#### PARTICIPATION IN MEETING

### Think Tanks Online Regional Meeting

July 30, 2020

PEP Convenor Dr. Antoinette R. Raquiza joined the Think Tanks Online Regional Meeting organized by the China Center for International Economic Exchanges (CCIEE).

The meeting was attended by experts from Southeast Asia and covered topics such as the economic situation in Southeast Asia; regional cooperation; adjustments of supply, value, and industrial chains; and the Belt and Road Initiative during and after COVID-19.

#### PRESENTATION

### Roundtable Discussion on the Current State of Hybrid-Electric Vessels in the Philippines

September 18, 2020

PEP Convenor Dr. Antoinette R. Raquiza delivered a presentation titled "Promoting the Maritime Industry from a Policy Perspective" at an online roundtable discussion on the current state of hybrid-electric vessels in the country. The activity was hosted by the UP Diliman Department of Mechanical Engineering and covered government policies and regulations, the experiences of local stakeholders, and policy-making roadmaps for the industry.

#### PARTICIPATION IN FORUM

### Trade, COVID-19, and Global Health

October 8, 2020

The PEP participated in this preparatory forum organized by Trade Justice Pilipinas which served as a venue for

members of the academe and civil society to jointly identify and discuss priority local and global trade and development issues in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. These will then be forwarded to the DFA as inputs to the Philippine position for the UNCTAD XV.

## ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

### Rebuilding MSMEs in the Time of the Pandemic

November 19, 2020

The PEP, in collaboration with the UP ISSI, held an online roundtable discussion on existing and proposed initiatives to assist MSMEs in recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic. Officials from government agencies such as the Department of Trade and Industry's Bureau of Small and Medium Enterprise Development, the Department of Science and Technology, and the Land Bank of the Philippines discussed the services that aim to help MSMEs. Small business owners also shared their issues and concerns. The working paper on a proposed recovery plan for the MSME sector by PEP Project Leader Prof. Rolando Ramon C. Diaz was also presented in order to solicit feedback from the study's stakeholders.

## Outputs from July to December 2020

### Released Publications

#### Discussion Papers

- "Resource-based Conflicts and the Politics of Identity in Eastern Mindanao" (Author: Francisco J. Lara, Jr.)
- "The Paradox of Multilateralism Today: Opportunity Amidst Crisis" (Author: Miguel R. Bautista)

#### Commentary

- "The risk of a face-to-face economy (Author: Antoinette R. Raquiza), *Philippine Daily Inquirer*, September 6, 2020

## Forthcoming Publication

### Discussion Paper

- "Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprise (MSME) Sector Financing: Issues and Challenges" (Author: Ma. Victoria R. Raquiza)

## Upcoming Activities and Outputs for 2021

### Projects and Activities

For 2021, the PEP plans to continue its focus on Philippine industrial policy and on identifying how the University's research and scientific expertise can contribute to addressing development needs. The Program hopes to broaden its research and strengthen its linkages on the sectors of public transportation, the shipbuilding industry, green technology, and MSMEs. The PEP will engage and solicit inputs from stakeholders through online roundtable discussions and policy dialogues.

### Outputs

In 2021, policy briefs and/or discussion papers will be produced as outputs of the following 2020 projects:

- "Rebuilding MSMEs in the Time of the Pandemic and Beyond" (Rolando Ramon C. Diaz)
- "Policy Reforms in Social Protection and Labor Market Systems Beyond COVID-19" (Emily Christi A. Cabegin, Ph.D.)
- "Waste Heat as a Clean Thermal Renewable Energy for Distributed Energy Production and Local Development" (Menandro S. Berana, D.Eng.)
- "Enabling Philippine Agriculture to Address Pandemics" (Darlene Dolly Alegado-Cruz)
- "The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development" (Miguel R. Bautista)

DEVELOPMENT CLUSTER

# Program on Alternative Development

The **Program on Alternative Development (AltDev)** seeks to look at paradigms, policies, practices, and projects that are largely marginalized and excluded from the mainstream. As these challenge dominant modes, they do not figure prominently in national and international discourse. Moreover, the Program aims to bring these alternatives from the margins into the mainstream and level the playing field so that these may be regarded on equal footing with dominant discourses and thus offer alternatives to the existing system.

Despite constraints and limitations brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, the AltDev remained steadfast in documenting and mainstreaming alternative development practices into the forefront of development discourse and policymaking. In response to the pandemic, the Program shifted its main activities online and recalibrated its targets.

Participatory research and engagement with AltDev's grassroots and community partners were conducted through remote means of communication, such as video and phone calls, online chat groups, and email. *Kumustahan* or catch-up sessions were also conducted to check both on the situation of partners and to track the progress of the participatory

documentation projects. Moreover, the AltDev's initiative on documenting alternative practices during the time of the COVID-19 pandemic has received support from international institutions and civil society organizations.

## Program Organizational Structure

<b>Convener</b>	Eduardo C. Tadem, Ph.D. (University of the Philippines)
<b>Co-convener</b>	Karl Arvin F. Hapal (Assistant Professor, College of Social Work and Community Development, UP Diliman)
<b>Project Leader</b>	Venarica B. Papa
<b>Junior Research Analysts</b>	Ananeza P. Aban Honey B. Tabiola Jose Monfred C. Sy ( <i>July 2020</i> ) Rafael Vicente V. Dimalanta ( <i>October to December 2020</i> )
<b>Senior Project Assistant</b>	Nathaniel P. Candelaria ( <i>July to August 2020</i> ) Micah Hanah S. Orlino ( <i>October to December 2020</i> )

## UNESCO Project on Knowledge Mobilization and Intercultural Dialogue

<b>Project Manager</b>	Maris de la Cruz Cardenas
<b>Project Associate</b>	Rhodia Viajar
<b>Field Coordinator</b>	Norman King
<b>Consultant on Gender Concerns</b>	Ana Maria Nemenzo
<b>Consultant on Indigenous Peoples' Concerns</b>	Venarica Papa

## Research Projects

### Project on Alternative Practices in Southeast Asia

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the documentation of additional case studies of alternative practices in Southeast Asia has been limited to virtual engagement with partner organizations. The third annual conference on alternative regionalism scheduled in 2020 was cancelled. Nevertheless, AltDev researchers were able to focus their energies on completing their case studies

leading to major headways in publication. International solidarity across grassroots communities in Southeast Asia continues and even intensifies as the AltDev became the core organizer of the Convergence Space on Alternative Regionalism in the ASEAN Peoples' Forum (APF) 2020 that was hosted by the Vietnam National Organizing Committee.

### Knowledge Mobilization and Intercultural Dialogue Promoting Gender Equality and Women Empowerment in Pastolan and Magbukun Ayta Villages in Bataan, Philippines

This project aims to identify appropriate interventions in Pastolan and Magbukun Ayta communities towards the realization of sustainable, inclusive, and equitable development. In particular, the project seeks to document experiences and practices of partner communities through intercultural dialogue, leading to the institutionalization of good practices and the crafting of appropriate policies and programs that promote gender equality and empowerment of the community. Despite bureaucratic difficulties in transferring funds to project partners and the limited mobility of project implementers due to the community quarantine, this project has been completed within the year.



Members of the women's social enterprise Igting, one of the partners of the AltDev, produce washable face masks as a way to continue their livelihood during the pandemic. PHOTO COURTESY OF MAIGTING NA SAMAHAN NG MGA PANLIPUNANG NEGOSYANTE NG TOWERVILLE, INC. (IGTING)



The Konfederasi Pergerakan Rakyat Indonesia (KPRI), a confederation of civil society organizations in Indonesia, protests against the neoliberal policies being railroaded in the country's Omnibus Law PHOTO COURTESY OF KPRI

### COVID-19 Watch and Documentation Activities

The AltDev has focused on examining the impact of the COVID-19 health crisis on marginalized sectors and communities and on documenting their alternative practices in confronting the pandemic. The Program's work was boosted by funding from various external organizations. This enabled the Program to intensify its research work and its dissemination through a social media project called "Lawan: Alternative Grassroots Narratives in Southeast Asia," a webinar series, and media coverage. "Lawan" showcases content which are conceptualized and co-produced by grassroots partners themselves.

### Activities from July to December 2020

#### INTERNSHIP

#### Hosting of Interns from the UP National College of Public Administration and Governance

July 3 to August 7, 2020

The AltDev hosted two interns from the UP National College of Public Administration and Governance (UP NCPAG) who were acquainted with the nature

and demands of work in a government agency and provided practical work experience as an application of their courses. The interns helped the Program in the transcription, processing, and analysis of data from its research projects and activities.

#### PRESENTATION

#### 'Til Debt Do Us Part:

#### Deaths and Debts in the Time of COVID

July 17, 2020

AltDev Convenor Dr. Eduardo C. Tadem delivered a presentation in the webinar "'Til Debt Do Us Part: Deaths and Debts in the Time of COVID." Part of a webinar series on economic justice organized by the Freedom from Debt Coalition (FDC), the event discussed the massive borrowings of the Duterte administration amid the COVID-19 pandemic and its implications for the Philippines' development trajectory.

#### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

#### The COVID Pandemic in the Philippines and Preventing Economic Collapse

July 26, 2020

AltDev Convenor Dr. Eduardo C. Tadem served as a discussant for a lecture by Dr. Joseph Anthony Y. Lim,



Ayta Mag-indi women foraging in their ancestral land in Porac, Pampanga PHOTO COURTESY OF THE AYTA MAG-INDI COMMUNITY IN PORAC, PAMPANGA

Professor at the Department of Economics of the Ateneo de Manila University, on the state of the Philippine economy in the time of a pandemic. In his discussion, Dr. Tadem argued that the pandemic exacerbated the fault lines of the dominant neoliberal paradigm which have been in place in the country for a very long time.

#### PRESENTATION

### **Economic Prescriptions and Transformative Solutions: Alternatives for Stimulus While Fighting the Virus**

August 7, 2020

AltDev Convenor Dr. Eduardo C. Tadem delivered a presentation at a webinar which discussed alternative solutions for stimulating the Philippine economy to address the crisis brought about by COVID-19 pandemic. The webinar was organized as part of the FDC's webinar series on economic development amid the pandemic.

#### WEBINAR

### **Mindanao: Fractured Promises, Continuing Challenges**

August 26 and September 2, 2020

This webinar series aimed to harness the researches of the various UP CIDS programs conducting policy-oriented studies to examine issues and concerns that

define Mindanao's complex problems and arrive at recommendations addressed to the country's decision-makers and other stakeholders. The first webinar focused on education issues in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), while the second centered around historical and socio-political issues such as moral governance, Philippine Muslim history, and Islamic finance. The webinar series was co-organized by seven UP CIDS research programs.

#### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

### **Shaping Filipino Foreign Policy**

September 3, 2020

AltDev Convenor Dr. Eduardo C. Tadem spoke at the webinar "Shaping Filipino Foreign Policy" organized by the In Defense of Human Rights and Dignity Movement (iDEFEND). The webinar featured analyses of some of the pronouncements of the Duterte administration regarding Philippine foreign policy, such as the current administration's pivot to China and on territorial disputes between the Philippines and China. It also highlighted the need for international cooperation in addressing the COVID-19 health crisis. Atty. Corazon Valdez Fabros of the International Peace Bureau, Atty. Virginia Lacsua-Suarez of Kilusan, and Prof. Walden F. Bello of Laban ng Masa and the State University of New York at Binghamton also served as speakers.

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

### What's Wrong with Oligarchies?

September 10, 2020

Organized by the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Philippines Office, the online roundtable discussion centered on oligarchies and their impact on the Philippines' political and economic trajectory. Dr. Raul V. Fabella, Professor Emeritus at the UP School of Economics, and Dr. Julio C. Teehankee, Professor of Political Science and International Studies at the De La Salle University, discussed the concept of oligarchy and the rise and fall of political families in the Philippines, respectively. As one of the discussants, AltDev Convenor Dr. Eduardo C. Tadem offered insights on the two presentations. Other discussants include analysts, academics, and representatives from business groups.

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

### Marxism and the "Disappearing" Peasantry

September 12, 2020

Organized by Marx School Sri Lanka, AltDev Convenor Dr. Eduardo C. Tadem delivered a public lecture titled "Marxism and the 'Disappearing' Peasantry." Dr. Tadem claimed that the prediction of the disappearance of the peasantry amid capitalist development is premature.

Further, he offered an explanation for the resilience of the peasantry by analyzing the nature of peasant societies and the processes shaping agrarian/rural change. This was an iteration of Dr. Tadem's 2018 lecture for the AltDev's Marx Bicentennial Lecture Series.

## PARTICIPATION IN ONLINE WORKSHOP

### Horizon Online

September 26, 2020

Upon invitation, the AltDev contributed to the discussion on recalibrating the engagement strategy of the 11.11.11, Coalition of the North-South Flemish Movement in Brussels, which combines the efforts of about 60 organizations to achieve a common goal toward a fair world without poverty.

## PARTICIPATION IN ONLINE WORKSHOP

### Meeting of International Council of the World Social Forum

September 26 to 27, 2020

The workshop is the second extended meeting of the International Council of the World Social Forum (WSF) attended by international alter-global movements, organizations, and networks. It served as a platform for dialogue about the serious challenges faced by the



Practicing physical distancing and health protocols, Lumad students protest against Lumad killings, closure of Lumad schools, and encroachment of their ancestral lands. PHOTO COURTESY OF SAVE OUR SCHOOLS NETWORK

world, as well as the importance of concerted action in addressing these. Some of these complex challenges are worsening inequalities; structural violence against women, youth, and children; racism; and socio-environmental crises. Some of the initiatives proposed are developing international solidarity with various oppressed peoples and generating spaces for building collective knowledge. AltDev Convenor Dr. Eduardo C. Tadem contributed to the discussions.

#### PARTICIPATION IN WEBINAR

### Grassroots Initiatives in the Midst of a Global Pandemic

September 30, 2020

This webinar was organized by the Tifa Foundation, an organization based in Indonesia that promotes the creation of an open society through cooperation on strategic issues with various civil society organizations both at the national and local levels. AltDev Junior Research Analyst Ananeza P. Aban discussed the struggles and remarkable work of the Back Pack Health Worker Team, Mae Tao Clinic, Bakwit School, Homenet Southeast Asia, KPRI, and Igting in mitigating the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The presentation was an output from the AltDev’s Project on Alternative Practices in Southeast Asia and COVID-19 Watch.

#### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

### Edge Session 2: Exploring the Role of AltDev in Responding to Systemic Challenges

October 1, 2020

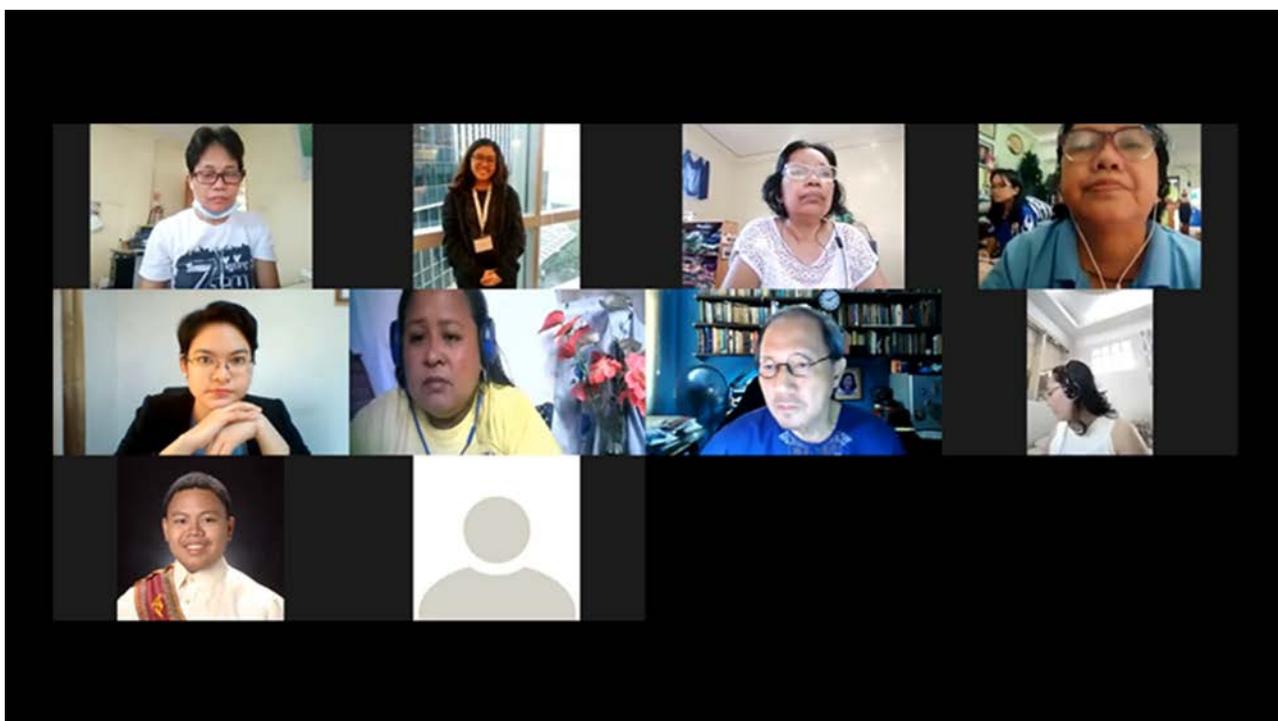
The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) invited the AltDev to discuss the concept of alternative development in its activity called “Edge Track.” Edge Track is a conversation space that seeks to learn from practitioners the plurality of systems in some of the most complicated and less documented contexts while understanding its implications in informing systems directions, particularly from policy to practice. AltDev Co-Convenor Asst. Prof. Karl Hapal delivered a presentation in the second session in the four-part activity.

#### PAPER PRESENTATION

### Philippine Queer Studies Conference 2020

October 26 to 28, 2020

Organized by the UP Center for Women’s and Gender Studies (UP CWGS), UP Babaylan, and the Psychological Association of the Philippines (PAP) LGBT Psychology Special Interest Group, this is the first national lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex (LGBTQI) research conference in the Philippines. AltDev Junior Research Analyst Jose Monfred C. Sy presented the



The AltDev together with representatives from partner organizations during the press briefing on the results and recommendations of the UP CIDS AltDev-UNESCO study on marginalized societies in the time of pandemic PHOTO COURTESY OF MICAH ORLINO

paper “Queering Solidarity: Civil Society at the Fringes of ASEAN Regionalism and Alternatives for/from the LGBTQ+” (co-authored with AltDev Junior Research Analyst Ananeza P. Aban), an output from the Project on Alternative Practices in Southeast Asia.

#### CONFERENCE

##### **ASEAN Civil Society Conference/ ASEAN Peoples’ Forum 2020**

November 5 to 7, 2020

Since 2017, the AltDev has always been part of the annual ASEAN Civil Society Conference/ ASEAN Peoples’ Forum (ACSC/APF). With the strong push of the AltDev and civil society organizations in the region, the ACSC/APF has finally decided to create Alternative Regionalism as a Convergence Space in the 2020 conference. The Program co-organized a two-day convergence space to discuss the foundations of alternative regionalism and ways forward. Thereafter, the resolution supporting Alternative Regionalism was reflected in the APF 2020 Conference Statement. The AltDev remains as the Philippine representative to the APF Drafting Committee since 2019, through AltDev Convenor Dr. Eduardo C. Tadem.

#### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

##### **COVID-19 Impact and Grassroots Resilience: Cases of the Philippines and Southeast Asia**

November 29, 2020

The University of Mindanao (UM) invited the AltDev to present the community practices and initiatives across Southeast Asia in the context of the pandemic. AltDev Convenor Dr. Eduardo C. Tadem introduced the Program and the concept of alternative development. The four case studies presented are a women-led community enterprise in a relocation site in Bulacan; the harrowing situation of the Ayta Mag-indi community in Porac, Pampanga; the plight of students and teachers of the Save our Schools Network; and agrarian struggles in Thailand and Timor Leste.

#### PRESS BRIEFING, WEBINAR, AND FORUM

##### **Marginalized Societies and the State in the Time of Pandemic: The Philippine Case**

December 9 and 11, 2020

The outputs and recommendations from the AltDev’s “Marginalized Societies and the State in the Time of

Pandemic: The Philippine Case” research project were presented in a press briefing and public forum held on December 9, 2020. Meanwhile, the “Report to the Government” forum was held on December 11, 2020. Both activities featured representatives from grassroots communities who narrated their experiences, stories of triumph, and ongoing challenges in the context of the current COVID-19 crisis.

#### ONLINE CONFERENCE

##### **Knowledge Learning Market and Policy Engagement Conference 2020**

December 11, 2020

The Knowledge Learning Market and Policy Engagement (KLMPE) Conference is an annual conference participated in by agencies of the United Nations, Philippine government agencies, civil society organizations, and peoples’ organizations, tackling important agrarian issues, particularly the localization of the UN Decade of Family Farming (UNDF) action agenda in the country. Representing the academe, AltDev Junior Research Analyst Honey B. Tabiola delivered a report on the key initiatives and contributions of the AltDev in conducting participatory research and in disseminating findings that could help shape agrarian policies impacting family farmers and indigenous communities. Since 2019, the AltDev has been part of the Technical Working Group of the Agriculture and Rural Development Knowledge and Policy Platform (ARDKPP) which organizes the conference.

## **Outputs from July to December 2020**

### **Released Publications**

#### **Discussion Papers**

- “Queering Solidarity: Civil Society at the Fringes of ASEAN Regionalism and Alternatives for the LGBTQ+” (Authors: Ananeza Aban and Jose Monfred C. Sy)
- “North Korea’s Changing Political Economy and Its Implications” (Author: Andrew Yeo)

#### **Monographs**

- *Social Protection for All Filipinos: Can the Philippine Development Plan 2017–2022 Deliver?* (Authors: Rene E. Ofreneo and Raquel Castillo)

- *Towards a Peoples' Alternative Regionalism: Cases of Alternative Practices in the Philippines* (Editors: Eduardo C. Tadem, Karl Hapal, Venerica B. Papa, Jose Monfred C. Sy, Ananeza Aban, Nathaniel P. Candelaria, and Honey B. Tabiola)
- *Agricultural Modernization in China and the Philippines: Lessons and Implications* (Authors: Aileen S.P. Baviera, Eduardo C. Tadem, and Romeo Royandoyan)
- *Heightened Development and Persistent Distress in Mindanao: A Political Economy Overview* (Author: Eduardo C. Tadem)
- *Solidarity through Cross-Border Regionalism: Alternative Practices across Southeast Asia* (Editors: Eduardo C. Tadem, Karl Hapal, Venerica B. Papa, Jose Monfred C. Sy, Ananeza Aban, Nathaniel P. Candelaria, and Honey B. Tabiola)
- *Critical Thought in Troubled Times: Encounters with Marx* (Editors: Eduardo C. Tadem and Honey B. Tabiola)

#### Proceedings

- Proceedings of the 2nd Southeast Asian Conference on Alternatives ("Building Peoples' Movements in Southeast Asia Towards an Alternative Model of Regionalism")

#### Reports

- "Preliminary Report on Southeast Asian Community and Grassroots Responses in COVID-19 Times" (Authors: Eduardo C. Tadem, Karl Hapal, Venarica B. Papa, Jose Monfred C. Sy, Ananeza Aban, Nathaniel P. Candelaria, and Honey Tabiola)

#### Analyses/Commentaries

- "Why RCEP will not benefit ASEAN" (Author: Eduardo C. Tadem), *Philippine Daily Inquirer*, November 24, 2020
- "Philippine marginalized communities and the state in pandemic times" (Author: Eduardo C. Tadem), *Rappler*, December 16, 2020
- "Recommendations on meeting the marginalized's needs in the pandemic" (Author: Eduardo C. Tadem), *Rappler*, December 18, 2020

#### Forthcoming Publications

##### Monograph

- *Marginalized Societies and the State in the Time of Pandemic: The Philippine Case*

#### Discussion Paper

- "Addressing the 'Blind Side' of the Government's Jeepney 'Modernization' Program" (Author: Teodoro C. Mendoza)

## Upcoming Activities and Outputs for 2021

### Data Gathering on the Labor Movement in the Philippines

In addition to the rich collection of alternative practices, the AltDev will continue its analysis of the issues confronting the labor movement in the Philippines. The Program will be conducting in-depth interviews with key informants on their various struggles. A case to be studied in the project are the experiences of workers in export processing zones in Cebu and Cavite in combining unionism with engagements with global brands in Southeast Asia. The Program will also document the responses of the labor movement to the perennial problem of contractualization and to the impact of the COVID-19 crisis. The case studies will be presented in a webinar and in an online conference.

### Lawan 2021 Social Media Project

With the enthusiasm and warm reception of AltDev's social media project in 2020, the Program hopes to continue using digital platforms via Lawan: Alternative Grassroots Narratives in Southeast Asia to disseminate information and raise awareness on its activities, projects, and outputs. The generation and production of content will still be through a community-led participatory approach where partner communities themselves conceptualize and co-produce audio-visual materials in the form of photo essays and vlogs. While Facebook, Twitter, and Youtube will remain as the primary platforms for Lawan, possible expansion to other platforms will be explored.

### 3rd Southeast Asian Conference on Alternatives

Due to the pandemic, the 3rd Southeast Asian Conference on Alternatives scheduled in 2020 was cancelled. This 2021, the AltDev plans to conduct the conference virtually. The online conference will

present new case studies of alternative practices in the Philippines and in Southeast Asia. It will also have breakout sessions aimed at crafting plans for strengthening linkages among partner communities and for establishing a regional network as anchor of the envisioned alternative model of peoples' integration.

## Outputs

### Book Projects and Chapters

- Alternative practices in Southeast Asia
- Marx Bicentennial lectures
- "Rediscovering the Sacred among Agrarian Societies: The Tara Bandu Case in Timor Leste" (Authors: Ananeza Aban and Uniaun Agrikultor de Ermera), in *Eco-communities: Living Together Differently* (Antipode Book Series, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., forthcoming)

### Discussion Papers

- "Contentious Migrants: Transnational Migrants and the Making of the Filipino Diaspora" (Author: Sharon M. Quinsaat)
- "Community Governance Based on Indigenous Knowledge, Practices, and Systems"
- "Indigenous Responses and Policy Recommendations for the Indigenous Peoples's Rights Act (IPRA)"
- Six (6) discussion papers on alternative practices

### Proceedings

- "Mindanao: Fractured Promises, Continuing Challenges" (together with other UP CIDS Programs)

### Thinkpiece

- "How the marginalized fight their way through the pandemic: The Philippine case" (Author: Eduardo C. Tadem), UNESCO Inclusive Policy Lab

DEVELOPMENT CLUSTER

# Program on Health Systems Development

The **Program on Health Systems Development (PHSD)** houses work that investigates problems and innovates solutions for health systems in the country. While this mission inevitably applies scientific rigor to the *parts* of health systems, the goal is to improve the *whole* in terms of overall performance and outcomes. Its flagship project is the Philippine Primary Care Studies (PPCS), which aims to strengthen primary care systems and monitor the impact of health system reform in urban/corporate, rural, and remote settings.

Due to the increasing cases of COVID-19 in the country, the PPCS continued its employment of teletriage and telemedicine in all of its study sites in Samal (Bataan), Bulusan (Sorsogon), and the UP Health Service (UP Diliman). Trainings for site staff are continuously being conducted via video conferencing; however, connectivity issues affect the promotion of telemedicine in the Bulusan site in general.

The Samal site ended their service delivery network (SDN) private partner engagements last December 2020 as their funding from the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) was already consumed. Meetings with local health officials on possible funding for 2021 are currently being conducted.

## Program Organizational Structure

<b>Convenor</b>	Antonio Miguel L. Dans, MD (Professor, College of Medicine, UP Manila–Philippine General Hospital)
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## Activities from July to December 2020

### PRESENTATION

#### Third Quarter Presentation to the Department of Health and the DOST–Philippine Council for Health Research and Development

July 24, 2020

The progress report for the third quarter of 2020 was presented to the Department of Health (DOH) and the Department of Science and Technology's Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (DOST-PCHRD). The problems encountered by the project and the resolutions to these were also discussed.

### TRAINING

#### Training of New Doctor in Bulusan Site

July 28, 2020

A new doctor deployed in the Bulusan PPCS site was introduced to the objectives and outcomes of the

project and was provided updates on what was already achieved by the study. He was likewise trained on the use of electronic health records (EHR).

### MEETING WITH STAKEHOLDERS

#### Meeting with Stakeholders in Sorsogon

August 6 to 9, 2020

PHSD Co-convenor Dr. Raffy Marfori had a face-to-face meeting with Sorsogon Governor Chiz Escudero and provincial government officials to discuss the possible activation of primary care in the province. Four areas that were tackled include the deployment of PhilHealth's eKonsulta module, equipment and connectivity, training on the use of EHR, and COVID-19 response and contact tracing.

### PRESENTATION

#### Presentation of Updates to UP Diliman Chancellor Fidel R. Nemenzo

August 7, 2020

Updates on the activities and outcomes in the PPCS site at the UP Health Service (UPHS) were presented to UP Diliman Chancellor Fidel R. Nemenzo. Ways on how to adapt the system being used by the PPCS study for all UPHS employees were also discussed.



Ms. Zharie Benzon of the Bulusan Rural Health Unit explains the electronic health records system to Dr. Tolop, the new doctor deployed in the Bulusan PPCS site. PHOTO BY MIGUEL FRANCISCO

## PRESENTATION

### Presentation to Senator Pia S. Cayetano

August 25, 2020

The activities and results of the PPCS project were presented to Senate Ways and Means Committee Chair Pia S. Cayetano. Inputs for legislation to improve healthcare services and augment the health workforce in the country were also presented in the meeting.

## PRESENTATION

### Presentation to the Department of Information and Communications Technology

August 25, 2020

Primary care data from the PPCS were presented to Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) Secretary Gregorio B. Honasan II. The presentation also emphasized the role of the department in the implementation of Universal Health Care (UHC).

## TRAINING

### EHR Training for New Bulusan RHU Staff

September 7, 2020

A training on EHR was conducted for the new doctors and healthcare workers in the PPCS Bulusan site. The approval system was also thoroughly explained to them.

## MEETING

### Meeting on Data Privacy for EHR

September 18, 2020

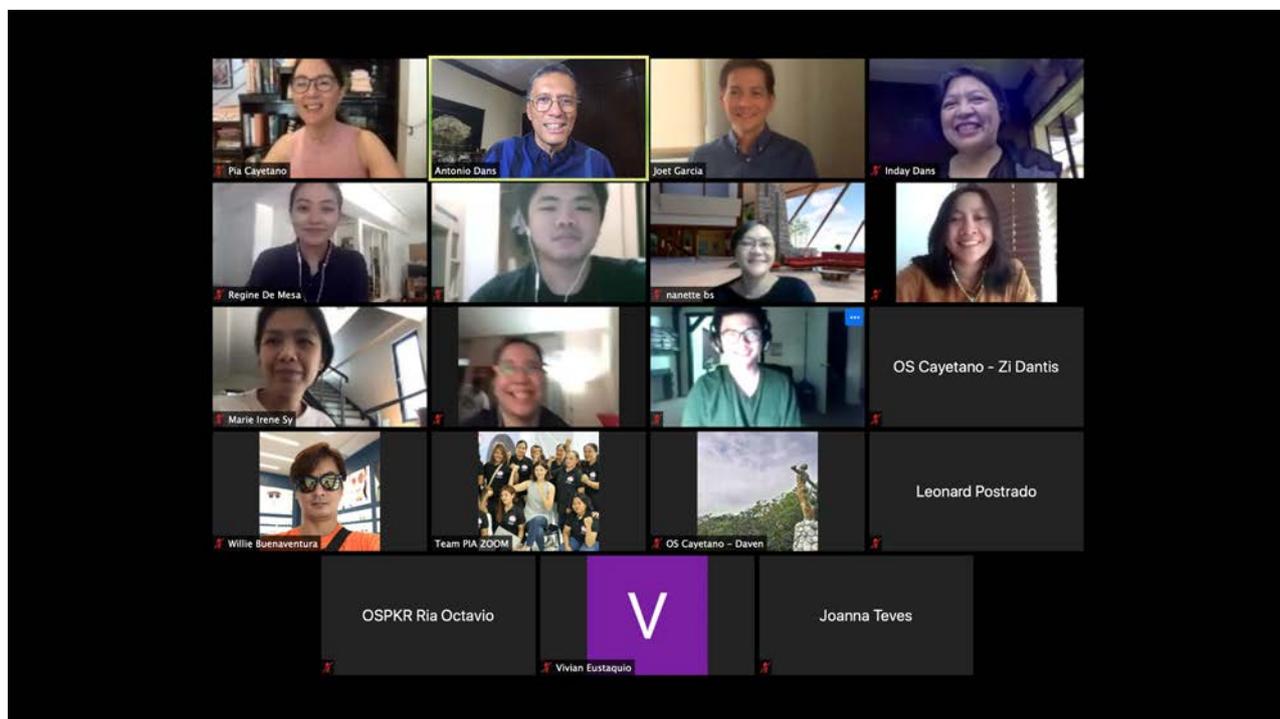
A consultation session was organized with Dr. Raymond Francis R. Sarmiento, UP Manila Chief Data Privacy Officer, to discuss how data privacy of patients can be ensured in the use of electronic health records. Guidelines set in the Data Privacy Act of 2012 that are useful for EHR were also emphasized in the session.

## PRESENTATION

### Technology-enabled Solutions for UHC: Webinar on EHR Package for LGUs

October 13 to 15, 2020

E-Med, a primary care information system for UHC, was introduced to local government units (LGUs) from Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao in a series of webinars held on October 13, 14, and 15, respectively. E-Med was produced by the DBP Data Center, Inc. (DCI), a subsidiary of the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP), in collaboration with the PPCS. It is packaged with satellite internet infrastructure, training, hardware and initial consumables, financing by the DBP, and a licensing fee structure to encourage LGUs to offer better primary care services through more providers.



The PHSD/PPCS team presented the activities of the project and legislative inputs towards improvement of healthcare services in the Philippines to Senate Ways and Means Committee Chair Senator Pia S. Cayetano. PHOTO COURTESY OF DR. ANTONIO L. DANS



PHSD Co-convenor Dr. Raffy Marfori introduces the E-Med primary care information system in a webinar series involving provincial government and health officials across the country PHOTO COURTESY OF ROSENDO K. GO

#### PRESENTATION

### Meeting with the Governing Council of the DOST Philippine Council for Health Research and Development

October 23, 2020

The accomplishments from the first year and the proposal for the second year of the PPCS were presented to the DOST-PCHR D Governing Council. Questions from council members were answered during the meeting.

#### PRESENTATION

### Fourth Quarter Presentation to the Department of Health and the DOST Philippine Council for Health Research and Development

October 30, 2020

The progress report for the fourth quarter of 2020 was presented to representatives from the DOH and the DOST-PCHR D. The accomplishments from the first year of the PPCS were also discussed in detail.

#### PRESENTATION

### Presentation of Updates to PhilHealth

November 23, 2020

Updates on the PPCS were also presented to officials of the PhilHealth. The accomplishments and issues

encountered during the conduct of the studies were also discussed.

### Outputs from July to December 2020

#### Monographs

- PHSD Mid-year Report
- PPCS Third Quarter Progress Report
- PPCS Fourth Quarter Progress Report
- PPCS Technical Report

### Upcoming Activities and Outputs for 2021

#### Program Plans and Projects

The PHSD/PPCS's plans for the next six months include (1) the continuous monitoring of the eight outcome areas in the three study sites; (2) the preparation for the Year 2 surveys scheduled on the second quarter of 2021; (3) submission of progress reports to stakeholders; (4) writing workshops and dissemination of the results from the Year 1 surveys; (5) publication of the completed papers; (6) improvement of the EMR in all three sites;



PHSD Convenor Dr. Antonio L. Dans leads the presentation on the progress report of the PPCS to Secretary Dr. Francisco T. Duque III and other officials of the Department of Health PHOTO COURTESY OF DR. ANTONIO L. DANS

and (7) community engagements and information dissemination on primary care through different platforms.

Due to the continuing pandemic, site monitoring is still limited to telephone and online meetings. The Year 2 surveys on patient satisfaction, EMR utilization, healthcare worker satisfaction, and community utilization will be conducted mostly through telephone or online survey forms for UPHS. If possible, face-to-face surveys on the same topics will be done in the Samal and Bulusan sites on the second and third quarters of 2021, as long as strict health protocols are followed. Writing workshops will still be done online and electronic medical records are continuously being debugged and improved. Community engagements and information disseminations will be conducted through both traditional (e.g., posters, tarpaulins) and online (e.g., Facebook, YouTube) platforms in the three sites.

### Activities

- Continuous monitoring of primary care clinics at the three sites and weekly staff meetings via telephone and online meetings
- Reporting of Year 1 survey results to stakeholders (February to March 2021)
- Year 2 surveys at the three sites (April to September 2021)
- Migration of open-access EHR to the DCI's E-Med
- Updated community engagements and information dissemination on primary care

### Outputs

- Papers on patient satisfaction, healthcare worker satisfaction, healthcare worker knowledge, EHR utilization, and utilization of benefits in the community
- Paper on health governance for submission to *Acta Medica Philippina*

SOCIAL, POLITICAL, AND CULTURAL STUDIES CLUSTER

# Program on Social and Political Change

The task of the **Program on Social and Political Change (PSPC)** is to provide a platform for understanding the varied social and political challenges facing modern Philippine society and polity from a multidisciplinary perspective. The Program designs empirical studies which form the basis for policy input and discussions at the local, national, and international levels.

For the second half of 2020, the PSPC reshaped its focus and took on projects and activities examining the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Philippine society and polity, the new problems it introduced, and the existing issues it magnified. In achieving this, the Program collaborated with local and international partners, both old and new.

The PSPC and the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA) partnered again for an assessment on how the pandemic affected the performance of the 1987 Philippine Constitution. It was also able to generate bulletins that offer a comparative perspective on pandemic responses from around the world. Aside from the COVID-19 crisis, the Program also tackled in its activities local issues such as the problems confronting the peoples of Mindanao and the role of the youth in democracy.

## Program Organizational Structure

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<b>Junior Research Associate</b>	Alinia Jesam D. Jimenez

## Activities from July to December 2020

### INTERNSHIP

#### Hosting of Intern from the UP National College of Public Administration and Governance

July 3 to August 7, 2020

In July 2020, the PSPC hosted a student intern from the UP National College of Public Administration and

Governance (UP NCPAG). This internship produced two bulletins on the political and governance responses of different countries and regions to the COVID-19 pandemic. These bulletins offered a comparative perspective on the strategies taken by different governments in response to the pandemic and highlighted the best practices of and challenges faced by governments all over the world.

#### WEBINAR

### Constitutional Performance Assessment in the Time of a Pandemic: The 1987 Constitution and the Philippines' COVID-19 Response

August 6, 2020

In this webinar, members of the UP research team presented the findings of the Constitutional Performance Assessment of the 1987 Constitution in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. This webinar also served as an opportunity to initiate discussion with policymakers, researchers, civil society, media, and students on how to keep the Constitution working during periods of emergencies and what needs to be changed or improved not only at the level of the Constitution, but also at the level of common legislation and implementation.

#### WEBINAR SERIES

### Mindanao: Fractured Promises, Continuing Challenges

August 26 and September 2, 2020

Following the first forum held on February 20, 2020, the PSPC, together with six UP CIDS research programs, organized two more online forums in the "Mindanao: Fractured Promises, Continuing Challenges" series. The first webinar discussed education issues, specifically on the Madrasah Education Program and alternative delivery mode learning centers, and the intersections of the COVID-19 pandemic and armed conflict in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM). The second webinar tackled historical and political issues particularly pertaining to the BARMM's transition period.

#### PAPER PRESENTATION

### 2020 Melbourne Forum on Constitution Building in Asia and the Pacific •

#### Webinar 1: Emergency Powers and COVID-19

September 3, 2020

PSPC Co-convenor Dr. Maria Ela L. Atienza presented the Philippine case of emergency powers in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic in the 2020 Melbourne Forum

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- Maria Ela Atienza, Ph.D. Professor, UPD Department of Political Science
- Aries Arugay, Ph.D. Professor, UPD Department of Political Science
- Jean Encinas-Franco, Ph.D. Assoc. Professor, UPD Department of Political Science
- Jan Robert Go Asst. Professor, UPD Department of Political Science
- Rogelio Alicor Panao, Ph.D. Assoc. Professor, UPD Department of Political Science

Under "MODERATOR:", there is one circular portrait with name and title below it:

- Amanda Cats-Baril Constitution Building Processes Adviser for Asia and the Pacific, International IDEA

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Researchers from the University of the Philippines present the findings of the Constitutional Performance Assessment of the 1987 Philippine Constitution in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic in a webinar co-organized by the PSPC. SCREENSHOT FROM THE UP CIDS YOUTUBE CHANNEL



Distinguished speakers, keynote presenters, and youth discussants talk about the role of the youth in strengthening democracy in the Philippines in the Democracy Talks in Manila webinar PHOTO COURTESY OF THE EMBASSY OF SWEDEN IN MANILA

organized by International IDEA and the Constitution Transformation Network of the University of Melbourne. Dr. Atienza was part of the first session which examined the use and effectiveness of constitutional emergency powers. In her presentation, Dr. Atienza illustrated the constitutionality of the temporary emergency powers granted to President Rodrigo Duterte and its impact to the country's COVID-19 response. She also discussed the various forms of oversight on emergency powers and on the government's overall pandemic response.

#### WEBINAR

### Democracy Talks in Manila: The Role of Youth Voices in Democracy

December 8, 2020

The Embassy of Sweden in Manila and International IDEA partnered with the PSPC in holding the "Democracy Talks in Manila" webinar. PSPC Co-convenor Dr. Maria Ela L. Atienza and Amanda Cats-Baril of International IDEA gave an overview of COVID-19's impact on democracy in the Philippines. Youth leaders were engaged to reflect on the state of democracy in the Philippines before and during the global pandemic, the youth's role in strengthening democracy and promoting democratic values in society, and the importance of international cooperation in protecting democracy.

#### PAPER PRESENTATION

### Asia in Review Panel Discussion on Law and Politics in Southeast Asia • Constitutionalism in Crisis?: The Path Ahead for Southeast Asia

December 16, 2020

The Asian Governance Foundation, German-Southeast Asian Center of Excellence for Public Policy and Good Governance (CPG), the Faculty of Law of Thammasat University, and the Hanns Seidel Foundation held an online panel discussion on the current state and prospects of constitutionalism in Southeast Asia. PSPC Co-convenor Dr. Maria Ela L. Atienza shared the case of the Philippines, citing the key constitutional issues identified in the Constitutional Performance Assessment of the 1987 Philippine Constitution and its follow-up brief on the Constitution's performance during the pandemic.

### Outputs from July to December 2020

#### Released Publications

##### Policy Briefs

- "The Uneasy Relationship Between Transfers and Local Fiscal Governance" (Author: Rogelio Alicor L. Panao)

- “Health and Access in Metro Manila: Challenges and Possible Ways Forward” (Author: Maria Ela L. Atienza)

#### Co-published Publication

- “Constitutional Performance Assessment in the Time of a Pandemic: The 1987 Constitution and the Philippines’ COVID-19 Response” (Co-published with International IDEA)

#### Other Outputs

- Two (2) COVID-19 Online Bulletins

## Upcoming Activities and Outputs for 2021

### Projects and Activities

As the effects of the pandemic will continue to be felt by Filipinos, the PSPC’s work on understanding the social and political challenges it has brought will likewise proceed in the first half of 2021. As such, the PSPC and International IDEA will be updating the findings of the Constitutional Performance Assessment of the 1987 Philippine Constitution and the Constitutional Performance Assessment in the Time of a Pandemic projects.

The PSPC also plans to organize webinars which will expand discussion on topics including as the State of the

Nation Address (SONA), the Local Government Code of 1991, the war on drugs, and labor migration. The Program also plans to conduct two (2) roundtable discussion series for the same period.

From January to June 2021, the PSPC will be partnering with the National Research Council of the Philippines (NRCP) to produce a compendium of research works and policy advisories generated by the NRCP since its inception in 1933 up to the present. This endeavor aims to document NRCP’s scientific research outputs and the social and government policies that emanated from these.

### Outputs

The updated findings of the Constitutional Performance Assessments on the 1987 Philippine Constitution will be made available through a series of policy briefs to be co-published by the UP CIDS and International IDEA. Meanwhile, the papers from the joint project of the PSPC and the Department of the Interior and Local Government–National Capital Region (DILG–NCR) will be published as a peer-reviewed book titled *Responsible Local Governance, Decentralization, and Equitable Development in the Philippines: Policy Research for Metro Manila*.

Other prospective outputs from the Program include the report from the Democracy Talks in Manila webinar and three (3) discussion papers and/or forum proceedings.

SOCIAL, POLITICAL, AND CULTURAL STUDIES CLUSTER

# Islamic Studies Program

The **Islamic Studies Program (ISP)** seeks to advance the critical and strategic role of Islam in nation-building to move communities toward a deeper understanding and appreciation of Islam and to establish appropriate responses to Islamophobia.

The Program's primary research components are the Historical and Islamic Knowledge for the Modern Age (HIKMA) project; research on Shari'ah courts and the Code of Muslim Personal Laws of the Philippines; and The Moro Story, which covers topics such as the Philippine madrasah system, Islamic art, countering violent extremism, and the transition to the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), among others.

In the second half of 2020, the ISP continued its research projects on Philippine Muslim arts and traditional crafts, peace building through history education, the BARMM transition, and preventing and countering violent extremism (PCVE) in the Philippines. It was also able to continue its book project on Islam in the Philippines.

As a response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the ISP explored institutional mechanisms for "the new normal" in Islamic education and for Halal institutions.

## Program Organizational Structure

<b>Convenor</b>	Macrina A. Morados (Associate Professor and Dean, Institute of Islamic Studies, UP Diliman)
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## Activities from July to December 2020

### WEBINAR

#### Educational Institution Mechanisms for the New Normal

September 22, 2020

This webinar aims to provide a venue for the exchange of ideas and informed deliberation covering

institutional policies and contingencies among sectoral representatives, actors, and stakeholders in educational institutions with majority Muslim student populations in Mindanao in the context of “the new normal” that was brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. The webinar provided a platform for educational institutions in the Zamboanga, Basilan, Sulu, and Tawi-Tawi (ZAMBASULTA) area to share their experiences at the onset of the pandemic and the response mechanisms that they have developed.

#### FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION

### Peacebuilding through History Education

October 26, 2020

The ISP organized a virtual focus group discussion (FGD) for scholars and teachers of Philippine Muslim history (PMH). The FGD highlighted the importance of PMH in bridging cultural and religious gaps and in promoting national unity. It likewise emphasized the need to capacitate history teachers, organize teaching methodologies, and upgrade resource materials for the teaching of PMH. Eleven (11) historians and faculty members from colleges and universities offering core subjects on the history of Muslims in the Philippines participated in this activity.

## Outputs from July to December 2020

### Released Publications

#### Discussion Papers

- “Philippine Muslim History: Challenges and Prospects” (Authors: Darwin J. Absari and Macrina A. Morados)
- “Tausug Constructs of Leadership” (Author: Nefertari Al-Raschid-Arsad)

#### Proceedings

- “COVID-19 and Islamic Burials: Safeguarding the Dignity of the Dead”

### Forthcoming Publications

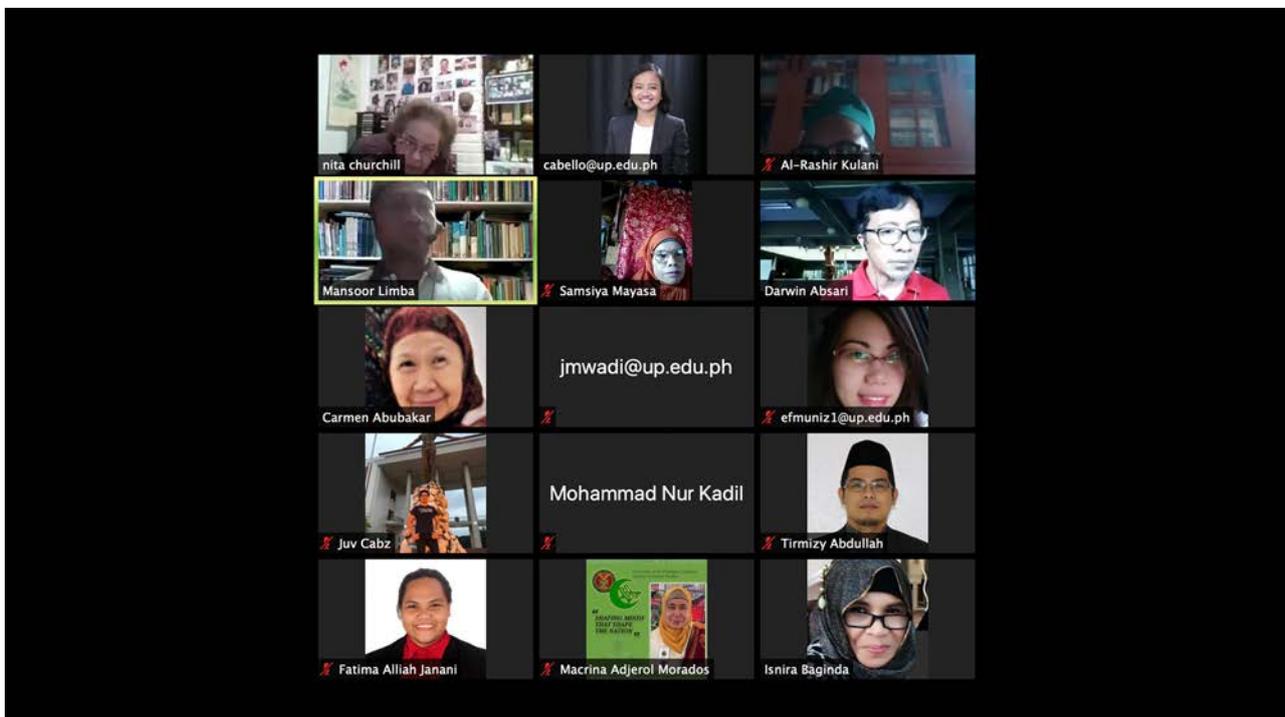
#### Proceedings

- Focus group discussion on Philippine Muslim history

## Upcoming Activities and Outputs for 2021

### Projects and Activities

The ISP is committed to continue a number of research projects within its primary research components in



Historians and faculty members of colleges and universities offering core subjects on the history of Muslims in the Philippines joined in a focus group discussion organized by the ISP  INSERT PHOTO CREDIT HERE



The transition to the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), one of the ISP's research themes, is tested by the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic 📷 PHOTO COURTESY OF THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER ON THE PEACE PROCESS

2021. New studies on Filipino loanwords and Islamic traditions, Muslim women, Islamic banking and finance, and Balik-Islam in Metro Manila and Luzon will be conducted in addition to its existing projects.

Webinars, online roundtable and focus group discussions, and writing workshops will be organized during the same period. The Program hopes to pursue face-to-face research activities once travel restrictions are eased.

### Outputs

- Six (6) policy briefs
- Five (5) discussion papers
- One (1) webinar proceedings
- One (1) educational primer
- One (1) training manual
- Two (2) manuscripts for the *Philippine Journal of Public Policy*
- "Islam in the Philippines" book project

SOCIAL, POLITICAL, AND CULTURAL STUDIES CLUSTER

# Strategic Studies Program

The **Strategic Studies Program (SSP)** aims to promote interest and discourse on significant changes in Philippine foreign policy and develop capacity-building for strategic studies in the country. The Program views the Philippines' latest engagements with the great powers and multilateral cooperation with other states in the Asia-Pacific region as a catalyst to further collaborative and multidisciplinary research between the intellectual communities within East Asia.

Due to the pandemic, data gathering for the Program's main research project was conducted through online interviews and focus group discussions, while the Katipunan Conference was transformed into a four-part webinar series. The SSP was also able to proceed with the production of a volume on strategic policy, security studies, and Philippine foreign policy.

## Program Organizational Structure

<b>Convenor</b>	Herman Joseph S. Kraft (Professor and Chair, Department of Political Science, College of Social Sciences and Philosophy, UP Diliman)
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<b>Principal Researcher</b>	Rear Admiral Rommel Jude G. Ong (Ret.)
<b>Junior Research Analysts</b>	Marvin Hamor Bernardo Maria Nikka U. Garriga
<b>Senior Project Assistant</b>	Ramon D. Bandong, Jr.

## Activity from July to December 2020

### FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS Capacitating ASEAN to Address Security Issues in Southeast Asia

September 21 and 24, 2020

This research project explores the various ways that the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) could utilize in order to adapt to the consequences of great power competition in the region. It also aims to aid in the development of security-related policies and studies both at the national and regional level. The first phase of data gathering involved an initial investigation on minilateral arrangements through focus group discussions with Philippine government officials. The

tentative findings of the project were presented and discussed by principal researcher Rear Admiral Rommel Jude G. Ong (Ret.) at the 5th Katipunan Conference.

#### CONFERENCE

### 5th Katipunan Conference

October 6, 12, 19, and 26, 2020

The Katipunan Conference is a forum where developments in the strategic environment of the Philippines and its immediate region are discussed and assessed. Carrying the theme "COVID-19 and the Strategic Environment: Change and Continuity," the fifth edition of the conference was conducted as a series of webinars focusing on regional transformations and how these impact both Philippine strategic interests, particularly questions of security, and the regional security architecture at the time of the COVID-19 pandemic. The discussions also tackled how the pandemic has accelerated the growing strategic competition between the United States and China and how a prolonged economic crisis due to COVID-19 could affect regional stability and exacerbate internal conflicts in Southeast Asia. The event was organized with the Philippine Office of Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung in partnership with the UP Department of Political Science.

## Outputs from July to December 2020

### Released Publications

#### Policy Brief

- "The Philippines in China's BRI: The Road So Far" (Author: Maria Nikka U. Garriga)

#### Discussion Paper

- "Understanding China's Foreign Policy Discourse: The Belt and Road Initiative as a Pursuit for Major Power Identity" (Author: Enrico V. Gloria)

#### Edited Volume

- *Toward an Enhanced Strategic Policy Thinking in the Philippines* (Editors: Aries A. Arugay and Herman Joseph S. Kraft)

## Upcoming Activities and Outputs for 2021

For the first half of 2021, the SSP will proceed with research projects and activities that will analyze the alterations in the regional strategic environment and explore possible solutions. The Program will continue to have a clear focus on strengthening a core group of

The image is a screenshot of a Zoom webinar. On the left, the title '5TH KATIPUNAN CONFERENCE' is displayed in large white letters. Below it, the subtitle 'Covid-19 and the Strategic Environment: Change and Continuity' is shown. The date and time '26 October 2020 | 10:00 to 11:45 A.M. PHT via Zoom' are listed. Logos for 'KONRAD ADENAUER STIFTUNG', 'upcids Strategic Studies', and 'UP' are visible. On the right side, there are three video thumbnails of participants. Below them, the names and titles of the speakers are listed: Laura (Deputy Head of German Embassy), Junever Mahilum (Assistant Secretary, Office of ASEAN Affairs, Department of Foreign Affairs), and Brendan Taylor, Ph.D. (Professor, Strategic and Defense Studies Centre, Australian National University). At the bottom right, the moderator is identified as Herman Joseph S. Kraft, Professor and Chair of the UP Department of Political Science.

The 5th Katipunan Conference, which was conducted as a webinar series, looks into the transformations that impact Philippine strategic interests and the regional security architecture since the onset of the global pandemic. SCREENSHOT FROM THE UP CIDS YOUTUBE CHANNEL

experts and academic researchers interested in strategic concerns within the University and on consolidating networks that will link this core group with government, the private sector, and international institutions. The Program will organize events that will engage issues on the strategic situation of the Philippines, research that look into the country's strategic options, and outreach activities that seek to gain wider insight on how to best institutionalize the network of stakeholders on strategic studies in the Philippines.

The 6th Katipunan Conference will move to a podcast format to enable a wider inclusion of insights from participants across the globe. Even with a new

format, the conference will continue to be a forum where developments in the strategic environment of the Philippines and the region are discussed and assessed by a roundtable of experts from multiple disciplines.

The second phase of the "Capacitating ASEAN to Address Security Issues in Southeast Asia" research project will focus on finding out if minilateralism will work in addressing issues on the South China Sea. Data gathering and analysis on the acceptability, suitability, and feasibility of a minilateral arrangement as a defense diplomact mechanism and a way to address security issues will be conducted from March to June 2021.

SOCIAL, POLITICAL, AND CULTURAL STUDIES CLUSTER

# Decolonial Studies Program

The **Decolonial Studies Program (DSP)** interrogates coloniality—a process that involves identifying aspects of Western modernity in postcolonial states and a critical engagement with colonial-era texts, collective memory, and the use of both colonial and local languages.

In its second year, the Program held exploratory workshops that focused on conceptualizing, planning, and doing ethical research with a decolonial frame. The intention was to strike a conversation with researchers who have done significant studies in their field to share best practices, challenges, and their vision for ethical decolonial research.

The Program planned to hold a webinar, an international conference, an academic workshop, and two (2) roundtable discussions (RTDs) in the latter half of 2020. However, due to the constraints of the pandemic and the recalibration of the Program's goals, it organized instead an exploratory workshop, a writeshop, a webinar, and an international conference. The DSP was also able to engage with more stakeholders through the Decolonial Studies Research Network (DSRN), which now has 2,000 members, and through partnerships with organizations such as PH Lab and the South South Cooperation Council and with scholars from academic institutions abroad.

Moving activities online has helped in having people who may otherwise be constrained by time, funding, or other concerns to participate in the events. The Program was also able to invite Filipino and other Asian scholars, advocates, and activists dedicated to the study of decoloniality to its workshops and more people were able to present and share knowledge in its international conference. In the future, the Program is considering hybrid (mix of online and face-to-face) events even if on-site activities becomes possible with the easing of restrictions on mobility and public gatherings.

## Program Organizational Structure

<b>Convener</b>	Marie Aubrey J. Villaceran, Ph.D. (Assistant Professor, Department of English and Comparative Literature, College of Arts and Letters, UP Diliman)
<b>Co-convener</b>	Frances Antoinette C. Cruz (Assistant Professor, Department of European Languages, College of Arts and Letters, UP Diliman)

<b>Project Leader</b>	Nassef Manabilang Adiong, Ph.D.
<b>Junior Research Associate</b>	Aaron Abel T. Mallari
<b>Administrative Staff</b>	Ilene A. De Jesus

## Activities from July to December 2020

### WORKSHOP

#### 2nd Online Decolonial Studies Exploratory Workshop

July 17, 2020

The second Decolonial Studies Exploratory Workshop, which was conducted online, focused on conceptualizing, planning, and doing ethical research with a decolonial frame. The intention of the first and second workshops is to strike a conversation with researchers who have done significant studies in their field to share best practices, challenges, and their vision for ethical decolonial research. The second workshop was another step towards the crafting of a module on methodology and ethics in decolonial research.

### WEBINAR

#### Decolonize Everything!

August 10, 2020

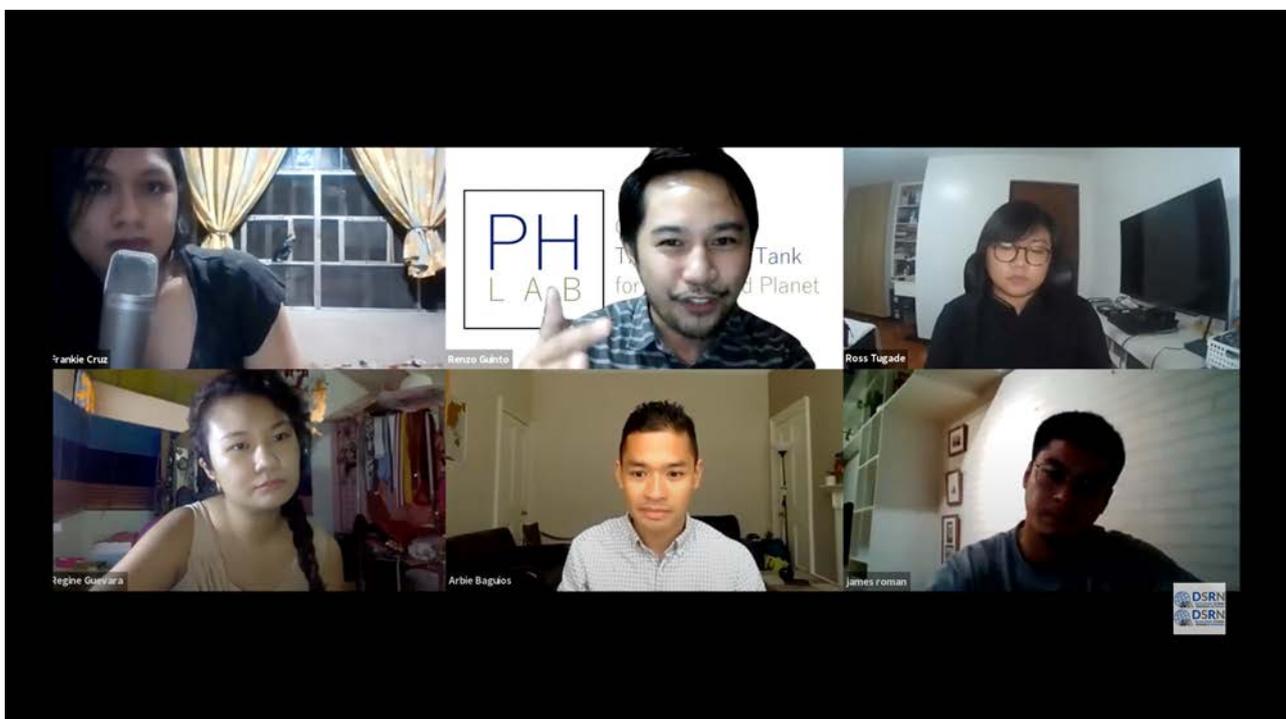
The Decolonize Everything! webinar, spearheaded by DSP Co-convenor Frances Cruz in collaboration with the South-South Council for Sustainable Development and PH Lab, brought together four Filipinos who have experience working globally on issues that matter for the world and the Philippines. The participants offered their reflections on what a decolonized future looks like in global development, health, human rights, and peace.

### WORKSHOP

#### Decolonizing Global Studies Academic Workshop

September 10, 2020

This workshop was organized to accompany the international conference "Decolonizing Global Studies: Charting Trends, Mapping Trajectories." Dr. Syed Farid Alatas of the National University of Singapore, Dr. Christopher Lamont of Tokyo International University, and DSP Convenor Dr. Marie Aubrey Villaceran served as academic mentors to four fellows, namely Petsy Ismoyo of Gadjah Madah University and Wacana Christian University (Indonesia), Reynan Lachica of Pasig City



Four Filipinos who have experience working on global issues offer their reflections on decolonizing our futures in global development, health, human rights and peace in the "Decolonize Everything!" webinar. SCREENSHOT FROM THE DECOLONIAL STUDIES RESEARCH NETWORK YOUTUBE CHANNEL



Dr. Syed Farid Alatas, Dr. Ramon Guillermo, and Dr. Rufa Cagoco-Guiam served as keynote speakers during the “Decolonizing Global Studies: Charting Trends, Mapping Trajectories” international conference  SCREENSHOTS FROM THE DECOLONIAL STUDIES RESEARCH NETWORK YOUTUBE CHANNEL

High School (Philippines), Kiel Ramos Suarez of Linnaeus University Center for Concurrences in Colonial and Postcolonial Studies (Sweden), and Caroline Schoepf of Hong Kong Baptist University.

#### FORUM

##### **Special Session with Academic Publishers and Journal Editors**

September 10, 2020

A special session with academic publishers and journal editors was also held in conjunction with the “Decolonizing Global Studies: Charting Trends, Mapping Trajectories” international conference. The event was aimed towards providing knowledge and advice to beginning and mid-career researchers who wish to publish their work and sharing the experiences of academic publishers and editors in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### CONFERENCE

##### **Decolonizing Global Studies: Charting Trends, Mapping Trajectories**

September 11 to 12, 2020

This international conference, organized in partnership with the International Studies Department of Miriam

College and the Philippine International Studies Organization, aims to contribute and advance discussions in global studies by charting the trends and mapping the trajectories in decolonizing the field. The two-day conference gathered scholars, researchers, students, and practitioners who are interested or engaged in decolonial studies, global studies, and related fields. Dr. Syed Farid Alatas, Dr. Ramon Guillermo, and Dr. Rufa Cagoco-Guiam served as keynote speakers. The conference was held online and was participated in by 24 paper presenters and 519 registrants.

#### WRITESHOP

##### **Decolonial Studies Writeshop**

December 14, 2020

This writeshop focused on conceptualizing a curriculum on decoloniality and decolonial research. It was participated in by Twinkle Bautista of the Center for Justice and Peacebuilding at the Eastern Mennonite University, Dr. Rosa Castillo of Humboldt University Berlin, and Kristian Cordero of the Ateneo de Naga University. The writeshop emphasized that the goal of ethical decolonial research is to not merely extract from, but to generate benefit for groups from which information is drawn from.

## Output from July to December 2020

### Released Publication

#### Journal Article

- “Foreign Language Policy and Pedagogy in the Philippines: Potentials for a Decolonial Approach” (Authors: Kristine Cabling, Naidyl Isis Bautista, Anna Marie Sibayan Sarmiento, Frances Antoinette Cruz, and Jillian Loise Melchor), *Social Transformations: Journal of the Global South* 8, no. 2 (2020), 185–226

## Upcoming Activities and Outputs for 2021

### Projects and Activities

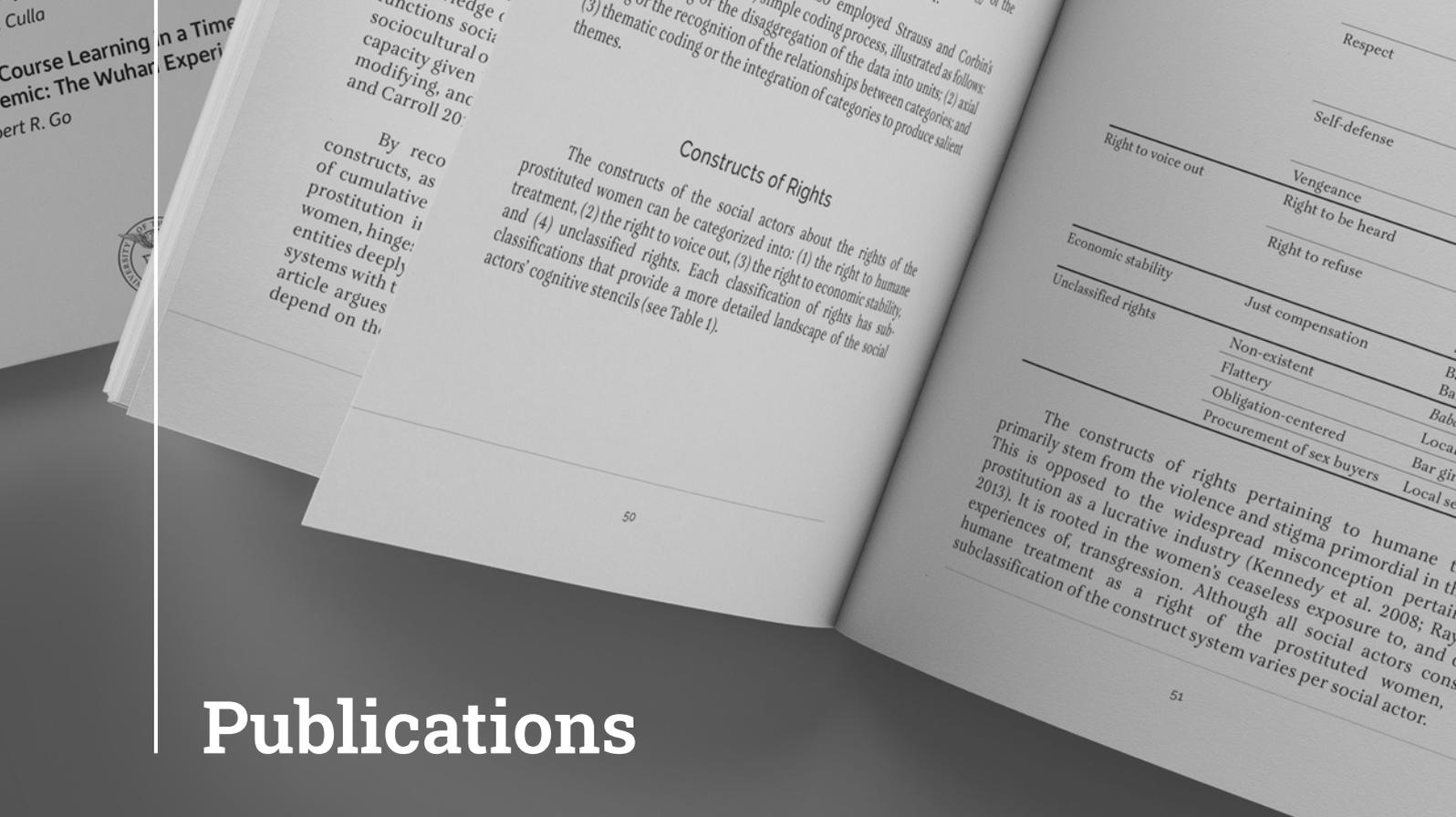
The DSP will build on collaborations and learnings generated from the previous year in its projects and

activities for 2021. In the academic area, the Program seeks to use its links with people from various disciplines in building a curriculum on decoloniality. As praxis, the Program will focus on contemporary public health interventions and a roundtable discussion will explore interactions between community health workers and indigenous/traditional healers towards cost-effective amplification of public health messaging.

Another roundtable discussion will focus on digital humanities and local knowledge, while DSP Project Leader Dr. Nassef Manabilang Adiong will work with prominent scholars Walter Mignolo and Syed Farid Alatas in creating a book series on decoloniality.

### Outputs

- Two (2) policy briefs from the exploratory workshops
- One (1) module/curriculum on decolonial research
- Two (2) discussion papers
- One (1) conference proceedings



# Publications

The UP CIDS Publications Unit is in charge of the production and dissemination of various publications in line with the Center’s mandate to produce and contribute to knowledge production. UP CIDS publications, which highlight interdisciplinary and collaborative research, are products of the projects and activities of the Center’s research programs and range from policy briefs and discussion papers to monographs and proceedings, all available online and in print. The UP CIDS also publishes an annual peer-reviewed journal, the *Philippine Journal of Public Policy: Interdisciplinary Development Perspectives* (PJPP).

## Philippine Journal of Public Policy: Interdisciplinary Development Perspectives

The UP CIDS annually releases its peer-reviewed journal, the *Philippine Journal of Public Policy: Interdisciplinary Development Perspectives* (PJPP). The PJPP publishes policy-related articles and essays around a variety of research themes, such as education, development, social and political change, strategic studies, ethnicity and religion, health, and science and technology.



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The PJPP released its latest volume in October 2020. It featured two articles from the PJPP Writeshop held in 2019: Clyde Ben Gacayan's "Till Death(s) Do Us Part?: Policy "Design Trace" of the Philippine Anti-Illegal Drug Campaign" and Jonalyn Paz's "Pipe Dream for the Ladies: Constructs of Rights of Prostituted Women among Social Actors in the Sex Industry of Olongapo City, Zambales." The volume also contained two (2) policy insights, three (3) review essays, and seven (7) book reviews. It also contained four (4) tributes to the late Professor Aileen S.P. Baviera, Professor Maureen C. Pagaduan, and Professor Laura L. Samson.

The members of the PJPP's Editorial Board and Editorial Advisory Board (see table on previous page) come from diverse institutional affiliations and disciplinal expertise, which reflects the journal's interdisciplinary character.

## UP CIDS Policy Brief Series

The **UP CIDS Policy Brief Series** highlights works that serve as a medium for distilling lessons learned from research on relevant topics and issues and present research-based recommendations for policymaking.

In 2020, the UP CIDS was able to publish the following policy briefs:

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- 2020-01 **Assessment as a tool for inclusion**  
 Authors: Marie Therese Angeline Bustos, Darlene Echavia, and Kerry Woods  
[Education Research Program](#)
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- 2020-02 **Policy outlooks for translation and related language policies in the Philippines**  
 Authors: Frances Antoinette C. Cruz, Naidyl Isis Bautista, Kristine Cabling, Jillian Loise Melchor, Jean Auguste Dominique Monsod, and Anna Marie Sibayan-Sarmiento  
[Decolonial Studies Program](#)
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- 2020-03 **Protecting road safety in the Philippines from alcohol industry interference**  
 Authors: Noel Padalhin and Maria Fatima Villena  
[Program on Alternative Development \(Bloomberg Initiative for Global Road Safety-Legal Development Programme\)](#)
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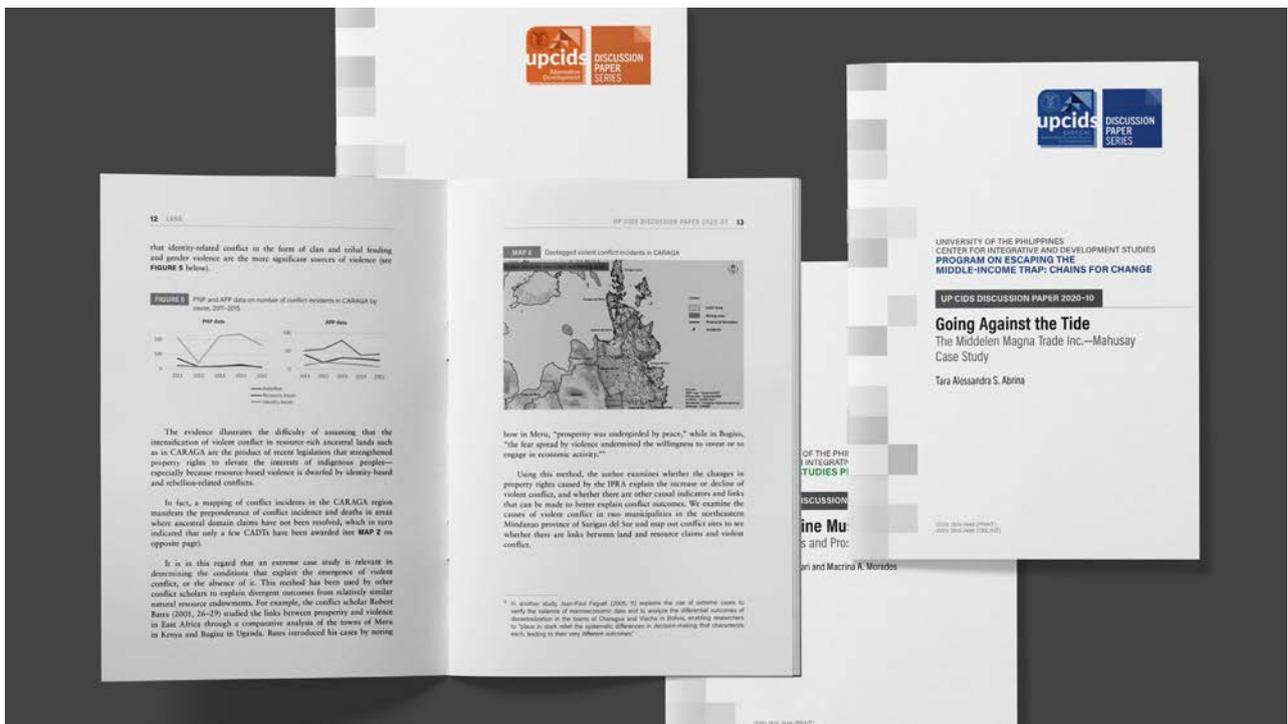
2020-04	<p><b>An innovative ambidexterity typology of Filipino agripreneurs and its implications for regional development policies</b></p> <p>Authors: Melodee Marciana E. de Castro and Dinah Pura T. Depositario</p> <p><b>Program on Data Science for Public Policy</b></p>
2020-05	<p><b>The provision of electricity and internet access to DepEd schools and its impact on school performance</b></p> <p>Authors: Maria Theresa G. Capule-Navarro and Erwin A. Alampay</p> <p><b>Program on Data Science for Public Policy</b></p>
2020-06	<p><b>Solid waste management, environmental governance, and sustainable development: Empowering intergovernmental relations in the National Capital Region</b></p> <p>Authors: Maria Lourdes Genato Rebullida and Jalton Garces Taguibao</p> <p><b>Program on Social and Political Change</b></p>
2020-07	<p><b>The need to increase supply of medical workers and build telemedicine infrastructure to prepare for future public health crises</b></p> <p>Authors: Geoffrey Ducanes and Sarah Lynne Daway-Ducanes</p> <p><b>Program on Higher Education Research and Policy Reform</b></p>
2020-08	<p><b>An analysis of port entry networks using Philippine customs administrative data</b></p> <p>Authors: Karl Robert Jandoc, Jan Michael Yap, and Geraldine Guarin</p> <p><b>Program on Data Science for Public Policy</b></p>
2020-09	<p><b>The uneasy relationship between transfers and local fiscal governance</b></p> <p>Author: Rogelio Alicor L. Panao</p> <p><b>Program on Social and Political Change</b></p>
2020-10	<p><b>Basic education and federalism: Implications and options for the National Capital Region</b></p> <p>Authors: Elvin Ivan Y. Uy and Dina S. Ocampo</p> <p><b>Education Research Program</b></p>
2020-11	<p><b>Health and access in Metro Manila: Challenges and possible ways forward</b></p> <p>Author: Maria Ela L. Atienza</p> <p><b>Program on Social and Political Change</b></p>
2020-12	<p><b>The Philippines in China's BRI: The road so far</b></p> <p>Author: Maria Nikka U. Garriga</p> <p><b>Strategic Studies Program</b></p>

## UP CIDS Discussion Paper Series

The **UP CIDS Discussion Paper Series** features preliminary papers that are circulated to elicit comments and suggestions for enrichment and refinement.

The UP CIDS published the following discussion papers in 2020:

2020-01	<p><b>The triumvirate quandaries of Muslims in the Philippines: An exposition of Said Nursi's hypothesis vis-à-vis the Hizmet movement approach</b></p> <p>Authors: Jamel R. Cayamodin and Abdulhamit Durakoglu</p> <p><b>Islamic Studies Program</b></p>
2020-02	<p><b>Nurturing nature and culture: Policy and customary perspectives on the indigenous forest management system <i>chontog</i> of Barangay Ekip, Bokod, Benguet</b></p> <p>Author: Roland Erwin P. Rabang</p> <p><b>Local-Regional Studies Network-Cordillera Studies Center</b></p>
2020-03	<p><b>Creating inclusive institutions: An analysis of the experience of three agricultural value chain models</b></p> <p>Authors: Jane Lynn D. Capacio, Emmanuel S. de Dios, Reinier T. De Guzman, and Rob van Tulder</p> <p><b>Program on Escaping the Middle-Income Trap: Chains for Change</b></p>
2020-04	<p><b>Deepening solidarities beyond borders among Southeast Asian peoples: A vision for a peoples' alternative regional integration</b></p> <p>Authors: Eduardo C. Tadem, Karl Arvin F. Hapal, Venarica B. Papa, Ananeza P. Aban, Nathaniel P. Candelaria, Honey B. Tabiola, Jose Monfred Sy, and Angeli Fleur G. Nuque</p> <p><b>Program on Alternative Development</b></p>
2020-05	<p><b>Understanding the diversity of cultural and religious learning institutions for Muslim Filipinos</b></p> <p>Authors: Yusuf Roque Morales and Sheryl Morales</p> <p><b>Islamic Studies Program</b></p>
2020-06	<p><b>Understanding China's foreign policy discourse: The Belt and Road Initiative as a pursuit for major power identity</b></p> <p>Author: Enrico V. Gloria</p> <p><b>Strategic Studies Program</b></p>



2020-07 **Resource-based conflicts and the politics of identity in Eastern Mindanao**  
 Author: Francisco J. Lara, Jr.  
**Political Economy Program**

2020-08 **The paradox of multilateralism today: Opportunity amidst crisis**  
 Author: Miguel R. Bautista  
**Political Economy Program**

2020-09 **Philippine Muslim history: Challenges and prospects**  
 Authors: Darwin J. Absari and Macrina A. Morados  
**Islamic Studies Program**

2020-10 **Going against the tide: The Middelien Magna Trade Inc.—Mahusay case study**  
 Author: Tara Alessandra S. Abrina  
**Program on Escaping the Middle-Income Trap: Chains for Change**

2020-11 **Queering solidarity: Civil society at the fringes of ASEAN regionalism and alternatives for the LGBTQ+**  
 Authors: Ananeza Aban and Jose Monfred C. Sy  
**Program on Alternative Development**

2020-12 **North Korea's changing political economy and its implications**  
 Author: Andrew Yeo  
**Program on Alternative Development**

2020-13 **Tausug constructs of leadership**  
 Author: Nefertari Al-Raschid-Arsad  
**Islamic Studies Program**

## UP CIDS Public Policy Monograph Series

The UP CIDS also publishes monographs, which are full-length papers and volumes featuring original scholarly work on Philippine public policy and aiming to provide research-based advice in addressing national and global issues and concerns. In late 2020, the **UP CIDS Public Policy Monograph Series** was introduced.

The monographs published by the UP CIDS in 2020 include the following:

**Thinking With and Beyond Marx: Critical Essays on Politics, History, and Art (Volume 1)**  
 Editors: Eduardo C. Tadem and Honey B. Tabiola  
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**The Game of the Great Powers: Rizal on Imperialism**  
 Author: George Aseniero  
**Program on Alternative Development**

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**The Future Has an Ancient Heart:  
In Search of Our *Antiguas Buenas Calidades***  
Author: Floro C. Quibuyen  
**Program on Alternative Development**

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**Social Protection for All Filipinos:  
Can the Philippine Development Plan  
2017-2022 Deliver?**  
Authors: Rene E. Ofreneo and Raquel Castillo  
**Program on Alternative Development**

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**Towards a Peoples' Alternative Regionalism:  
Cases of Alternative Practices in the  
Philippines (Volume 1)**  
Editors: Eduardo C. Tadem, Karl Hapal, Venerica  
B. Papa, Jose Monfred C. Sy, Ananeza Aban,  
Nathaniel P. Candelaria, and Honey B. Tabiola  
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**Agricultural Modernization in China and the  
Philippines: Lessons and Implications**  
Authors: Aileen S.P. Baviera, Eduardo C. Tadem,  
and Romeo Royandoyan  
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**Heightened Development and Persistent  
Distress in Mindanao: A Political Economy  
Overview**  
Author: Eduardo C. Tadem  
**Program on Alternative Development**

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The monographs included in the UP CIDS Public Policy Monograph Series for 2020 are the following:

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2020-01 **Solidarity through Cross-Border Regionalism:  
Alternative Practices Across Southeast Asia  
(Volume 1)**  
Editors: Eduardo C. Tadem, Karl Hapal, Venerica  
B. Papa, Jose Monfred C. Sy, Ananeza Aban,  
Nathaniel P. Candelaria, and Honey B. Tabiola  
**Program on Alternative Development**

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2020-02 **Going Against the Grain: The Unifrutti  
Transformational Business Partnership Model**  
Author: Annette Balaoing-Pelkmans  
**Program on Escaping the Middle-Income Trap:  
Chains for Change**

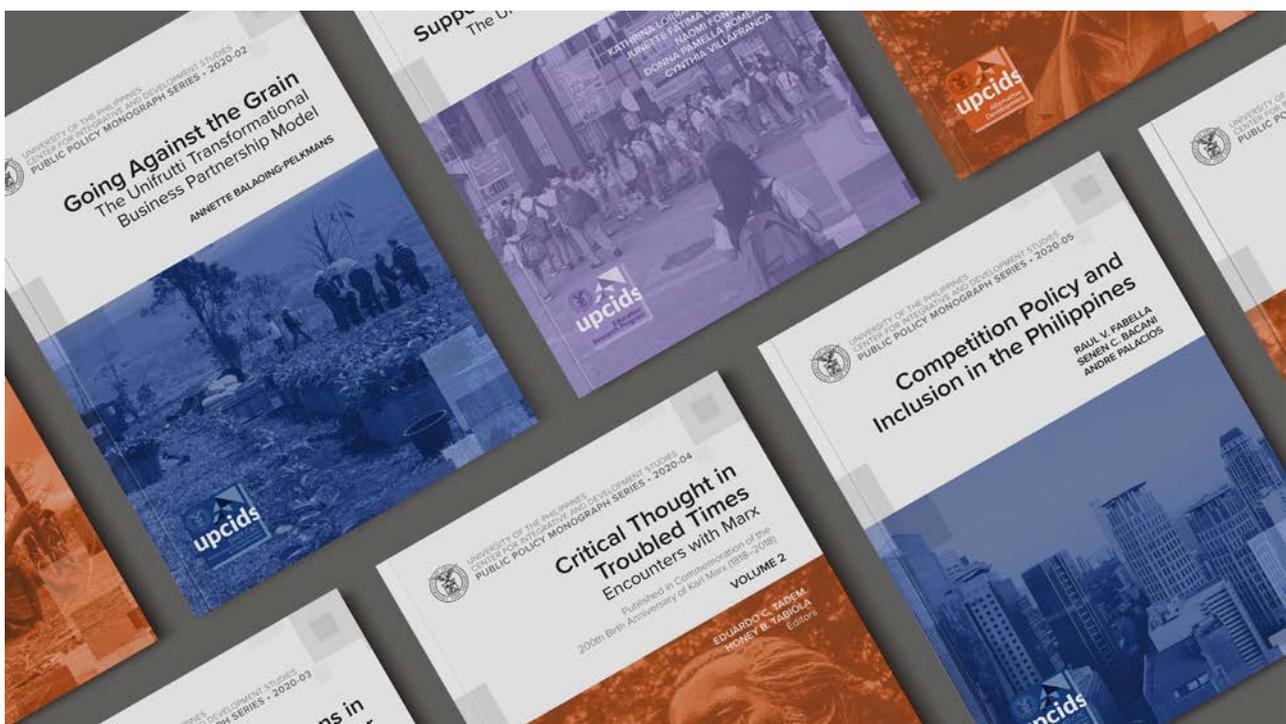
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2020-03 **Policy Investigations in Support of the  
Filipino Learner: The UP CIDS ERP Research  
Agenda 2019-2024**  
Authors: Dina Ocampo, Kathrina Lorraine Lucasan,  
Junette Fatima Gonzales, Naomi Fontanos, Donna  
Pamella Romero, and Cynthia Villafranca  
**Education Research Program**

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2020-04 **Critical Thought in Troubled Times:  
Encounters with Marx (Volume 2)**  
Editors: Eduardo C. Tadem and Honey B. Tabiola  
**Program on Alternative Development**

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2020-05 **Competition Policy and Inclusion in the Philippines**  
Authors: Raul V. Fabella, Senen C. Bacani, and Andre Palacios  
**Program on Escaping the Middle-Income Trap: Chains for Change**

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## Proceedings

The UP CIDS also releases proceedings of fora, conferences, roundtable discussions, and other events organized by the Center's various research programs. The Center published the following proceedings in 2020:

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**Proceedings of the 1st International Seminar-Workshop on Madrasah Education ("Madrasah Education: Achieving Sustainable Development Goals")**  
**Islamic Studies Program**

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**Strategic Outlook 2020: Proceedings from the 4th Katipunan Conference**  
**Strategic Studies Program**

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**Alternative Practices of Peoples in Southeast Asia Towards Alternative Regionalism**  
**Program on Alternative Development**

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**Proceedings of the Workshop on Closing the Digital Skills Gap for the Philippines**  
**Program on Data Science for Public Policy**

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**COVID-19 and Islamic Burials: Safeguarding the Dignity of the Dead**  
**Islamic Studies Program**

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## Interdisciplinary Development Perspectives on Public Policy Book Series

The **Interdisciplinary Development Perspectives on Public Policy (InDePPP)** book series project revolves around various topics linked with public policy. Each theme will be published as a book volume containing a synoptic chapter and articles from the former *Public Policy* journal of the UP CIDS. In the latter half of 2020, one of the book volumes, *Public Policy and Statistics for the Social Sciences*, edited by Asst. Prof. Francis Joseph A. Dee of the UP Department of Political Science, was finalized for publication.

The InDePPP titles are as follows:

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**Public Policy and Statistics for the Social Sciences**  
Editor: Francis Joseph A. Dee

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**Public Policy and Philippine Politics**  
Editor: Matthew S. Miranda

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**Public Policy and Philippine National and Local Administration**  
Editor: Dennis V. Blanco, DPA

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**Public Policy and International Security**  
Editor: Meiting Li, Ph.D.

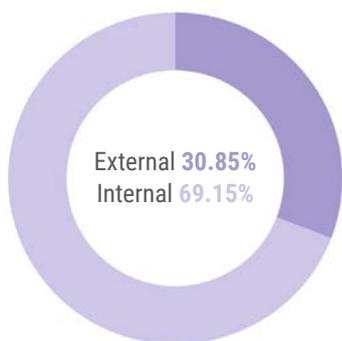
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**Public Policy and Qualitative Methods: Focus on Women and Cultural Discourses**  
Editor: Jean Encinas-Franco, Ph.D.

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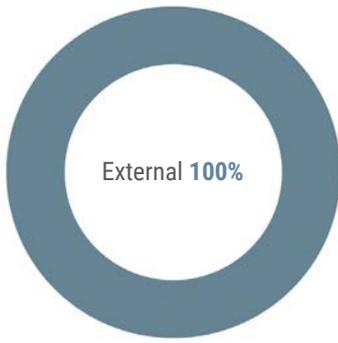
# External Funding

The UP President Executive Order 9 of September 1985 includes as UP CIDS' objective the securing of funds from public and private persons and agencies in order to support its policy research activities. In line with this objective, the Education Research Program (ERP), Assessment, Curriculum, and Technology Research Program (ACTRP), the Program on Alternative Development (AltDev), the Program on Health Systems Development (PHSD), the Program on Social and Political Change (PSPC), and the Strategic Studies Program (SSP) were among the UP CIDS research programs which were able to secure and utilize external funding in 2020. For 2020, external funding actually made up more of the total research program funds compared to internal funding from the University.



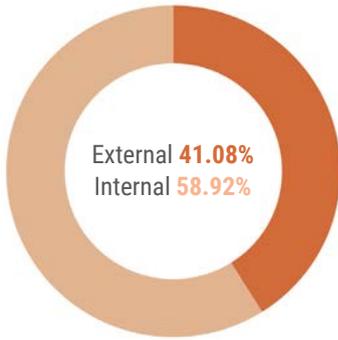
## Education Research Program (ERP)

The ERP's external funding amounts to almost 31 percent of its total 2020 funds. The funding was provided by the UK Research and Innovation (UKRI)'s Economic and Social Research Council to support the ERP's activities for the Corpus Study and Age of Acquisition Study under the TalkTogether Global Challenges Research Fund Project.



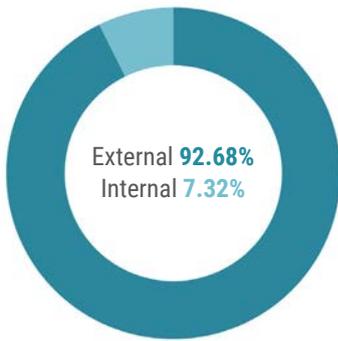
### Assessment Curriculum and Technology Research Program (ACTRP)

In carrying out its research work for 2020, the operational expenses of the ACTRP were fully funded by (1) the University of Melbourne, through the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; (2) the Australian Council for Education Research; and (3) Palladium Global Philippines.



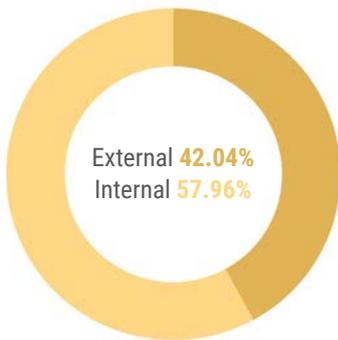
### Program on Alternative Development (AltDev)

The AltDev sourced around 41 percent of its total 2020 funds externally. These funds were provided by (1) 11.11.11; (2) the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Office in Jakarta; and (3) Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung (RLS) to support projects that include the documentation of alternative practices of grassroots communities in Southeast Asia; building grassroots linkages, partnerships, and solidarity; and conducting policy research in relation to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on grassroots organizations.



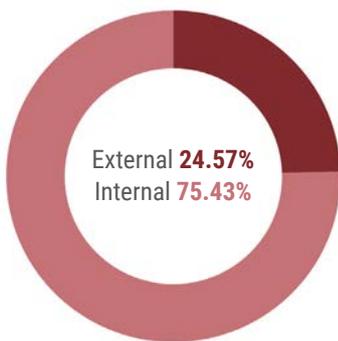
### Program on Health Systems Development (PHSD)

The cost to execute the main project of the PHSD, the Philippine Primary Care Studies, account for nearly 93 percent of its 2020 funding. This study was largely funded by the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth), the Department of Science and Technology's Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (DOST-PCHR), and the Department of Health (DOH)'s Advancing Health through Evidence-Assisted Decisions with Health Policy and Systems Research (AHEAD-HPSR) Program.



### Program on Social and Political Change (PSPC)

Forty-two percent of the 2020 funds of the PSPC were externally sourced. These were provided by (1) the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA) and (2) the Department of the Interior and Local Government–National Capital Region (DILG–NCR). Funds from International IDEA were utilized for the Constitutional Performance Assessment projects of PSPC. The DILG–NCR funding was used for PSPC's project on Federalism in the National Capital Region.



### Strategic Studies Program (SSP)

Twenty-five percent of the SSP's 2020 funds were provided by Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) Philippines to support (1) the development of the manuscript for the volume "Toward an Enhanced Strategic Policy in the Philippines," and (2) the 5th Katipunan Conference.



# Institutional Reach

## Collaborations and Partnerships

### Public Institutions 50

- 18 national and regional government agencies
- 4 local government units
- 22 UP units
- 6 public educational institutions



### Private Local and International Institutions 79

- 39 local institutions
- 40 international institutions

## Linkages and Reach

### Public Institutions 130

- 48 national and regional government agencies
- 26 local government units
- 26 embassies
- 29 public educational institutions
- 1 student organization

### Private Institutions 143

- 12 corporate and business entities
- 96 civil society/non-government organizations
- 13 foundations and research groups
- 22 private educational institutions

### Others 56

- 1 government financial institution
- 1 interest club
- 9 media outfits
- 26 international institutions
- 19 individuals

# Summary of Activities

JULY TO DECEMBER 2020

<b>July</b> 2020	03–07 Aug	Internship	Hosting of Interns from the UP National College of Public Administration and Governance	PEP
				AltDev
				PSPC
	13	Meeting	UP Data Science Working Group Meeting	DSPP
	15–31	Training	Basic Video Production Training for Teachers	ACTRP
	17	Presentation	'Til Debt Do Us Part: Deaths and Debts in the Time of COVID	AltDev
	17	Workshop	2nd Online Decolonial Studies Exploratory Workshop	DSP
	21	Meeting	Meeting with UP Diliman Units on Possible Collaborations in Science and Technology	PEP
	24	Presentation	Third Quarter Presentation to the Department of Health and the Department of Science and Technology–Philippine Council for Health Research and Development	PHSD
	26	Speaking Engagement	The COVID Pandemic in the Philippines and Preventing Economic Collapse	AltDev
28	Training	Training of New Doctor in Bulusan Site	PHSD	
30	Participation in Meeting	Think Tanks Online Regional Meeting	PEP	
31	Meeting	UP Data Science Working Group Meeting	DSPP	

<b>August</b> 2020	06	Consultation	Virtual Roadshow with the Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities	HERPR
	06	Consultation	Virtual Roadshow with Edukasyon.ph	HERPR
	06	Webinar	Constitutional Performance Assessment in the Time of a Pandemic: The 1987 Constitution and the Philippines' COVID-19 Response	PSPC
	06-09	Meeting	Meeting with Stakeholders in Sorsogon	PHSD
	07	Consultation	Virtual Roadshow with the Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines	HERPR
	07	Presentation	Economic Prescriptions and Transformative Solutions: Alternatives for Stimulus While Fighting the Virus	AltDev
	07	Presentation	Presentation of Updates to UP Diliman Chancellor Fidel R. Nemenzo	PHSD
	08	Consultation	Virtual Roadshow with the Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges	HERPR
	10	Webinar	Decolonize Everything!	DSP
	14	Meeting	UP Data Science Working Group Meeting	DSPP
	16	Participation in Project Launch	Bayanihan E-Skwela	ERP
	25	Presentation	Presentation to Senator Pia S. Cayetano	PHSD
	25	Presentation	Presentation to the Department of Information and Communications Technology	PHSD
	26	Webinar	Mindanao: Fractured Promises, Continuing Challenges	ACTRP
				EMIT C4C
PEP				
AltDev				
PSPC				
ISP				
DSP				
27	Meeting	UP Data Science Working Group Meeting	DSPP	
<b>September</b> 2020	Sep	Training	Professional Development Modules on Building Assessment Competence for Regional, Division, and District Supervisors	ACTRP
	Sep-Oct	Meetings	Stakeholders' Consultation Meetings for the Feasibility Study on Micro-certification for the Alternative Learning System	ACTRP
	02	Webinar	Mindanao: Fractured Promises, Continuing Challenges	ACTRP EMIT C4C PEP

			AltDev
02	Webinar	Mindanao: Fractured Promises, Continuing Challenges	PSPC
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			DSP
03	Speaking Engagement	Shaping Filipino Foreign Policy	AltDev
03	Paper Presentation	2020 Melbourne Forum on Constitution Building in Asia and the Pacific - Webinar 1: Emergency Powers and COVID-19	PSPC
07	Training	Electronic Health Records Training for New Bulusan Rural Health Unit Staff	PHSD
10	Speaking Engagement	What's Wrong with Oligarchies?	AltDev
10	Workshop	Decolonizing Global Studies Academic Workshop	DSP
10	Forum	Special Session with Academic Publishers and Journal Editors	DSP
11-12	Conference	Decolonizing Global Studies: Charting Trends, Mapping Trajectories	DSP
12	Speaking Engagement	Marxism and the "Disappearing" Peasantry	AltDev
15	Meeting	UP Data Science Working Group Meeting	DSP
18	Presentation	Roundtable Discussion on the Current State of Hybrid-Electric Vessels in the Philippines	PEP
18	Meeting	Meeting on Data Privacy for Electronic Health Records	PHSD
21	Consultation	Virtual Roadshow with the House Committee on Higher and Technical Education	HERPR
21	Focus Group Discussion	Capacitating ASEAN to Address Security Issues in Southeast Asia	SSP
22	Webinar	Educational Institution Mechanisms for the New Normal	ISP
24	Discussion	COVID-19 and Its Effects on the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao	EMIT C4C
24	Focus Group Discussion	Capacitating ASEAN to Address Security Issues in Southeast Asia	SSP
24-01 Dec	Call for Papers	Higher Education Interventions for the Better Normal	HERPR
26	Participation in Online Workshop	Horizon Online	AltDev
26-27	Participation in Online Workshop	Meeting of International Council of the World Social Forum	AltDev

	26-27	Participation in Online Workshop	Meeting of International Council of the World Social Forum	AltDev
	29	Meeting	UP Data Science Working Group Meeting	DSPP
	30	Participation in Webinar	Grassroots Initiatives in the Midst of a Global Pandemic	AltDev
<b>October</b> 2020	01	Speaking Engagement	Edge Session 2: Exploring the Role of Alternative Development in Responding to Systemic Challenges	AltDev
	06, 12, 19, and 26	Conference	5th Katipunan Conference	SSP
	08	Participation in Forum	Trade, COVID-19, and Global Health	PEP
	13-15	Presentation	Technology-enabled Solutions for Universal Health Care: Webinar on Electronic Health Records Package for Local Government Units	PHSD
	16-18	Presentation in Conference	Words in the World International Conference	ERP
	21	Meeting	UP Data Science Working Group Meeting	DSPP
	23	Meeting	Meeting with the Governing Council of the Department of Science and Technology-Philippine Council for Health Research and Development	PHSD
	26	Focus Group Discussion	Peacebuilding through History Education	ISP
	26-28	Paper Presentation	Philippine Queer Studies Conference 2020	AltDev
	30	Presentation	Fourth Quarter Presentation to the Department of Health and the Department of Science and Technology-Philippine Council for Health Research and Development	PHSD
<b>November</b> 2020	Nov-Dec	Validation and Finalization	UK Research and Innovation Global Challenges Research Fund TalkTogether Corpus Study: Filipino Parts-of-Speech Tags	ERP
	Nov-Dec	Training	Digital Citizen Science Training Program	DSPP EMIT C4C
	05-07	Conference	ASEAN Civil Society Conference/ ASEAN Peoples' Forum 2020	AltDev
	09	Forum	Stakeholder Forum for the Baseline Study on Language Match and Teacher Assignment in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao	ACTRP
	11	Consultation	Virtual Roadshow with the Office of Senator Sherwin Gatchalian	HERPR
	19	Roundtable Discussion	Rebuilding Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises in the Time of the Pandemic	PEP

	23	Presentation	Presentation of Updates to PhilHealth	PHSD
	24	Meeting	Executive-Level UP Data Science Working Group Meeting	DSP
	27	Participation in Webinar	Rethinking the Transformations in Public Policy and Governance in the Next Normal	DSP
	29	Speaking Engagement	COVID-19 Impact and Grassroots Resilience: Cases of the Philippines and Southeast Asia	AltDev
	30	Meeting	UK Research and Innovation Global Challenges Research Fund TalkTogether First Philippine Team Meeting	ERP
	30	Meeting	Data Science Para sa Bayan Meeting	DSP
				EMIT C4C
<b>December</b> 2020	08	Webinar	Democracy Talks in Manila: The Role of Youth Voices in Democracy	PSPC
	09	Press Briefing and Webinar	Marginalized Societies and the State in the Time of Pandemic: The Philippine Case	AltDev
	11	Government Forum	Marginalized Societies and the State in the Time of Pandemic: The Philippine Case	AltDev
	11	Conference	Knowledge Learning Market and Policy Engagement Conference 2020	AltDev
	14	Writeshop	Decolonial Studies Writeshop	DSP
	16	Orientation	Developing Support Materials for Self-Learning Module Writers	ACTRP
	16	Validation	Validation of Action Research Findings	EMIT C4C
	16	Paper Presentation	Asia in Review Panel Discussion on Law and Politics in Southeast Asia - Constitutionalism in Crisis?: The Path Ahead for Southeast Asia	PSPC
	17	Virtual Signing Ceremony	Virtual Signing of TalkTogether Collaboration Agreement	ERP

## Tally of Activities

### Total

(Note: An activity spanning multiple months is only counted once in the total)

1 Call for Papers	1 Press Briefing
4 Conferences	1 Roundtable Discussion
21 Consultations/Meetings	6 Speaking Engagements
4 Discussions/Forums	6 Trainings/Orientalions
3 Focus Group Discussions	2 Validations/Finalization
3 Internships	1 Virtual Signing Ceremony
2 Participation in Meetings/Forums	7 Webinars
1 Participation in Project Launch	2 Workshops
4 Participation in Workshops/Webinars	1 Writeshop
14 Presentations/Paper Presentations	

### July 2020

3 Internships	1 Speaking Engagement
3 Meetings	2 Trainings
1 Participation in Meeting	1 Workshop
2 Presentations	

### August 2020

7 Consultations/Meetings	4 Presentations
3 Internships	3 Webinars
1 Participation in Project Launch	

### September 2020

1 Call for Papers	2 Presentations/Paper Presentations
1 Conference	3 Speaking Engagements
5 Consultations/Meetings	2 Trainings
2 Discussions/Forums	2 Webinars
2 Focus Group Discussions	1 Workshop
3 Participation in Workshops/Webinars	

### October 2020

1 Call for Papers	1 Participation in Forum
1 Conference	4 Presentations/Paper Presentations
1 Focus Group Discussion	1 Speaking Engagement
3 Meetings	

### November 2020

1 Call for Papers	1 Presentation
1 Conference	1 Roundtable Discussion
4 Consultations/Meetings	1 Speaking Engagement
1 Forum	1 Training
1 Participation in Webinar	1 Validation/Finalization

### December 2020

1 Call for Papers	2 Trainings/Orientalions
1 Conference	2 Validations/Finalization
1 Forum	1 Virtual Signing Ceremony
1 Paper Presentation	2 Webinars
1 Press Briefing	1 Writeshop





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