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The Center



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UP CIDS as UP's Policy Research Unit

The **University of the Philippines Center for Integrative and Development Studies (UP CIDS)** was established in 1985 by the late UP President Edgardo J. Angara, who envisioned the Center as the University's policy research unit. The UP President's Executive Order 9 of September 1985 lays out the following objectives which help define the UP CIDS:

- Develop, organize, and manage research issues of national significance, which, because of their importance and inherent complexity require an integrative and collaborative approach and research methodologies and skills of greater sophistication;
- Encourage and support research and study on these issues undertaken 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.

In essence, UP CIDS was envisioned to serve as the University's think tank and to address the problems of the nation through utilizing the expertise and resources of UP. This is in line with the mandates of the University set by the UP Charter (Republic Act No. 9500), particularly (1) to serve as a research university and (2) to lead as a public service university for the government, the private sector, and civil society.

UP CIDS in the UP 2017–2023 Strategic Plan

At present, UP CIDS finds its significance as a policy research unit by playing a substantial role in the University's Strategic Plan for 2017 to 2023. UP CIDS directly contributes to two (2) of the goals in the University's Strategic Plan: (1) contribute to national development, and (2) promote access and diversity.

UP CIDS in Contributing to National Development

In its 2017–2023 Strategic Plan, the University recognizes knowledge creation and public service as its primary contributions toward national development.

Under knowledge creation, UP CIDS, by its nature, is intimately linked with the strategic initiative of “enhancing research, publications, and creative work.” The various research programs under the Center serve as platforms to execute both established and innovative research approaches and designs. Since August 2017, UP CIDS has also fostered a team dedicated to producing a journal on public policy, a policy brief series, and a discussion paper series, among other projects, thus helping enhance publications work in the University.

In relation to providing public service, UP CIDS is mainly involved with at least two (2) strategic initiatives: (1) enhancing policy research and (2) popularizing UP's research findings. The current UP CIDS research programs address various issues of national significance related to education, capacity building, and political, economic, and social development by recommending policies based on research. Local and regional issues are also addressed through the Local-Regional Studies Network (LRSN) initiative. The collaborative efforts and linkages formed by UP CIDS in carrying out policy research allows it to expand its reach and influence—this notwithstanding the already vigorous efforts by its Publications Unit in disseminating and publicizing the outputs of the Center.

UP CIDS in Promoting Access and Diversity

UP CIDS promotes access and diversity through enhancing both structures and policies for collaboration and internationalization efforts.

In convening nine (9) research programs since 2017, UP CIDS is able to establish a working network of UP affiliated faculty, research fellows, and students doing policy research in their respective Program's areas of interest. Inter-program collaboration among UP CIDS Programs is not uncommon. The UP CIDS Programs and its Executive Director have also effectively linked with several groups in civil society, in government, and in specific industries to carry out policy-oriented research and projects. Some UP CIDS programs have also contributed to internationalization efforts through partnerships with international academic institutions and organizations, and by accommodating international student interns.

UP CIDS Research Programs and the Local-Regional Studies Network

The Center has recently revived its programmatic thrust with the appointment of Teresa S. Encarnacion Tadem, Ph.D. as the UP CIDS Executive Director in August 2017. Thereafter, until December 2017, nine (9) research programs and a Local-Regional Studies Network initiative were convened and conceptualized, with some programs initiating and completing research projects and activities. The rationale behind a programmatic structure for UP CIDS is to enable the Center to maintain a sizeable network of scholars who are willing to work and collaborate to address a wide array of critical and longstanding national issues, and those which may arise periodically—this as against a project-based organization which employs the talents and skills of UP scholars only for the duration of a particular project, and only for the limited objective of the project alone.

By 2018, there were a few changes to the roster of research programs and projects in UP

CIDS. The prospective activities of the Program on Peace and Conflict Transformation (PCT) were jointly carried out by the Office of the Executive Director and the Program on Social and Political Change as the PCT Program Convenor, Professor Miriam Coronel-Ferrer, was appointed in the United Nations (UN) for its peacebuilding and mediation efforts and would not therefore be able to convene the Program. The initial expected partnerships with five (5) research centers in various UP constituent universities for the Local-Regional Studies Network (LRSN) was finalized to two (2) projects: (1) the LRSN–Cordillera Studies Center (UP Baguio) Project on Program Analysis and Policy Recommendations for the Payments for Environmental Services (PES) Implementation in Benguet, and (2) the LRSN–Central Visayas Studies Center (UP Cebu) Project on Sustainable Tourism in Central Visayas.

The following are the research programs and projects under UP CIDS for the period of January to June 2018:

- Education Research Program (ERP)
- Program on Higher Education Research and Policy Reform (HERPR)

- Program on Data Science for Public Policy
- Program on Alternative Development (AltDev)
- Program on Escaping the Middle-Income Trap: Chains for Change (EMIT:C4C)
- Program on Social and Political Change (PSPC)
- Islamic Studies Program (ISP)
- Strategic Studies Program (SSP)
- Local-Regional Studies Network (LRSN)
 - Cordillera Studies Center (CSC, UP Baguio)
 - Central Visayas Studies Center (CVSC, UP Cebu)

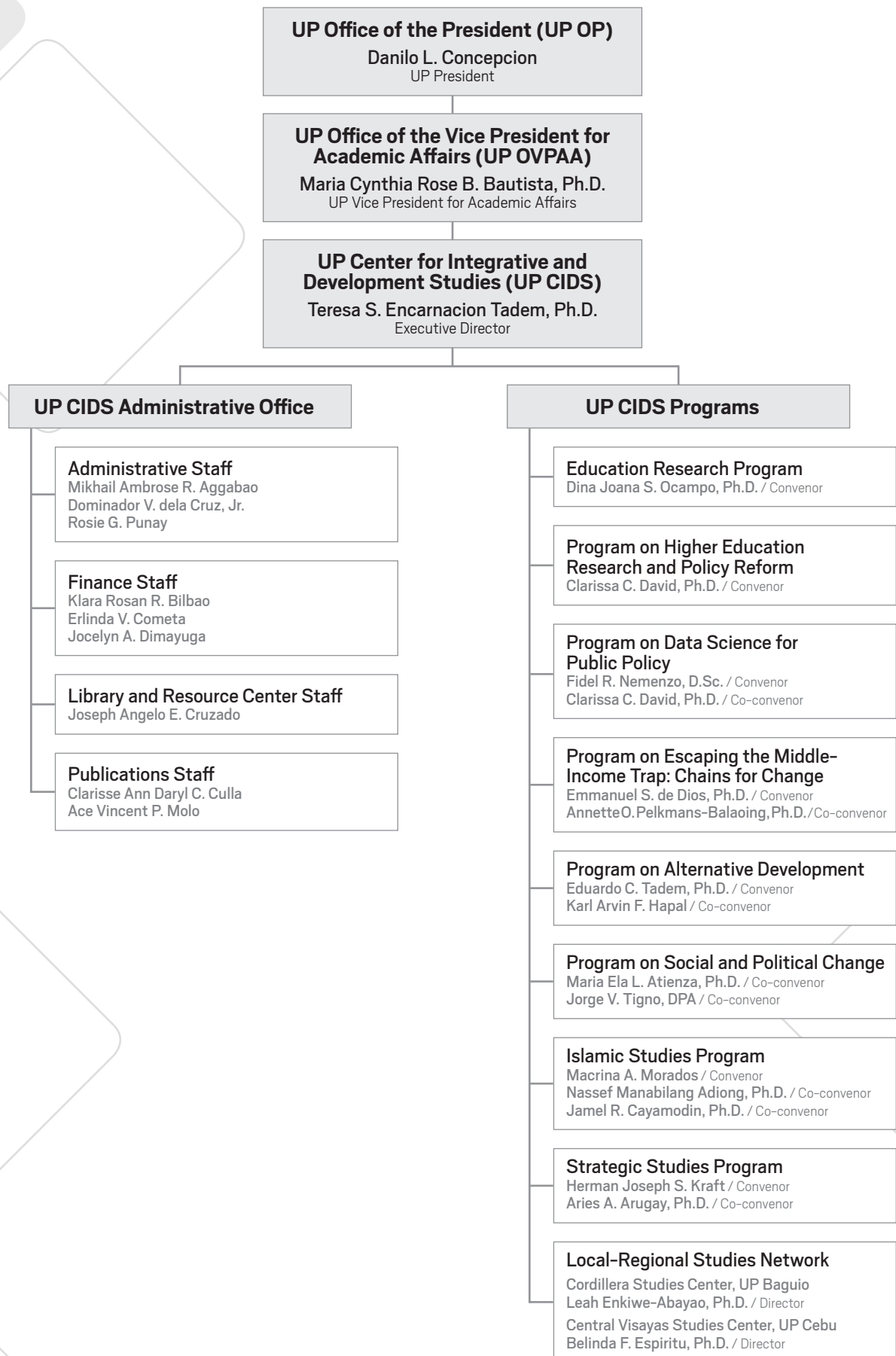
The first half of 2018 saw the completion of various segments of the research projects being carried out by the UP CIDS Programs. New partnerships and collaborations among UP CIDS programs and projects, with various UP units, and with external government and non-government entities. These partnerships and collaborations were formed either on the basis of existing UP CIDS research efforts or in pursuing new research projects and initiatives.



UP CIDS Executive Director Teresa S. Encarnacion Tadem, Ph.D., UP CIDS Program Convenors, Co-convenors, and Staff, LRSN Unit Representatives, and UP CIDS Administrative Staff with UP Vice President for Academic Affairs Maria Cynthia Rose Bautista (PHOTO BY IMA ARIATE)

UP CIDS Organizational Structure

(As of June 2018)





Education Research Program

CONVENOR

Dina Joana S. Ocampo, Ph.D.
(UP College of Education)

From 1991 to 2005, the **Education Research Program (ERP)** has carried out a research agenda which inquired into (1) functional literacy and non-formal education, focused on comprehensive community-based development through education interventions for adults, and (2) the indigenization of basic education curriculum to suit the knowledge, values, practices, culture, and skills of members of indigenous or cultural groups.

The ERP now seeks to craft another five-year education research agenda for 2018 to 2023 in order to contribute to the deeper understanding of education issues, as well as social issues that arise therefrom. From 2017 to 2018, the ERP's main objective has been to create this five-year agenda and to determine subtopics or subprograms that will constitute the research agenda.

The ERP is convened by Professor Dina Joana S. Ocampo, Ph.D. and staffed by the following researchers:

Junior Research Associate: Naomi M. Fontanos

Junior Research Associate: Junette Fatima D. Gonzales

Junior Research Associate: Kathrina Lorraine M. Lucasan

Junior Research Associate: Cynthia A. Villafranca

Activities Pursued from January to June 2018

From January to June 2018, the ERP created subtopics that will contribute to the Program's overall education research agenda. Each subtopic will produce concept papers

identifying research objectives, target conferences and activities, and target published outputs.

Subtopics and their respective research projects that have already been initiated include the following:

Ongoing work

Area	Research Projects	Deliverables
Education Research Agenda Formulation (ERP Agenda 2018–2023)	(1) Governance, Finance, School Improvement, and Information and Communications Technology (ICT) (2) Curriculum, Assessment, and ICT (3) Instruction, Teacher Professional Development, and ICT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monograph/discussion papers • Conference presentation (completed)
Teacher Professional Development	Using School Learning Action Cells to Improve Teaching-Learning Process in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) What Constitutes Continuing Professional Development?	Report to The Head Foundation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy brief • Conference presentation (completed)
School Leadership	Analysis of Vision-Mission Statements of Selected Basic Education Schools (completed) Implications of Federalism on Basic Education in National Capital Region (NCR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journal article • Conference presentation (scheduled on November 2018) Discussion paper
Inclusive Education	Addressing the Underachievement of Boys in Basic Education: Implications for Teacher Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion paper/journal article • Conference presentation (completed)
Language and Literacy Education	The Effects of the Multilingual Education Program on Literacy Development of Primary School Learners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journal article • Conference presentation

Future work

- **Early Grades Education:** Growth Mindsets and Social Justice Awareness Through Story Discussions Among Early Grade Learners
- **Language and Literacy Education:** Does Multilingual Education Broker Language Appreciation? Answers from First Person Voices
- **School Leadership:** Case Studies on the Values Emphasis of Selected Schools
- **ICT in Education:** Development of an ICT Adoption Scale

- **ICT in Education:** Roundtable Discussion on ICT in Computer Science for Basic Education
- **Trends and Issues in Research Methods in Education:** Discussion Series and Compendium of Trends and Issues in Research in Education

Working policy briefs

- Inclusive Education
- Language and Literacy Education

Program on Higher Education Research and Policy Reform

CONVENOR
Clarissa C. David, Ph.D.
(UP College of Mass Communication)

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 doing work in 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.

The Program is convened by University of the Philippines (UP) College of Mass Communication Professor Clarissa C. David, Ph.D., and for 2018, is made up of the following research fellows and staff:

Senior Research Fellow: Geoffrey M. Ducanes, Ph.D.
Research Fellow and Consultant: Karol Mark R. Yee
Senior Research Associate: Shaira Melissa T. Tengco
Senior Project Assistant: Ian Nicole A. Generalao
Office Aide: Louise Anne I. Bayas

Activities Pursued from January to June 2018

Program Agenda Setting Workshop for 2018 (25 January 2018)

A workshop was organized to identify the Program's target outputs for 2018. The Program Team finalized possible topics to pursue given the data available from the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC). Policy briefs were drafted in 2017 and in the first quarter of 2018, the Program completed, and subsequently published by UP CIDS with the assistance of the UP CIDS Publications Unit. The HERPR Program plans to organize forums in the second half of 2018 to present the findings shown in the policy briefs.

HERPR Program Writeshop (25 April 2018)

A writeshop was held to check on the status of the ongoing researches of the HERPR Program Research Fellows. Two working papers (*Where are Our PhDs?* and *Who Serves the Poor?* policy briefs) were reviewed. The data needed for these papers and further analysis for improving the papers' discussions were also discussed.

Housing of Graduate Student Intern (June 2018)

The Program hosted Jose Luis Bacigalupo Vargas, a graduate student of the Harvard Kennedy School, as an intern for a two-month period. The intern is expected to prepare one policy brief and one discussion paper as output. Mr. Vargas is also working on a paper about information availability for students in choosing degree programs for college. The intern also served as technical support to the HERPR Program Convenor and Senior Research Fellows.

Program Outputs from January to June 2018

Consolidated Datasets

The HERPR Program has put together important datasets related to higher

education, mainly from the CHED and PRC. All requested and downloaded data were organized and consolidated accordingly. Additional datasets from the Department of Health (DOH) were also acquired to address the concerns of healthcare-related researches.



Jose Luis Bacigalupo Vargas (back row, second from right), a graduate student at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, served as intern of the HERPR Program for two months (PHOTO BY CLARISSE CULLA / UP CIDS PUBLICATIONS UNIT)

Draft Higher Education Website

The HERPR Program is in the process of developing a website that will feature the Program's publications and knowledge materials. Initial features of the draft website include prototypes of an online data portal, a higher education literature database, an online data search, and a data entry tool for government agencies.

UP CIDS Proposals

The HERPR Program submitted proposals to the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Private Education Assistance Committee (PEAC) for possible research grants. The Program is also working on a policy brief for the Department of Health about understanding the demand and supply of medical professionals in the Philippines. This will also address the problem in filling in the shortage of doctors in the country.

Policy Briefs

HERPR Program Senior Research Fellow Geoffrey M. Ducanes, Ph.D. drafted a policy

brief on nursing education titled *Nurse Education Program Performance: Evidence from Licensure Exams* using PRC data. His analysis used regression to examine the patterns and robust correlates of the nursing licensure exam results from 2010 to 2016. The data analysis found a robust relationship between passing rates in the nursing licensure exam and variables such as school size, type of school, location, year of establishment, and student-to-faculty ratio. For private schools, program fees were also found to be significantly correlated with passing rates. This policy note was uploaded to the UP CIDS website and was released to the media last 25 April 2018.

HERPR Program Convenor Clarissa C. David, Ph.D., with the assistance of Dr. Ducanes, completed a policy brief on teacher education titled *Teacher Education in the Philippines: Are We Meeting the Demand for Quantity and Quality?* Findings reveal that annually, the number of Licensure Examination for Teachers (LET) passers is not enough to supply the demand of the basic education sector in the Philippines. The study also shows that there is a shortage of high-performing teacher education programs in the country's HEIs. Policy recommendations in addressing this problem include making information on HEI quality publicly accessible to prospective students, incentive mechanisms, inter-agency cooperation, and reforms targeting low-performing schools. This policy brief was also uploaded to the UP CIDS website and was released to the media last 25 April 2018.

The Program produced a policy brief on engineering education in the country. The paper titled *School Licensure Exam Performance and Engineer Shortage in the Philippines* found out that for each of the four engineering fields (civil engineering, electronic engineering, electrical engineering, and mechanical engineering), small schools tend to perform much worse than larger schools and that the student-to-faculty ratio is inversely related to licensure examination performance. These two variables proxy for the financial capacity of the school: large schools tend to have more financial resources, and schools with greater financial resources are able to afford a smaller student-to-faculty ratio. The authors suggested that

CHED should invest and allocate resources to ensure that, at least at the regional level, there is a presence of a good program in the different engineering fields. This would complement the government's program to invest heavily in infrastructure and expand development outside Metro Manila and into the provinces.

Proposed Activities for July to December 2018

Forums

The HERPR Program will conduct two forums in the second half of 2018 to present to various stakeholders the research findings and knowledge produced by the Program. The forums aim to bring together policymakers from the government and private and public higher education institutions (HEIs) to discuss current issues confronting the sector and possible policy solutions to these issues. Topics will include program access and accessibility, higher education management frameworks, and an assessment of sector performance, among others.

Symposiums

The HERPR Program plans to hold three (3) UP System-wide symposiums in the second half of 2018 to discuss a range of topics including the quality of higher education, education governance in UP, and faculty development, among others. These symposiums seek to involve the executive, academic, and administrative staff of the UP System in order to ensure the inclusivity of discussions.

Workshops and Writeshops

Four (4) workshops will be conducted for each of the Program's four thematic research clusters: (1) general higher education research, (2) government institutions and higher education, (3) university-level research, and (4) UP System-wide research. The Program aims to invite thirty (30) experts from the field who are focused on the topics of a particular research cluster.



Program on Data Science for Public Policy

CONVENOR

Fidel R. Nemenzo, D.Sc.

(UP Institute of Mathematics)

CO-CONVENOR

Clarissa C. David, Ph.D.

(UP College of Mass Communication)

The **Program on Data Science for Public Policy** aims to build the capacity of University of the Philippines (UP) faculty in data science as applied to challenges in public policy and governance. In relation to this, the Program endeavors to build and engage a community of faculty and encourage the pursuit of interdisciplinary problem-oriented research using high-level quantitative analyses. Other objectives include organizing multidisciplinary teams with social scientists, humanists, and scientists to conduct research on issues in the public sector.

The Program is convened by UP Diliman Vice Chancellor for Research and Development and UP Institute of Mathematics Professor Fidel R. Nemenzo, D.Sc., and co-convened by Professor Clarissa C. David, Ph.D. of the UP College of Mass Communication. The following are the research fellows and staff of the Program for 2018:

Research Fellow: Jalton G. Taguibao, Ph.D. (UP Department of Political Science)

Research Fellow: Jan Michael C. Yap, Ph.D. (UP Department of Computer Science)

Junior Research Associate: Geraldine E. Guarin

Senior Project Assistant: Maria Jeriesa P. Osorio

Activities Pursued from January to June 2018

Introduction to Python Workshop

(All Mondays of April 2018)

The workshop is a hands-on introduction to Python, a general programming language used for organizing and developing visual presentations of data. No previous programming course is required in order to participate in this workshop. Participants were provided with datasets and exercises to help understand the components of Python programming.

From a total of 72 applicants, the workshop had 22 participants from various UP units, namely UP Diliman (College of Education, School of Statistics, College of Arts and Letters, UP Integrated School, College of Education, College of Social Sciences and Philosophy, College of Mass Communication, School of Economics, College of Social Sciences and Philosophy, College of Social Work and Community Development, and College of Architecture), UP Manila (College of Public Health and National Institutes of Health), UP Los Baños (College of Development Communication), and UP Cebu (College of Communication, Art, and Design).

Public Forum: *Data Science for Public Policy: Applications and Experiences*

(19 April 2018)

The Program held its first Public Forum on Data Science for Public Policy as part of a planned series of fora and workshops running from April to September 2018. Invited panelists discussed their research related to or with implications on public policy. Topics include geospatial analysis of Philippine elections and transportation infrastructure (Dr. Reina Reyes), executive-legislative issue-attention toward policy issue-areas (Prof. Jalton Taguibao), nighttime satellite imaging and patterns of illegal fishing in Southeast Asia and the Philippines (Mr. Rollan Geronimo), political dynasties and economic development as evidenced by nighttime lights (Dr. Karl Jandoc), and the creation of an updated Philippine language corpus from Wattpad (Dr. Mario Carreon). The forum had a total of 47 attendees.

Briefing on Utilizing Bureau of Customs Publicly Available Data (09 May 2018)

The Program invited selected faculty, researchers, and students to a talk by former Bureau of Customs (BOC) Commissioner John Philipp "Sunny" Sevilla. Mr. Sevilla provided



The participants of the Introduction to Python Workshop together with members of the UP CIDS Program on Data Science for Public Policy (PHOTO COURTESY OF JALTON G. TAGUIBAO, PH.D.)



Prof. Jalton Taguibao, Mr. Rollan Geronimo, Dr. Karl Jandoc, and Dr. Mario Carreon answer questions from the audience at the *Data Science for Public Policy: Applications and Experiences* public forum (PHOTO COURTESY OF UP CIDS PROGRAM ON DATA SCIENCE FOR PUBLIC POLICY)

an overview and briefing on publicly available data from the Bureau of Customs.

Program Outputs from January to June 2018

The participants of the Introduction to Python workshop held by the Program submitted drafts of policy briefs as their final output. Currently, there are four working policy briefs under the Program:

- *Marginal Representation Partylists and Legislative Productivity at the House of Representatives, 1998–2016* (Aimee Bautista and Alicor Panao)
- *Not Just a Lab Story: Insights to Improve Science Reporting in the Philippines*

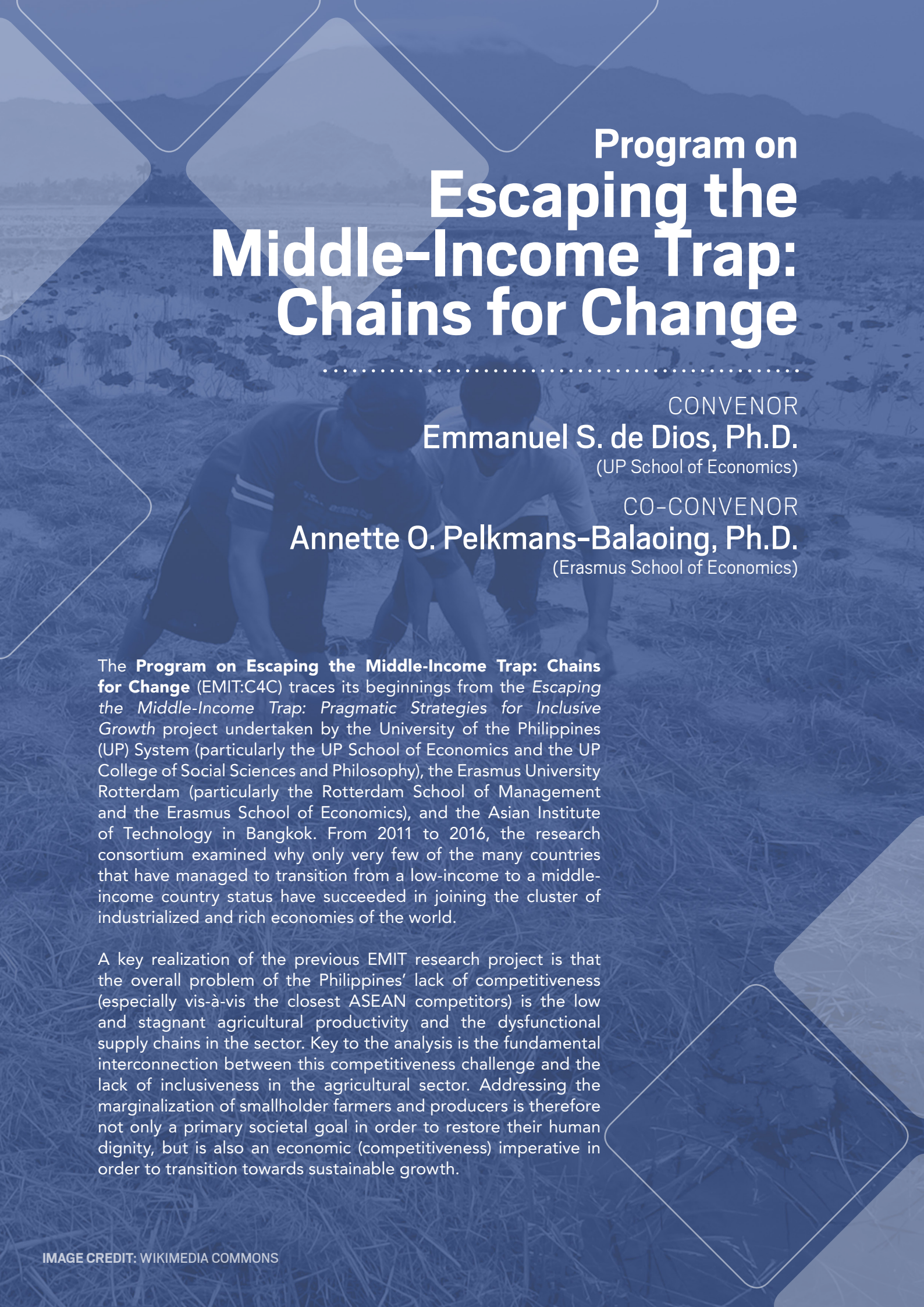
(Jon Benedik Bunquin and Maria Jeriesa Osorio)

- *Airbnb, a Peer-to-Peer Housing Market: Basis for Philippine House Price Index?* (Geraldine Guarin and George Douglas Siton)
- *Examining China's Foreign Policy in Northeast Asia: Continuities and Change during Hu and Xi Administrations* (Raisa Lumampao)

Proposed Activities for July to December 2018

For the second half of the 2018, the Program on Data Science for Public Policy is looking to hold (1) an Introductory Workshop on R and (2) two forums on Data Science for Public Policy.





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

CONVENOR

Emmanuel S. de Dios, Ph.D.

(UP School of Economics)

CO-CONVENOR

Annette O. Pelkmans-Balaoing, Ph.D.

(Erasmus School of Economics)

The **Program on Escaping the Middle-Income Trap: Chains for Change** (EMIT:C4C) traces its beginnings from the *Escaping the Middle-Income Trap: Pragmatic Strategies for Inclusive Growth* project undertaken by the University of the Philippines (UP) System (particularly the UP School of Economics and the UP College of Social Sciences and Philosophy), the Erasmus University Rotterdam (particularly the Rotterdam School of Management and the Erasmus School of Economics), and the Asian Institute of Technology in Bangkok. From 2011 to 2016, the research consortium examined why only very few of the many countries that have managed to transition from a low-income to a middle-income country status have succeeded in joining the cluster of industrialized and rich economies of the world.

A key realization of the previous EMIT research project is that the overall problem of the Philippines' lack of competitiveness (especially vis-à-vis the closest ASEAN competitors) is the low and stagnant agricultural productivity and the dysfunctional supply chains in the sector. Key to the analysis is the fundamental interconnection between this competitiveness challenge and the lack of inclusiveness in the agricultural sector. Addressing the marginalization of smallholder farmers and producers is therefore not only a primary societal goal in order to restore their human dignity, but is also an economic (competitiveness) imperative in order to transition towards sustainable growth.

The Program aims to examine the nexus of inclusion and competitiveness in the country's efforts to achieve sustainable growth. For its initial year, the focus is on inclusive business models in agricultural value chains. The Program actively links itself with global efforts to realize the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals through its partnership with the Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University.

The EMIT:C4C Program is convened by Professor Emmanuel S. De Dios, Ph.D. of the UP School of Economics and co-convened by Assistant Professor Annette Pelkmans-Balaoing, Ph.D. of the Erasmus School of Economics, Erasmus University Rotterdam. The following comprise the core group and the research staff of the Program:

EMIT:C4C Core Group:

- Rob van Tulder Ph.D. (Rotterdam School of Management)
- Ronald T. Chua (Asian Institute of Management)
- Rafael C. Lopa (Office of the Vice President of the Philippines)
- Danilo Songco (PinoyME Foundation)
- Gisela Tiongson (Jollibee Group Foundation)

Junior Research Analyst: Jane Lynn D. Capacio

Senior Research Associate: Anthony John Rodriguez

Junior Research Associate: Reinier de Guzman

Junior Research Associate and Administrative Officer: Camia Tangco

Activities Pursued from January to June 2018

Learning Session and Field Research with Jollibee Group Foundation (22 January 2018)

EMIT:C4C researchers, faculty members from the Rotterdam School of Management, and institutional partner Jollibee Group Foundation (JGF) conducted a learning session with representatives of various farmers' organizations involved in JGF's Farmer Entrepreneurship Program (FEP). The assembly was held in the office of the KALASAG

Farmers Producers Cooperative (FPC) in San Jose, Nueva Ecija. The organizations represented included farmer-leaders of cooperatives from Ilocos Sur, Laguna, and Benguet. Members of the City Agriculture and City Cooperative Offices were also present.

The meeting commenced with a short tour of the KALASAG FPC's farm sites and facilities, supplemented with informal information sharing on onion planting practices and technology. The tour was followed by discussions where representatives exchanged experiences and shared the challenges gained of being part of the FEP.

The learning session equipped the researchers with a more grounded understanding of the FEP and its implementation and provided an avenue for various farmers' organizations to learn from each other.



UP CIDS EMIT:C4C Co-convenor Dr. Annette Pelkmans-Balaoing speaking at the EMIT:C4C Anchor Themes Workshop held at UP Mindanao (PHOTO COURTESY OF UP CIDS EMIT:C4C)

Discussion on Inclusive Financing with The Netherlands Embassy and Dutch Partners (23 January 2018)

The Netherlands Embassy had a learning session with EMIT:C4C in January 2018 regarding sustainable business and sustainable diplomacy. EMIT:C4C presented the preliminary findings of its action research



UP CIDS Executive Director Teresa S. Encarnacion Tadem, Ph.D., the EMIT:C4C Team, and participants of the Anchor Themes Workshop held at the UP School of Economics (PHOTO COURTESY OF UP CIDS EMIT:C4C)

and shared key insights on inclusive business. Dr. Rob van Tulder also discussed with the Netherlands Embassy his work on sustainable diplomacy and suggested mechanisms that can help the Embassy in becoming more proactive in pushing for inclusion and sustainability in its programs.

Forum with Dutch Firms on Inclusive Business (Hosted by The Netherlands Embassy) (23 January 2018)

Her Excellency Marion Derckx, Ambassador of the Netherlands to the Philippines, hosted a forum on inclusive business where Dutch firms in the Philippines (e.g. Shell, ING Bank, East West Seeds, Friesland Campina, Unilever, and Philips) were invited to hear the EMIT:C4C presentation. The firms validated the findings of EMIT:C4C and raised queries about addressing difficult regulatory policies in the Philippines (such as the Agri-Agra Law) and the improvement of compliance through inclusive business. Dr. Rob van Tulder of EMIT:C4C and the Rotterdam School of Management emphasized that companies are currently in transition towards doing more inclusive business.

Anchor Themes Workshop and Learning Session 1 (27 January 2018)

Key themes arising from the EMIT:C4C action research findings were presented, discussed, and validated with the UP Mindanao School of Management. Attendees include UP

Mindanao faculty from the business, economics, and natural science disciplines, UP Mindanao graduate students, and guests from the government, donor agencies, and civil society organizations.

UP Mindanao Chancellor Dr. Sylvia Concepcion delivered the opening remarks and attended the entire workshop. The speakers who tackled the anchor themes were Dr. Annette Pelkmans-Balaoing (*Elaboration on the EMIT:C4C and the Anchor Themes Workshop; Inclusive Development and Peace: The Unifrutti-LaFrutera-Hineleban Case; and Undertaking Action Research Projects*) and Dr. Rob van Tulder (*Elaboration on the EMIT:C4C and the Anchor Themes Workshop; The Nature of Wicked Problems; and Inclusive Business Strategies and Peace*) of the Rotterdam School of Management (RSM), Prof. Vlademir Shuck (*Democratizing Food Governance through Direct Marketing Strategies: The Case of Vegetable Farmer Clusters in Marilog, Davao City*) and Prof. Thaddeus Acuna (*Contextualizing Inclusive Business: Financial Perspective*) of the UP Mindanao, and EMIT:C4C senior researcher Jane Capacio (*Cooperatives, Property Rights, and Agriculture Contracts*). Dr. Pedro Alviola IV of UP Mindanao facilitated the discussions as the moderator of the workshop.

Anchor Themes Workshop and Learning Session 2 (1 February 2018)

EMIT:C4C held a second workshop on the key themes and findings of the Program's researches. The workshop engaged practitioners in a dialogue on the anchor themes to enhance analysis and enrich literature by incorporating the perspectives of professionals in the value chains.

The speakers for the workshop were Prof. Emmanuel de Dios of the UP School of Economics (*Escaping the Middle-Income Trap and the Role of Inclusion and Competitiveness in Agriculture*), Prof. Rob van Tulder (*The Nature of Wicked Problems and Sustainable Supply Chains*) and Prof. Annette Pelkmans-Balaoing (*Action Research*) of the Rotterdam School of Management, Prof. Ronald Chua (*Agricultural Financing*) of the Asian Institute of Management, and Program researchers Jane Capacio (*Cooperatives, Property Rights*

and *Agriculture Contracts*) and Reinier de Guzman (*Business for Peace*). The discussants were Gisela Tiongson of the Jollibee Group Foundation, National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) Assistant Secretary Carlos Abad-Santos, and former Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) Secretary Virgilio de los Reyes. UP CIDS Executive Director Dr. Teresa S. Encarnacion Tadem presented during the last plenary session and discussed the ways forward.

Discussions with the Second Batch of Action Research Partners (March–June 2018)

Themes and focus areas for the second batch of EMIT:C4C action research were identified with the second set of partners: Jollibee Group Foundation (JGF), Unifrutti Tropical Philippines, Inc. (UTPI), San Miguel Foundation (SMF), PLDT-Smart Foundation (PSF), and Peace and Equity Foundation (PEF). The themes and focus areas for the partners are as follows: For JGF, it will be a deeper dive on the first loop of action research that was conducted by EMIT:C4C on their Famers Entrepreneurship Program (FEP), now with a focus on the role of intermediaries and the possible roles of social enterprises in inclusive agriculture value chains; for UTPI, a study on global and local value chains in the banana sector; a study on inclusive financing of agricultural value chains will be done by PSF, with a focus on the role of service providers where PSF operates; and for PEF, the documenting, analyzing, and systematically understanding social enterprises and their role in addressing societal problems.

Forum with Officials of Biotech Farms, Inc. (BFI) and Other Agriculture Stakeholders (April 2018)

In April 2018, Biotech Farms, Inc., a partner of EMIT:C4C, invited its local partners—farmers' associations and cooperatives, seed growers, and local government units—to a forum on inclusive agriculture value chains. They asked EMIT:C4C to share its preliminary findings on the models built from the action research on Jollibee Group Foundation's Farmer Entrepreneurship Program, Saradit na Kristiyanong Komunidad (SKK) Rice Processing Center, and Unifrutti Tropical

Philippines, Inc. The open forum yielded questions and shared the plight of smallholders in Koronadal City, South Cotabato, the concerns of input providers, and key programs of the local government on agriculture extension.



Dr. Rob van Tulder and Senior Researcher Jane Capacio at one of EMIT:C4C's action research sites (PHOTO COURTESY OF JOLLIBEE GROUP FOUNDATION)

Discussions and Field Research with Stakeholders of the Philippine Banana Industry (26–28 April 2018)

EMIT:C4C held a series of policy discussions with key officials and members of the Philippine Banana Growers and Exporters Association (PBGEA). In various meetings, stakeholders of the PBGEA discussed their history, advocacies, and hopes, and prospects for the export banana industry. EMIT:C4C researchers discussed with them the trends in exports and imports worldwide and the possibilities for inclusive value chains and inclusive business in the industry. Labor in the banana sector is formal, follows the minimum wage, and accounts for many farmworkers in the region, thus making it a possible driver for peace. Officials and members of PBGEA welcomed the ideas from EMIT:C4C.

Dr. Annette Pelkmans-Balaoing was invited a meeting with the PBGEA on 28 May 2018, where the group discussed the milestones of the Philippine banana industry which will be presented in a PBGEA meeting in October.



The EMIT:C4C Research Team with officers and members of the Kalasag Farmers Producers Cooperative at San Agustin, San Jose City, Nueva Ecija (PHOTO COURTESY OF UP CIDS EMIT:C4C)

Presentation of Preliminary Findings with Unifrutti CEO and Managers (April–May 2018)

Since November 2017, EMIT:C4C has been doing a case study on Unifrutti, La Frutera, and Hineleban Foundation as part of its case study on business leaders for peace. In April 2018, EMIT:C4C gave a presentation to the core staff of Unifrutti Tropical Philippines, Inc. The presentation served as a validation session and a venue for the core staff of Unifrutti to raise their queries on inclusiveness and competitiveness.

The conversations continued in May 2018, where EMIT:C4C provided insights and key materials and handled their questions and concerns. EMIT:C4C also gave a policy brief on the banana industry and an extensive presentation.

EMIT:C4C, through the Foundation for Integrative and Development Studies and Unifrutti Tropical Philippines, Inc., also signed a memorandum of agreement on the continuation of the conduct of action research and for the donation of resources to EMIT:C4C.

Field Research and Discussions with Smallholder Farmers (29 April–2 May 2018)

In the spirit of action research where researchers and practitioners work together in a learning and doing environment, EMIT:C4C

joined the discussion between Unifrutti and a farmers' group. Dr. Annette Pelkmans-Balaoing helped unpack the issues to assist in the generation of agreements and ways forward.

Grow Asia Learning Alliance Workshop (03 May 2018)

Grow Asia is an international multi-stakeholder partnership platform for inclusive and sustainable agricultural development in Southeast Asia. It supports smallholder farmers to increase farm productivity, profitability, and environmental sustainability through country partnerships in Vietnam, Indonesia, Myanmar, the Philippines, and Cambodia.

On 3 May 2018, Grow Asia conducted a learning session with its partners in the Philippines that are conducting various action research projects in the field of agriculture geared towards inclusivity and sustainability. EMIT:C4C was the event partner of Grow Asia for the learning workshop. Jane Capacio, Senior Researcher, presented the key findings from the first set of action research projects by the EMIT:C4C.

Other agriculture action research presenters include the De La Salle University, the Institute for Social Entrepreneurship in Asia, the Philippine Partnership for the Development of Human Resources in Rural Areas, Philippine Rural Reconstruction Movement, Rice Watch and Action Network, Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture, the University of Philippines Los Baños, Visayas State University, and Xavier University–Ateneo De Cagayan. The workshop allowed researchers from various institutions to gain understanding on related research projects that are being initiated by other organizations in the country. Aside from serving as a networking opportunity, the session was a starting point for prospective collaborations within the learning alliance network.

"Breaking Barriers in Agriculture Financing" Paper Presentation (03 May 2018)

An output from EMIT:C4C's first loop of action research is the *Breaking Barriers in Agriculture Financing* paper, which discusses the key

findings on the financing mechanisms in two of the models that were studied by EMIT:C4C.

On 3 May 2018, Jane Capacio, Senior Researcher, led the presentation of the EMIT:C4C Core Group. Discussions of the core group led to the enhancement of the paper which will be presented in an EMIT:C4C conference on 18 July.

Meeting with Commercial Banks and Lead Firms on Inclusive Value Chain Financing (01 June 2018)

The Netherlands Embassy hosted a discussion between the ING Bank, and later on, with other commercial banks, and select lead firms in the Philippines, including Unifrutti Tropical Philippines, Inc., Unifrutti Group Philippines, and Genpaco, a canning business that works with small fisherfolks. The banks were interested in inclusive value chain financing and inquired how they can engage in a public-private-partnership (PPP) with EMIT:C4C, the Netherlands Embassy, and with inclusive firms in the Philippines. Unifrutti Tropical Philippines, Inc., Unifrutti Group Philippines, and Genpaco shared their business models during the discussion. Also in attendance were officials from the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and the Board of Investments who shared with the lead firms new DTI incentives for inclusive businesses.

EMIT:C4C already drafted a discussion note and gathered key data for the ING Bank prior to the meeting. After the meeting, EMIT:C4C wrote a proposal on behalf of the group regarding proposed activities for PPPs and inclusive value chain financing.

Orientation of New JGF FEP Partners (Hosted by the Jollibee Group Foundation) (28 June 2018)

Dr. Emmanuel de Dios, EMIT:C4C Convenor, gave an overview of the Philippine economic situation and its implications on inclusive value chains to the new partners of Jollibee Group Foundation's Farmer Entrepreneurship Program. He discussed EMIT:C4C's research on institutional voids and how these voids could be addressed. Dr. de Dios also underscored that organizing the smallholders to become

viable partners to market exchange is critical to the inclusiveness of value chains.

Program Outputs from January to June 2018

Aside from the research activities conducted as previously enumerated, the EMIT:C4C Program was able to complete two papers from the first loop of its action research on inclusive agricultural value chains. The "Breaking Barriers in Agriculture Financing" paper and the "Farmer Entrepreneurship Program" paper were written and prepared by Dr. Annette Pelkmans-Balaoing, Ms. Jane Lynn D. Capacio, Mr. Ronald Chua, Dr. Emmanuel S. de Dios, Mr. Reinier T. De Guzman, Mr. Anthony John D. Rodriguez, and Dr. Rob van Tulder. Both papers will be presented at the July 18, 2018 EMIT:C4C Conference.

Proposed Activities for July to December 2018

Action Research Tracks

The EMIT:C4C will carry out three action research tracks for the second half of 2018. These include action research on (1) inclusive agricultural value chains, (2) agricultural value chain coalitions (in agricultural financing), and (3) business leaders for peace, which is focused on inclusive business models for conflict-areas.

Learning Sessions and Public Conferences

EMIT:C4C will also be holding learning sessions on Managing Transitions to Sustainable Enterprises/Organizations in July and November 2018. The program has also organized a public conference for July 2018.

Publications

The program plans to publish a series of policy briefs, working papers, and conference proceedings in the latter half of 2018. They also plan to submit manuscripts for publication in UP CIDS' *Philippine Journal of Public Policy*.



Program on Alternative Development

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

The UP CIDS Program on Alternative Development Program is convened by Eduardo C. Tadem, Ph.D., co-convened by Prof. Karl Arvin F. Hapal, and is comprised of the following staff:

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Projects Under the Program

Currently, there are six (6) projects under the Program on Alternative Development:

Project on Alternative Practices in Southeast Asia

The perceived failure of mainstream and dominant development paradigms to meaningfully address the issues and concerns of Southeast Asian peoples is viewed by civil society organizations and social movements as rooted in a market-centered and state-supported process and are said to be accountable only to the narrow-vested interests of economic elites and political oligarchies, further widening the gap between rich and poor within and among countries and causing unparalleled debasement of the environment.

This situation brings up the need to search for an alternative model of development—one that is based on what Southeast Asian peoples are already doing on the ground, guided by cooperation, solidarity, mutual benefit, the commons principle, and joint development.

There are a large number of individuals, communities, projects and programs, proving through action and achievement that there are other ways of doing things. These efforts are creating new social relationships, in which practitioners are empowered, and in which are identified vibrant elements of a new civilization that needs to be built. These models are still spatially dispersed and largely localized. There is, therefore, a need to link these diverse models so that they may eventually grow into alternative systems that can sustain themselves and eventually, challenge the dominant system.

The Project on Alternative Practices in Southeast Asia aims to initially document these alternative practices by grassroots peoples and communities and link these across the region to form the building blocks of a people's alternative regional integration. This project will be conducted in partnership with the Department of Community Development of the UP College of Social Work and Community Development, the Asian Regional Exchange for New Alternatives (ARENA), Focus on the Global South, the Freedom from Debt

Coalition (FDC)—Philippines, and the People's Empowerment Foundation (PEF)—Thailand.

UNESCO Project on Research and Evidence for Social Inclusion to Achieve the Social Development Goals

UP CIDS is the lead implementing agency of a UNESCO project on transforming research into policy based on the principle of 'social inclusion' as depicted in the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It is about inequalities, inclusive development, transparency, and leaving no one behind. The objective is to look at research studies on best (and not so best) practices on social inclusion in the Philippines and what evidence is needed for a practice to be considered as implementing social inclusion. AltDev has been tasked by UP CIDS to manage the project.

A Philippine Working Group (PWG) has been formed with UP CIDS as the lead implementing and coordinating agency. The PWG is composed of the Philippine Commission for UNESCO (UNACOM); National Economic Development Authority (NEDA), Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA); Department of Social Work and Development (DSWD); Department of Health (DOH); and the legislative research and policy offices of both houses of the Philippine Congress on the Government Side. Civil society is represented by DIGNIDAD; the Network for Transformative Social Protection (NTSP); and the UP Manila's Universal Healthcare Study Group. In a start-up workshop held in September 2017, the PWG decided to focus on programs and policies that address the shortage of the primary care health workforce within the primary healthcare approach as the project's scope of study.

Project on Transformative Social Protection

This project hosted the activities of two sister organizations, the Network for Transformative Social Protection (NTSP) and Buhay na May Dignidad para sa Lahat (DIGNIDAD).

NTSP is a Southeast Asian regional platform for a life of dignity for all that advances universal, comprehensive and transformative social protection and the agenda for a social

ASEAN. It is composed of issue-based people's formations, non-government organizations (NGOs), and sectoral networks including marginalized groups, some academics and parliamentarians in Asia, especially in Southeast Asia. NTSP endeavors to build movements that will engage governments into adopting social protection programs including people-centered and sustainable transformative development alternatives towards fulfillment of people's economic and social rights and realization of social justice.

DIGNIDAD is a Philippine national convergence of at least 32 peoples' movements and formations—a coalition of coalitions—that united to pursue universal, comprehensive, and transformative social protection towards guaranteeing Filipinos a life of dignity. The peoples' movements that are part of DIGNIDAD are grassroots organizations, labour groups, and other sectoral coalitions, movement-based partylists and multi-sectoral issue-based coalitions, church-based organizations, human rights groups, and academics. DIGNIDAD has been pursuing eight (8) specific demands: (1) decent work and sustainable livelihood; (2) free and quality health care; (3) socialized and decent housing; (4) free education up to the tertiary level; (5) safe and affordable food; (6) guaranteed access to safe water and electricity; (7) safe and reliable public transport; and (8) living pension for older people and adequate income support to children, persons with disability, unemployed, and calamity survivors.



Civil society groups, medical practitioners, and professionals participated in the multi-stakeholder workshop on Universal Health Care (PHOTO COURTESY OF FE MANAPAT OF WOMANHEALTH PHILIPPINES)

Marx Bicentennial Lecture Series

Karl Marx (1818-1883) was the German philosopher whose ideas exercised a profound influence on the world and inspired countless revolutionary movements in the twentieth century. Yet, after the end of the Cold War in the late 1980s, Marx was considered irrelevant and consigned to the margins of popular discourse. Then came the series of economic crises beginning with East Asia in the 1990s and culminating in the US induced global economic meltdown in 2008-2009. In the aftermath, there was renewed interest and discussions on the works of Karl Marx.

The year 2018 marks the 200th anniversary of Karl Marx's birth. In many parts of the world, commemorative and celebratory events are being organized. At the same time, books and reader-friendly literature on Marx are piling up.

In the Philippines, under the auspices of UP CIDS AltDev, a group of academics and social movement activists have gathered to plan for a series of lectures to commemorate Marx at 200. The objective of the project is to situate the works of Marx and Marxist theory and practice within the context of the Philippine political, economic, cultural, and scientific situation. The lectures will seek to:

- Interrogate the diverse intellectual, political, and historical legacies of Marx and Marxism;
- Revisit Marxist theory and practice in light of changing social, political, and economic contexts, such as technological development, the rise of social media, and the erosion of democracy across countries;
- Assess the complex relationship of Marxism with other intellectual currents and disciplines, from gender, science, and biopolitics to literature, historiography, and political practice; and
- Determine how and to what extent Marxist theory and practice can inform, impede, and enrich questions of political and economic praxis.

WHO–Bloomberg Initiative for Global Road Safety Project

The United Nations Decade of Action for Road Safety (2011-2020) will end in two years' time. Many road safety initiatives have been accomplished and implemented, with national road safety action plans being put in place in various countries. Road traffic fatalities are dropping at a slow pace and rate, but much work needs to be done in order to significantly reduce this to record-low levels. The international community was made aware of the increasing road traffic fatalities in different parts of the world, which is why the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared road traffic crashes a public health emergency. It is now given global priority and attention as the year 2020 approaches.

As opposed to other countries in Asia and the Pacific, the death rate in road traffic crashes in the Philippines continues to climb. According to the Philippine Statistics Authority's (PSA) data, road traffic fatalities have been increasing since 2008, from 6,941 recorded fatalities to 10,012 in 2015, a 31% increase in a period of seven (7) years.

Because of the alarming road traffic mortality rate in the Philippines, the country was identified as one of those included in the Bloomberg Initiative for Global Road Safety (BIGRS) from 2015 to 2019, along with four other countries: Thailand, China, India and Tanzania. This is being conducted by a consortium of international partners together with national governments and local civil society organizations. The funding is coursed through the WHO and coordinated with the Philippine Government, primarily with the Department of Transportation (DOTr) and the Department of Health (DOH). The BIGRS runs two fellowship programmes: the Legal Development Programme (LDP) and Media Fellowship Programme (MFP). The former primarily provides technical assistance to government and implementing agencies to improve and strengthen road safety policies and legislation through capacity-building measures for fellows, such as training programs in road safety; while the latter focuses on developing advocacies in the media to disseminate awareness in road safety.

The BIGRS–LDP Fellows in the Philippines were able to provide legal and institutional assessments on road safety plans and develop training courses on road safety for public utility vehicle (PUV) drivers and local government units (LGUs).

The overall objective of this project is to be able to contribute to the significant reduction of road traffic fatalities by the end of the UN Decade of Action for Road Safety. In the Philippines, during the development of its own national road safety plan, the Philippine Road Safety Action Plan (PRSAP) 2017–2022, the various stakeholders of the advocacy agreed to a target of 20 percent reduction in death rates for road traffic fatalities.

The UP CIDS, through the BIGRS–LDP project management team, aim to perform the following tasks for the Third Year of Implementation of the LDP Fellowship:

- Develop and lead the implementation of an improved BIGRS-LDP Fellowship (i.e. design and action plan)
- Oversee the management of the BIGRS-LDP Fellowship, which includes the facilitation of the following:
 - Generation and provision of legal/technical inputs and appropriate policy recommendations in addressing road safety issues in the Philippines;
 - Coordination and collaboration activities with major government legislative and implementing agencies (i.e. DOTr, Congress);
 - Development and management of knowledge products for the continuing information and learning of both LDP Fellows and road safety advocates/partners/allies; and,
 - Documentation and monitoring of LDP Fellows activities.
- Provide support in the advocacy, promotion and communication of road safety policies, legislations, and other initiatives.

DILG–UP CIDS Project on Federalism for Metro Manila: “Reclaiming Public Services: Giving Back Ownership and Control to Local Governments”

This is a project initiated by the Quezon City Government and the Department of the Interior and Local Government and contracted to UP CIDS to craft proposals on the role and functions of the Metro Manila region under a federalism set-up. It involves various UP CIDS Programs and other UP faculty members and disciplines.

For the AltDev program, the focus will be on proposals for reclaiming public services and bringing these under public control and management.

In the 1980s, privatization became the preferred policy of governments in economic development and the delivery of public services as a means to reduce government involvement in business, infrastructure development and maintaining services, and to promote competition, efficiency, and productivity. The promise of privatization, however, remains unfulfilled and the problems which it engendered have also spurred a counter movement to deprivatize, remunicipalize and give back to the public the control and ownership of public goods as seen in many cities around the world.

Thus, for the DILG Project, AltDev will focus on the provision of water and power services. In the end, the ultimate measure is the welfare and well-being of all citizens and to ensure that essential services are available, accessible, and affordable for all.

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Activities Pursued from January to June 2018

Philippine Book Launch of “A Time to Rise: Collective Memoirs of the Union of Democratic Filipinos (KDP)”

(02 February 2018)

A Time to Rise: Collective Memoirs of the Union of Democratic Filipinos (KDP) is an intimate look into the workings of the KDP, the only revolutionary organization that emerged in the Filipino-American community during the politically turbulent 1970s and 1980s. Overcoming cultural and class differences, members of the KDP banded together in a single national organization to mobilize their community into civil rights and antiwar movements in the United States and in the fight for democracy and national liberation in the Philippines and elsewhere.

These personal accounts document recruitment, organizing, and training in the KDP. More than two-thirds of the stories are by women, reflecting the powerful role they played in the organization and its leadership. Also included are chapters on the struggle for justice for murdered KDP and union leaders

Silme Domingo and Gene Viernes. These memoirs offer political insights and inspiring examples of personal courage that will resonate today.

The book's Philippine launch was held on 2 February 2018 at the UP CIDS Conference Hall. This was done in partnership with the UP CIDS Program on Social and Political Change, the Third World Studies Center, the UP Diliman Department of Political Science, and Laban ng Masa.

Assuring Affordable, Accessible, and Quality Public Services for All: Tool for Levelling Inequality, Mobilising for Transformative Change (13–15 February 2018)

This conference was organized by the Asia-Europe People's Forum Thematic Social Justice Cluster in cooperation with the ASEAN Parliamentary Network for Human Rights, Tax and Fiscal Justice Asia, DIGNIDAD, Freedom from Debt Coalition, Fight Inequality Alliance, Global Social Justice, Institute for Popular Democracy, Network for Transformative Social Protection, and Public Services International. It was held on 13–15 February 2018, at Balay Kalinaw and UP CIDS Conference Hall at UP Diliman.

The conference was premised on a recognition that there is a threat to the existence of, and access to, public goods and services. These concerns and the demand for social justice are common to the European Union and Asia, with recent developments in these regions being dictated by the same neoliberal philosophy.

Thus, the aims of the conference were: (a) to examine the impact of neoliberal austerity policies on public services, and the global and regional trade negotiations; (b) to look at the major service sectors now being restructured; (c) to examine the different alternatives and ongoing efforts to put back into public hands now being proposed by civil society; (d) to share and learn from outstanding deprivatisation campaigns and strategies; and (e) to emphasize the importance of services accessible and affordable to all for social, economic and sustainable development.



A round table discussion with parliamentarians, academics, and civil society organizations centered on affordable, quality, and accessible public services for all (PHOTO COURTESY OF UP CIDS ALTDEV)

Public Forum on the Dengvaxia Nightmare (People's Clamor: Did Anyone Really Care About People's Health?) (09 March 2018)

This forum was organized with the ABI Health Cluster, DIGNIDAD, Focus on the Global South, Trade Justice Philippines, and Womanhealth. It was held on 9 March 2018 at the UP CIDS Conference Hall.

In light of the Dengvaxia controversy surrounding the Philippine government, and in recognizing that public health was put at risk, the forum approaches the issue of Dengvaxia by trying to understand what happened, how it happened, who were the players involved, what vested interests played out, what lapses, omissions and negligence transpired, and above all, how a similar public health problem, if not a fiasco, can be avoided in the future.

The forum also aimed to look into the role and involvement of Sanofi Pasteur in order to acquire a better discernment of how corporate interest intervenes, intersects with, and impacts the the medical world and the public health system.

Towards a People-centered Universal Health Care: A Levelling-off Workshop on the UHC Bill (19–20 March 2018)

This forum was organized last 19–20 March 2018 at the UP CIDS Conference Hall in partnership with Alternative Budget Initiative (ABI) Health Cluster – Social Watch Philippines.

In an effort to continue the call for a comprehensive Universal Health Care (UHC) system in the country, a multi-stakeholder consultation of civil society groups, medical practitioners, and professionals was then held.

The gathering was an opportunity for the broader civil society to take a closer study of the several versions of the UHC Bill pending in Congress, it being one of the priority legislations included in the Legislative-Executive Advisory Council list for the 2nd Regular Session of the 17th Congress.

This activity, mainly organized by ABI Health Cluster – Social Watch Philippines, was able to recognize the significant role of people's participation in shaping national policies such as the UHC Bill. Through a two-day discussion and workshop, participants were able to develop their critique, positions, and recommendation on the UHC Bill, as well as strategize their upcoming plan to critically engage the legislators on this pending bill.

MOST Academy on Inclusive Policy and Valorization of Knowledge: Philippines Training Workshop (21–22 March 2018)

The Management of Social Transformation (MOST) Academy, which is partly funded by the UNESCO-Philippine National Commission, is the culmination of the UNESCO Project on Research and Evidence for Social Inclusion. Attended by a mix of researchers and practitioners from non-government agencies (NGAs), CSOs and the academe, the training-workshop was designed to strengthen the competencies for evidence-based decision making and brokering a dialogue among various stakeholders on addressing the shortage of primary care workers within a primary healthcare approach.

The workshop was held on 21–22 March 2018 at Brentwood Suites, Quezon City. It was organized with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization–Jakarta Office, and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization–Philippines National Commission for UNESCO.

Workshop on Exploring Alternatives in Managing Sovereign Debt (11 April 2018)

The debt burden of the Philippine government has long been a barrier to achieving social and human development in the country. The issue of strategic, meaningful and just resolution of the debt problem through a campaign that included the push for a Congressional investigation and audit of public debt and contingent liabilities has reached a breakthrough in 2016, with the inclusion of a provision in the 2017 and 2018 General Appropriations Act for a debt audit by the Congressional Oversight Committee on the Official Development Assistance (COCODA).

Held on 11 April 2018 in the UP CIDS Conference Hall, this workshop aimed to finalize an operational framework for the debt audit that is consistent with the agenda of the Freedom from Debt Coalition and the Program on Alternative Development, and consonant with the interests of the Filipino people.

Professorial Lecture: “What the New Institutional Economics Owes to Marx” (04 May 2018)

To mark the bicentennial of Karl Marx's birth, on 4 May 2018, a lecture by UP School of Economics Professor Emmanuel S. de Dios was held to trace Marx's anticipation of ideas later adopted by the New Institutional Economics.

In particular, the crucial distinction between markets and firms and the unique nature of the employment—or wage—relationship early on pointed out by Marx, neglected by neoclassical economics, and only later recognized in the work of Ronald Coase and Oliver Williamson was discussed. The crucial role of institutions in hindering or helping economic development—a key insight due to Douglass North—was also focused on, being a central idea in Marx's materialist interpretation of history. The lecture also examined the differences between Marxian and new-institutional views and asked how one can be understood in the other's terms.

This lecture was organized with the UP School of Economics and the Philippine Center for Economic Development.

Marx Bicentennial Lecture Series Launch and Keynote Addresses (05 May 2018)

On 5 May 2018, the actual birth date of Marx, AltDev, with the Socialist Circle, hosted an afternoon lecture-forum and cultural performance by Kontra Gapi at the UP CIDS Conference Hall, with keynote lectures by UP professors Roland Simbulan and Herbert Docena.

The first of a yearlong lecture began with Prof. Simbulan's keynote on *Karl Marx @ 200: An Appreciation and Reflection*, paying homage to Karl Marx's contribution to economic, political, social and philosophical thought. This was followed by Dr. Docena's lecture on *Where Marx Went Wrong: A Challenge for the Philippine Left*.

Validation Workshop on the Universal Health Care Bill (10 May 2018)

To sharpen and affirm the ABI Health Cluster – Social Watch position paper on the Universal Health Care (UHC) Bill, a validation workshop was organized on 10 May at the UP CIDS Conference Hall.

The validation workshop agenda was (a) to present the matrix of UHC bills, including SWP-ABI Health Cluster recommendations; (b) to present the UHC costing and financing; and (c) to develop campaign plans for the UHC and tobacco tax increase as a twin bill campaign.

Workshop on Alternative Practices in the Philippines 1 (25–26 May 2018)

A workshop under the Project on Alternative Practices in the Philippines was organized by UP College of Social Work and Community Development faculty and Program on Alternative Development staff, Asst. Prof. Karl Arvin F. Hapal (Co-convenor), Asst. Prof. Venarica B. Papa (Project Leader), and Prof. Maureen C. Pagaduan (Consultant). The workshop was held on 25–26 May 2018 at the UP CIDS Conference Hall and co-organized with CAMP Asia, Igting Organization, and Bantay Kalusugang Pampamilya. It was

attended by members of non-governmental organizations and people's organizations.

The documentation workshop began with the participatory process of writing an organization's recent history using a historical timeline. This step was followed by the initiation of a process of reflection on the historical timeline that the participants have developed. Methods for data collection were also taught.



UP CIDS AltDev Convenor Eduardo C. Tadem, Ph.D. opened the Marx Bicentennial Lecture Series last 5 May 2018 (PHOTO COURTESY OF UP CIDS ALTDEV)

Creeping Privatization of Health: Defending Public Health (30 May 2018)

Organized with the ABI Health Cluster, Social Watch, Dignidad, Freedom from Debt Coalition, Focus on the Global South, Institute for Popular Democracy, Trade Justice Pilipinas, and WomanHealth Philippines, a public forum discussing the creeping privatization of public health was conducted at the UP CIDS Conference Hall last 30 May 2018.

The forum aimed to share information on the private sector's initiatives to expand and intervene in the health sector, to discuss and understand the implications this would have and to explore what can be done to defend and strengthen the public health system.

Beyond Brexit: Britain in the Age of Far Right Populism and Global Inequality

(31 May 2018)

The AltDev, Focus on the Global South, and Asia Europe People's Forum (AEPF) hosted the public colloquium *Beyond Brexit: Britain in the Age of Far Right Populism and Global Inequality*, last 31 May 2018 at the UP CIDS Conference Hall.

With Britain surprisingly having voted to leave the European Union in 2016, the forum aimed to address the following questions: What are the prospects for a "hard-left Labour" to be the next government in Britain? Will it be able to put the "ferocious beast of free-market capitalism on a leash" before it devours all around it? Can the British Left defeat racism and put an end to the prevailing hostile environment for immigrants? What would a post-Brexit UK trade relations, especially with developing countries, look like and how can we build a broader global solidarity for just trade and corporate accountability?

Kolya Abramsky, a freelance author and editor of volumes on European and international issues, and Dorothy Guerrero, Head of Policy and Advocacy of United Kingdom (UK)-based campaign organization Global Justice Now, served as speakers for the event.



Freelance author Kolya Abramsky and Global Justice Now Head of Policy and Advocacy Dorothy Guerrero talked about the complex consequences of the Brexit in an AltDev-sponsored colloquium (PHOTO COURTESY OF FE MANAPAT OF WOMANHEALTH PHILIPPINES)

Southeast Asia Country Studies on Alternative Practices Field Research in Hanoi, Vietnam (02–07 June 2018)

From 2–7 June 2018, two research staff of the Program on Alternative Development conducted a field research and visit at Hanoi, Vietnam as part of the program's initiative to document alternative practices in Southeast Asia. The following organizations were interviewed: the Center for Health Consultation and Community Development (CHD), the Center for Women and Development, the Vietnam Institute for Economic and Policy Research (VEPR), Live and Learn, GreenID, and Pannature.

Housing of Interns from University of the Philippines Manila (June 2018)

In June 2018, UP Manila Political Science students were housed as student interns to work with the UP CIDS Program on Alternative Development on its ongoing research and public activities. The three interns helped in AltDev's current research on alternative practices and provided technical assistance in the Program's lectures, workshops, and fora.

Marx Bicentennial Lecture Series No. 3 (14 June 2018)

On 14 June 2018, as part of the Marx Bicentennial Lecture series, Dr. Armando S. Malay presented a paper entitled *1968 Revisited: Paris / Prague / Vietnam / Philippines*. The lecture, which was held in the UP CIDS Conference Hall, contained Dr. Malay's assessment of the different Marxist movements in Paris, Prague, Vietnam, and The Philippines. Citing a Czech Philosopher, Ivan Svitak, Dr. Malay compared the development of Marxism in Europe and Asia.

Mr. Janus Nolasco, another speaker for the lecture, presented *The Blindspots of Radical Criticism: Alternative Readings of Filipino Popular Culture*. Using a complementary approach, he assessed how some forms of Filipino pop culture, particularly Philippine romantic comedies, can serve as a medium in critically engaging the people.

Marx Bicentennial Lecture Series No. 4 (28 June 2018)

The Marx Bicentennial Lecture Series No. 4 was held on 28 June 2018 at the UP CIDS Conference Hall. For the fourth of the lecture series, Dr. Rolando Tolentino lectured on *Marx, ang Pelikulang Filipino, at Commodity Fetishism*, arguing that independent cinema provides an alternative discourse to the dominant, mainstream studio films that reify Marx's notion of commodity fetishism while documentary films pose an oppositional discourse.

Ms. Maria Ima Carmela L. Ariate also presented on *Panitikan Bilang Armas Pandigma (Literature as a Weapon of War): A Survey of Philippine Proletarian Literature (2000 to 2010)* which delved on the proletarian literary production that "can be studied within the standpoint of its material disparity and the historically determined contradictions which produced them" and appear as "unevenly resolved conflicts in the text."

Workshop on Alternative Practices in the Philippines 2 (29–30 June 2018)

The second workshop on Alternative Practices in the Philippines was held on 29–30 June 2018 at the UP CIDS Conference Hall. The Project on Alternative Practices of AltDev headed a workshop cum writeshop, building on the previous Alternative Practices Workshop held in May 2018. The workshop focused on capacitating participants from NGOs and POs to write documentation for their alternative practices using a participatory writing exercise.

The second Alternative Practices Workshop was organized with the Department of Community Development of the UP College of Social Work and Community Development, CAMP Asia, Igting Organization, and Bantay Kalusugang Pampamilya.

Program Outputs from January to June 2018

The Program was able to produce the following written outputs from their activities for the period of January to June 2018:

- *On Islamic Populism in Indonesia and the Middle East* by Dr. Vedi R. Hadiz
- *Indonesia's New Populist Order and Diffused Progressives in Comparative Perspective* by Prof. Olle Törnquist
- End of Project Narrative Report (Valorizing Research and Evidence to Achieve the SDGs in the Philippines: Addressing the Shortage of Primary Care Workforce within the Primary Healthcare Approach)
- MOST Academy on Inclusive Policy and Valorization of Knowledge (Philippines Training Workshop) Proceedings
- Valorizing Research and Evidence to Achieve the SDGs in the Philippines: A Situational Analysis of Selected Programs Addressing the Shortage of Primary Care Workforce within the Primary Healthcare Approach)

Activities and Deliverables for July to December 2018

For the second half of 2018, the Program has the following activities lined up and outputs to deliver:

- Case Studies: Field Documentation and Data Gathering in the ASEAN
- Conference on Alternative Development: Alternative Practices in Southeast Asia
- Review of Literature on Alternative Development and Alternative Practices
- Workshop 3 and Workshop 4 of the Project on Alternative Practices in Southeast Asia and corresponding workshop proceedings
- Marx Bicentennial Lecture Series
- Discussion Paper on Participatory Action Research
- NTSP and DIGNIDAD Policy Briefs
- WHO Capacity-building activities for LDP Fellows
- WHO Road Safety Round Table Discussions (RS-RTD Series) and its corresponding discussion paper series
- Road Safety knowledge products (BIGRS-LDP Philippines Website and a Road Safety Advocacy Toolkit)



Program on Social and Political Change

CO-CONVENORS

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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 the country today. Broadly, the aim of the PSPC is to allow experts from a variety of disciplines in the University of the Philippines (UP) to develop a better understanding of past, current, and future social and political tensions that can arise and have an impact on modern Philippine society and polity. It is designed to produce empirical studies using a variety of methods and approaches to better understand the different social and political issues, transitions, and disruptions affecting the country and the world. These studies form the basis for policy inputs and discussions at the local, national, and international levels.

The Program is co-convened by UP Department of Political Science Professors Maria Ela L. Atienza, Ph.D. and Jorge V. Tigno, DPA, with the following personnel:

Research Assistant: Alinia Jesam D. Jimenez

Program Research Projects

Constitutional Performance Assessment of the Philippines

The project *Constitutional Performance Assessment of the 1987 Constitution* is sponsored by the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA), together with the Program on Social and Political Change and several faculty members of the UP Department of Political Science. The project aims to support a more informed discussion and agenda surrounding the proposed constitutional change process in the Philippines. The specific objectives include adopting and applying International IDEA's constitutional performance assessment tool in the case of the Philippines; producing a shareable report of findings and conclusions of the assessment and disseminating this to key actors involved in discussions on charter change to promote a more evidence-based process of constitutional assessment and possible change; contributing to piloting and refining International IDEA's guiding methodology for assessing constitutional performance, including providing feedback and suggesting modifications; and creating a baseline understanding of current charter change initiatives.

Research Fellows:

- Francis Joseph A. Dee
(UP Department of Political Science)
- Jean Encinas-Franco, Ph.D.
(UP Department of Political Science)
- Jan Robert R. Go
(UP Department of Political Science)
- Rogelio Alicor L. Pano, Ph.D.
(UP Department of Political Science)

The Administrative Region of the Philippines: A Study on the Implications of Federalism in the National Capital Region and Considerations for Forming the Federal Administrative Region

In line with providing inputs for creating a federal state out of the National Capital

Region (NCR), the Department of the Interior and Local Government – National Capital Region (DILG–NCR)'s *NCR Federalism Study*, headed by Quezon City Mayor Herbert M. Bautista, partnered with the Program on Social and Political Change to address the existing knowledge gap on the possible implications of federalism on NCR, the country's seat of government and economic center. The specific objectives of this project include locating, gathering, and organizing currently available data, information and research on decentralization and federalism from local and appropriate international sources; determining the assignment of appropriate powers and functions to be assigned to each level of government—national, regional, and local—considering the unique conditions present in NCR; and producing recommendations for creating, operating, and sustaining a state comprising the current local government units of NCR. This project aims to produce consolidated studies from a multidisciplinary group of scholars from the University of the Philippines. The researchers involved in the project and their respective researches are as follows:

Topic	Participants
Federalism in the Midst of Rapid Urbanization	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jade S. Agapinan (UP School of Urban and Regional Planning)• Arlene D.R. Santiago (UP School of Urban and Regional Planning)
Charting a Strategy on Local Insurance: Risk Transfer Mechanism	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Erwin G. Alampay (UP National College of Public Administration and Governance)• Dennis G. dela Torre (UP NCPAG Center for Local and Regional Governance)
Health Status and Utilization of Health Services in Metro Manila	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maria Ela L. Atienza, Ph.D. (UP Department of Political Science / UP CIDS)

Topic	Participants
Reclaiming Public Services – Giving Back Ownership and Control to Local Governments: Focus on Power and Water Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teresa S. Encarnacion Tadem, Ph.D. (UP CIDS) • Eduardo C. Tadem, Ph.D. (UP CIDS)
Activating Intra and Inter Regional Alliances towards Building Metropolitan Manila Cities' Institutional Resilience in the Context of Disaster Risk Reduction and Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kristine Follosco-Aspiras, MA (UP School of Urban and Regional Planning)
The Philippine Planning System and Federalization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Anthony M. Gamboa, LLB (UP School of Urban and Regional Planning) • Ryan Randle B. Rivera (UP School of Urban and Regional Planning)
Decentralization Experiences in the Philippines: Social Services Sectors and the Local Government Code of 1991	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan Robert R. Go, MA (UP Department of Political Science)
(Re)Configuring Metro Manila: Exploring Regionalization, Metropolitanization, and Other Forms of Geospatial Arrangements for Better Governance in the National Capital Region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kevin Mark R. Gomez, MIR (UP Department of Political Science)
Regional Competitiveness via Inter-City Land and Water Use Integration: Harnessing City Identity with Mobility-based Urban Design (Proposed Escolta Creative District along Pasig River)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Anthony M. Morales, D.Eng., Ar., EnP (UP School of Urban and Regional Planning) • John Matthew Abad, Ar. (Mark Mateo Morales & Associates)

Topic	Participants
Basic Education and Federalism: Implications and Options for the National Capital Region (NCR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dina S. Ocampo, Ph.D. (UP CIDS)
Does Fiscal Decentralization Benefit the Margins?: Examining the Uneven Effects of Transfers on Local Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rogelio Alicor L. Panao, Ph.D. (UP Department of Political Science)
Inclusive Governance of Urban Land Use in Metro Manila	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kristian Karlo C. Saguin, Ph.D. (UP Department of Geography) • Chester C. Arcilla, MDE (UP Manila Department of Social Sciences)
Alternative Water Sources for Metro Manila for Water Security and Resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guillermo Q. Tabios III, Ph.D. (UP Institute of Civil Engineering)
Urban Dimensions of Floodings and Holistic Flood Risk Management: Case of Pasig-Marikina River Basin in Metro Manila	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guillermo Q. Tabios III, Ph.D. (UP Institute of Civil Engineering)
The Prospects and Constraints of Urban Development, Environment, and Solid Waste Management in the National Capital Region (NCR) in the Context of a Proposed Shift to a Federal Administrative Region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jalton Garces Taguibao, Ph.D. (UP Department of Political Science) • Maria Lourdes G. Rebullida, DPA (UP Department of Political Science)
Dual and Cooperative Federalism: Exploring Policy Options, Strategies, and Implications for Muslim Communities in the National Capital Region and the Bangsamoro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julkipli M. Wadi, MA (UP Institute of Islamic Studies)

Activities Pursued from January to June 2018

Philippine Book Launch of “A Time to Rise: Collective Memoirs of the Union of Democratic Filipinos (KDP)” (02 February 2018)

The Philippine book launch of *A Time to Rise: Collective Memoirs of the Union of Democratic Filipinos (KDP)* was co-organized by the PSPC on 2 February 2018, together with the Program on Alternative Development, the UP Third World Studies Center, the UP Department of Political Science, and Laban ng Masa.

According to editor Cindy Domingo, the book, which was published in 2017 by the University of Washington Press, is the product of more than a two-decade undertaking. It not only narrates the stories of activism against dictatorship in the Philippines but also brings to light the role of the KDP in fighting racism, fascism, and imperialism in the United States. The book chronicles forty-three accounts of the Union of Democratic Filipinos during the politically turbulent 1970s and 1980s, the full and multifaceted picture of KDP recruitment, organizing, and training, and the central role that women played in the organization and its leadership.

Key Issues on Federalism: A Policy Action Conference (07 February 2018)

The PSPC, in partnership with the Center for People Empowerment in Governance (CenPEG), the UP Department of Political Science, and Taiwan Foundation for Democracy, held a one-day conference last 7 February 2018 entitled *Key Issues on Federalism: A Policy Action Conference*, which tackled federalism and constitutional change.

Speakers for the event include Professor Emeritus Jose V. Abueva (former UP President), Jonathan Malaya (PDP–Laban Federalism Institute Executive Director), Dr. Maria Ela Atienza (UP Department of Political Science Chair and PSPC Co-convenor), Neri Colmenares (former Bayan Muna



Center for People Empowerment in Governance (CenPEG) Chair Dr. Temario Rivera and UP CIDS PSPC Co-convenor Dr. Maria Ela Atienza at the *Key Issues on Federalism* conference (PHOTO COURTESY OF UP CIDS PSPC)

Representative), Dean Ronald Mendoza (Ateneo School of Government), Professor Julkipli Wadi (UP Institute of Islamic Studies), Dr. Joseph Capuno (UP School of Economics), Dr. Maragtas Amante (former UP Vice President for Administration and UP School of Labor and Industrial Relations Professor), and Rafael Mariano (former Department of Agrarian Reform Secretary).

What Does the Middle Class Want?: Democratization Experience in Taiwan (08 February 2018)

Last 8 February 2018, the PSPC, together with the UP Department of Political Science, organized a public lecture by Dr. Herlin Chien of the Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages, Kaohsiung, Taiwan.

Dr. Chien discussed, among other issues, a brief history of Taiwan, showing the path that Taiwan took towards becoming a developmental state. In Taiwan's case, the rise of the middle class in the 1950s to the 1980s paved the way to greater democratization.



Dr. Herlin Chen of the Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages (Taiwan) at a lecture on the democratization experience of Taiwan co-organized by the PSPC (PHOTO BY JESAM JIMENEZ)

Public Lectures on Refugees and Immigration in the U.S. (07 June 2018)

The PSPC, together with the UP Department of Political Science, co-organized back-to-back public lectures discussing the condition of refugees and immigrants in the United States (US) last 7 June 2018 at Palma Hall, UP Diliman.

The first lecture was given by Dr. Claire Angelique Nolasco, an Associate Professor of Criminology at the Texas A&M University in San Antonio, Texas. Dr. Nolasco's lecture was entitled *Suffer the Little Children to Come: Legal Rights of Unaccompanied Alien Children Under United States Federal Court Jurisprudence*. It looked into the legal rights granted to unaccompanied alien children (UAC) who enter the US as interpreted and expanded by the federal court throughout the years.

The second lecture was delivered by Dr. Daniel Braaten, Assistant Professor of Political Science at the Texas Lutheran University. The title of his lecture was *You Don't Have to Live Like a Refugee: The Politics of Refugee Resettlement in the United States*, which investigates patterns of refugee resettlement in the US.

Voting Against Democracy: Theory and Variation in the Philippines and Beyond (27 June 2018)

On 27 June 2018, the PSPC and the UP Department of Political Science hosted a lecture by Professor Dan Slater, Director of the Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies of the University of Michigan.

Professor Slater's lecture, *Voting Against Democracy: Theory and Variation in the Philippines and Beyond*, shared insights from his research project with Professors Alexandra Filindra and Petia Kostadinova of the University of Illinois, Chicago. The said project looks into the question and variation of popular support in democracies for leaders who lack democratic credentials or engage in undemocratic practices. It will look into six country cases.

Professor Slater's focus will be on the Philippines and India. These countries were selected for their substantial democratic history paired with popular support for nondemocratic leaders and parties.



Political scientist Professor Dan Slater speaks at a public lecture on the varying support for anti-democratic leaderships and practices (PHOTO BY JESAM JIMENEZ)



A meeting on the joint Constitutional Performance Assessment of the Philippines project was attended by representatives from the UP CIDS PSPC, UP Department of Political Science, and the International IDEA (PHOTO COURTESY OF UP DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE)

How to Lose and Save a Constitutional Democracy (29 June 2018)

On 29 June 2018, the PSPC, together with the UP Department of Political Science, co-hosted *How to Lose and Save a Constitutional Democracy*, a public lecture by Tom Ginsburg, Leo Spitz Professor of International Law at the University of Chicago Law School. In this lecture, Professor Ginsburg talked about his upcoming book, *How to Save a Constitutional Democracy*, which he co-wrote with Aziz Huq. Ginsburg presented in his book the causes of democratic erosion and offered solutions that may save constitutional democracy.

Program Output for January to June 2018

A policy brief by the PSPC was published as part of the UP CIDS Policy Brief Series. The PSPC's policy brief, *Are We There Yet? What It Will Take to Win the Philippine War on Drugs*,

was written by PSPC Co-convenor Jorge V. Tigno, DPA.

Proposed Activities for July to December 2018

For the second half of 2018, PSPC will continue to work on the joint projects that have earlier been established, namely (1) the *Constitutional Performance Assessment of the 1987 Philippines Constitution Project* with the International IDEA and (2) *The Administrative Region of the Philippines: A Study on the Implications of Federalism in the National Capital Region and Considerations for Forming the Federal Administrative Region Project* with the Department of the Interior and Local Government of the National Capital Region (DILG–NCR).

Aside from the abovementioned projects, the PSPC will also initiate the Migration, Security, and Terrorism Roundtable Discussion Series.



Islamic Studies Program

CONVENOR

Macrina A. Morados

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CO-CONVENORS

Nassef Manabilang Adiong, Ph.D.

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The **Islamic Studies Program** (ISP) seeks to take the lead in the academe's active role in advancing Islam towards nation-building. It aims to encourage a wider context by which Filipino communities can get to know Islam deeper and deal with existing stereotypes against Muslims.

The ISP is convened by Dean Macrina A. Morados and co-convened by Nassef M. Adiong, Ph.D. and Jamel R. Cayamodin, Ph.D.—all from the UP Institute of Islamic Studies (UP IIS). The ISP's research staff include the following:

Senior Project Assistant: Arlyne C. Marasigan, Ph.D.

Senior Project Assistant: Cheery D. Orozco, DIS

Data Encoder: Darwin J. Absari

Office Assistant: Ahzil P. Gabion

Program Research Projects

The Program's objectives will be accomplished through the three research components of the UP CIDS Islamic Studies Program:

- (1) **HIKMA or Historical and Islamic Knowledge for the Modern Age**, which covers topics such as Muslim responses to modernity, education, gender, and languages;
- (2) **Research on Shari'ah Courts**, which focuses on the Code of Muslim Personal Laws of the Philippines (otherwise known as Presidential Decree No. 1083); and
- (3) **The Moro Story**, which focuses on issues affecting the Philippine *madrasah* system, gender and migration in the Bangsamoro, and leadership empowerment in Marawi City rehabilitation plans, among others.

Activities Pursued from January to June 2018

For the first half of 2018, the ISP held various field researches in Zamboanga, Basilan, Sulu, Tawi-tawi, Maguindanao, Lanao del Sur, Lanao del Norte, Cotabato, Sultan Kudarat, Cagayan de Oro City, Marawi City, and various parts of Metro Manila. Two big international conferences were also organized during the period.

Focus Group Discussion on Shari'ah Courts and Muslim Personal Laws (29 March 2018)

A focus group discussion (FGD) on Shari'ah Courts and Muslim Personal Laws (CMPL) among *ulama* (religious scholars), members of the academe, women's groups, representatives from non-government organizations, the youth sector, and Shari'ah counselors, was held on 29 March 2018 at the Marcian Hotel, Zamboanga City, in partnership with the UP IIS and the Anak Mindanao (AMIN) Partylist led by Representative Amilhilda J. Sangcopan.

The FGD is part of a series of consultations and activities that the ISP will undertake in collaboration with the AMIN Partylist in order

to prepare a bill that will elevate CMPL to a Republic Act through the Congress.

Field Research on Shari'ah Courts (March–April 2018)

A field research focusing on various court practices, problems, and opportunities in the Shari'ah courts of Zamboanga, Basilan, Sulu, and Tawi-Tawi was carried out by Mr. Darwin J. Absari of the ISP. The field research lasted from March to April 2018. Shari'ah courts practitioners and advocates, including counselors and judges, were interviewed for the research.

Roundtable Discussion on Pursuing Amendments to PD 1083 (18 May 2018)

A small roundtable discussion (RTD) on pursuing amendments to Presidential Decree (PD) No. 1083 was held at the UP IIS on 18 May 2018. It was facilitated by Dean Macrina A. Morados and documented by Ms. Cheery D. Orozco. Seven UP IIS students and participants from the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao and Turkey joined the discussion.

Other Field Researches

More field researches were also done by Ms. Arlyne C. Marasigan and Ms. Cheery D. Orozco



The UP CIDS ISP initiated the first step towards the enhancement of PD 1083 by conducting a focus group discussion (FGD) on Shari'ah Court and Muslim Personal Laws (CMPL) (PHOTO COURTESY OF UP CIDS ISP)

relating to their respective study focus. Ms. Marasigan worked on the status of *madrasah* schools and schoolteachers in Lanao Province, while Ms. Orozco focused on the dynamics of gender and migration in the Bangsamoro.

Iftar for a Cause: SMILE Project Launch and Roundtable Discussion on the Rehabilitation of Marawi City (30 May 2018)

The ISP, together with the UP Institute of Islamic Studies (UP IIS), the Research Association for Islamic Social Sciences (RAIS), and the Embassy of the United States (US) in Manila, launched a program entitled *Suara Muslim Initiative for Leadership Empowerment (SMILE)* at the Virata Hall, UP Institute of Small Scale Industries last 30 May 2018. Around a hundred people participated in the event, including Muslim lawmakers, leaders, experts, members of the academe, and stakeholders. Guests include Ryan Bradeen and Michael Klecheski of the US Embassy, Dr. Carmen Abubakar of RAIS, Dr. Eduardo C. Tadem of the UP CIDS Program on Alternative Development, and UP Diliman Chancellor Dr. Michael L. Tan.

The *Iftar for a Cause* was also held at the event. Various perspectives and plans related to the rehabilitation of Marawi City were presented. Key presentors include Colonel Ebra Moxsir (Marawi Chief of Police, Philippine National Police), Dr. Macapado Muslim (President of the Mindanao State University in Marawi), and former Commissioner Samira Gutoc-Tomawis of the Ranao Rescue Team.

Program Outputs for January to June 2018

As a result of the activities carried out by the UP CIDS ISP in the first half of 2018, the production of the following outputs of the program have already been commenced and are in different stages of their completion:

- The discussion paper *Muslim Societies in a World of Nation-States* by Dr. Nassef M. Adiong is already in its editing phase.
- An article entitled *Proposed Amendments to PD 1083: Challenges*

and *Prospects*, co-written by Dean Macrina A. Morados and Darwin J. Absari, has already been drafted with significant data.

- The article *Integrated and Holistic Education System (IHES): An Alternative Model for Sustainable and Balanced Madrasah Education System in the Philippines* by Dr. Jamel R. Cayamodin has already been drafted with significant data.
- The policy brief *Status of Madrasah Schools and Schoolteachers in Lanao Province, Philippines: Basis for Islamic Education Policy Review* by Ms. Arlyne C. Marasigan is at the data encoding and analysis stage.
- The policy brief *The Dynamics of Gender Migration: The Bangsamoro Experiences, Hopes, and Dreams* by Ms. Cheery D. Orozco is similarly at the data encoding and analysis stage.

Proposed Activities for July to December 2018

Roundtable Discussions

Roundtable discussions on the presentations during the *Iftar for a Cause* will be held within the second half of the year. The presentations from which these roundtable discussions will be based include Colonel Moxsir's *Marawi Crisis: Looking at the Situation from an Insider's View*, Dr. Muslim's *Framework for the Rehabilitation of Marawi: Prospects and Challenges*, and Commissioner Tomawis' *Human Rights: Collateral Damage in the Marawi Siege*.

The output from these RTDs will be used as baseline data to set the direction of the ISP project component on community engagement, specifically towards the rebuilding of the Islamic City of Marawi.

1st International Conference on Madrasah Education

The ISP, the UP IIS, and the Office of the Education Attaché of the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia, will hold the *1st Conference on Madrasah Education* at Balay Kalinaw, UP Diliman on 4 and 5 July 2018,

with the theme “Exploring Best Practices in Madaris and Islamic Studies Education between Indonesia and the Philippines.” The organizing committee believes that *madrasah* education is an indispensable tool in promoting sustainable development and in moderating Islam to prevent extremism and terrorism—by promoting counter extremist narratives through education—in some vulnerable areas in the country.

The objectives of the conference include:

- Gathering experts to share best practices on *madrasah* education between Indonesia and the Philippines;
- Conducting workshops that can provide an assessment of gaps and areas for development on *madrasah* pedagogies, curriculum, teacher support system, and instructional resources such as books and modules;
- Planning out future activities and areas for further collaboration to enhance the quality of *madrasah* education in the Philippines;
- Strengthening linkages and sharing experiences between Indonesia and the Philippines; and
- Producing and publishing discussion and policy papers to serve as the Program’s outputs.

1st International Workshop on Publication Opportunities on “Islam in Southeast Asia” and Conference on the Role of the State, Education, Community Outreach, Responsible Media, and Religio-Cultural Dialogues in Countering Violent Extremism

The ISP, in cooperation with the UP IIS and UP Office of International Linkages (UP OIL), will hold (1) an exploratory workshop on Islam

in Southeast Asia on 21 September 2018, and (2) the *International Conference on the Role of the State, Education, Community Outreach, Responsible Media, and Religio-Cultural Dialogues in Countering Violent Extremism* on 22 September 2018 at the UP National Institute for Science and Mathematics Education Development (NISMED) Auditorium, UP Diliman, Quezon City.

The purpose of the workshop and conference is to produce book and journal article publications aimed at enhancing Islamic Studies scholarship in the Philippines. Reputable international editors, scholars, and publishers will present the current status of knowledge production in Muslim scholarship, particularly in theorizing and analyzing “Islamic” paradigmatic lenses of philosophy, theology, jurisprudence (law), mysticism, and related social sciences in Southeast Asia. In addition, participants will be having the opportunity to present and get actual peer review from the invited renowned editors, scholars, and reputable international publishers.

The program is also targeting Palgrave Macmillan, Brill, Routledge, IB Tauris, SAGE, UP Press, Ateneo de Manila University Press, among others, to participate in the book exhibit. There will be presentations and networking opportunities from the UP IIS flagship journal and book series, the Palgrave Macmillan *Islam in Southeast Asia* book series and Brill’s International Journal of Islam in Asia, where research works can be considered for publication after having successfully passed a rigorous peer review process

The tentative roster of invited scholars who will serve as distinguished speakers include Jeffrey Ayala Milligan (Florida State University), Deina Abdelkader (University of Massachusetts at Lowell), Imtiyaz Yusuf (Mahidol University), Lily Zubaidah Rahim (University of Sydney), Maznah Mohamad (National University of Singapore), and Nadirsyah Hosen (Monash University).

Strategic Studies Program

CONVENOR

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CO-CONVENOR

Aries A. Arugay, Ph.D.

(UP Department of Political Science)

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 intellectual communities within East Asia.

Strategic studies is an interdisciplinary academic field centered on the study of peace and conflict, often devoting special attention to the relationship between international politics, geo-strategy, diplomacy, international economics, and military power. While traditionally centered on the use of military power for defense and security purposes, strategic studies have now evolved to embrace human and multidimensional aspects of security.

The Program will continue to bring issues of strategic importance to a Philippine public that tends to be inward-looking in its appreciation of its immediate environment. There will be a clear focus on reinforcing and strengthening a core group of experts and academic research interested in strategic concerns within the University of the Philippines and the consolidation of networks that link this core group with institutions in government and the private sector that might be interested in regional and international developments that affect the foreign policy options of the Philippines.

The SSP is convened by Prof. Herman Joseph S. Kraft and co-convened by Aries A. Arugay, Ph.D., both from the UP Diliman Department of Political Science. The following constitute the research fellows and staff convened under the Program:

Research Fellows:

- Aileen S.P. Baviera, Ph.D.
(UP Asian Center)
- Jay L. Batongbacal, JSD
(UP College of Law)
- Jaime B. Naval
(UP Department of Political Science)
- Meiting Li, Ph.D.
(UP Department of Political Science)
- Raisa E. Lumampao
(UP Department of Political Science)

Senior Research Associate:

Maria Nikka U. Garriga

Junior Research Associate:

Marvin H. Bernardo

Senior Project Assistant:

Ramon D. Bandong, Jr.

Activities Pursued from January to June 2018

In pursuit of its objectives, the SSP organized the 3rd Katipunan Conference and the Building Capacity Roundtable Discussion Series, which tackle major geopolitical issues facing the Philippines in 2018 and in the near future.

3rd Katipunan Conference: The Philippines Strategic Outlook 2018-2019 (27–28 February 2018)

On 27 and 28 February 2018, the SSP and the UP Institute for Maritime Affairs and Law of the Sea (UP IMLOS) organized the *3rd Katipunan Conference* with the theme “The Philippine Strategic Outlook: 2018-2019” at the Law Center in Bocobo Hall, UP Diliman, Quezon City. Launched in 2015, the Conference serves as a platform for discussing current and emerging issues that impact Philippine foreign policy and undertakes an environmental scan from multiple perspectives in order to produce practical and informed policy options and decision-making aids for government agencies and officials. It aims to gather eminent security experts, scholars, and practitioners to discuss and analyze pressing strategic issues facing the Philippines.

The 3rd Katipunan Conference was attended by more than 200 participants representing the diplomatic community, government, academe, students, security sector, and other members of the Philippine strategic community.



Experts in foreign policy and strategic studies in one of the panels at the 3rd Katipunan Conference held on February 2018 (PHOTO COURTESY OF UP CIDS SSP)



Representatives from government agencies, members of the academe, and professionals from various private institutions attended "Securitizing Energy: Prospects and Challenges for the Philippines," the first in UP CIDS SSP's Building Capacity Roundtable Series (PHOTO COURTESY OF THE UP CIDS SSP)

The keynote address was delivered by National Security Adviser Secretary Hermogenes G. Esperon, Jr., who highlighted the importance of strategic analysis and appreciation of the global and regional strategic environments surrounding the Philippines, discussed the 'hedging strategy' of the Duterte administration in the pursuit of a more independent foreign and security policy, and also announced a proposed bill to create a research fund called *Science for Change* that aims to provide support for research dealing with national and human security.

The conference featured four panels examining the Philippine strategic, domestic, and regional environment. Speakers include academic experts on strategic studies, government officials, and representatives from the military and the private sector.

Building Capacity Roundtable Series: Securitizing Energy: Prospects and Challenges for the Philippines (03 May 2018)

The *Building Capacity Roundtable Discussion Series* focuses on exploring the various kinds

of strategic responses the Philippines should adopt in order to build national capacity in the face of changing power dynamics in the international system. The objective of the roundtable discussion (RTD) series is to provide a venue for experts from various fields to discuss and share their insights on selected important matters with the aim of contributing to the national security and development discourse.

On 3 May 2018, the SSP, together with the UP IMLOS, conducted the first of the Building Capacity Roundtable Series, held at the Ambion Room, Malcolm Hall, UP College of Law. The RTD focused on the status of energy security in the Philippines with representatives from government agencies, members of the academe, and professionals from various private institutions.

Assistant Professor and SSP Research Fellow Nelson Cainghog of the UP Department of Political Science gave the opening remarks and expressed the need for endeavors similar to the RTD which aim to contribute to the discourse on national security. Department of Energy Undersecretary Jesus Cristino P.

Posadas presented the policies of the current administration with regard to providing power and securing energy reserves, while Dr. Mario Aurelio, the director of the National Institute of Geological Sciences, gave a presentation on the status of the energy in the country from the perspective of a geoscientist.

Proposed Activities for July to December 2018

The Strategic Studies Program plans to hold the following activities for the second half of 2018:

Taiwan's New Southbound Policy: Implications for the Philippines

The SSP will hold this roundtable discussion on 13 July 2018 at the Seminar Room, Hall of Wisdom, Asian Center, UP Diliman. The RTD is organized in partnership with the Asia Pacific Pathways to Progress Foundation, Inc. (APPPFI), the Center for Strategic and International Studies, and the UP Department of Political Science.

Roundtable Discussion on the Bilateral Relations of the Philippines and Japan with China

The RTD on the bilateral relations of the Philippines and Japan with China, in partnership with APPFI, Keio University, and Tokyo University, will be held on 29 August 2018 at the UP CIDS Conference Hall.

Change and Continuity in China's Foreign Policy

This activity will present the original research by SSP Research Fellows Meiting Li, Ph.D. and Raisa Lumampao from a project that began in April 2018. It will be held on 10 October 2018 at the UP CIDS Conference Hall and will be organized in partnership with the UP Department of Political Science.

Asian Politics and Policy (APP) Conference

The Asian Politics and Policy Conference, organized by the *Asian Politics and Policy*

Journal, the SSP, the UP Department of Political Science, and the Policy Studies Organization is scheduled on October 22, 2018.

World Experts Lecture Series

Dr. William Tow and Dr. Brendan Taylor, both from the Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs of the Australian National University, will be presenting in the World Experts Lecture Series scheduled on 23 October 2018 at the Audiovisual Room of the Marine Science Institute, UP Diliman.

Workshop on Strategic Studies

This workshop by the SSP is scheduled on 24 October 2018 and will be held at the UP CIDS Conference Hall.

Heneral Luna Colloquium

Together with the Armed Forces of the Philippines, the SSP will organize the Heneral Luna Colloquium on 26 October 2018.

Mapping Philippine Expertise on Strategic Studies

The SSP will conduct a survey to identify experts within the field of strategic studies and international relations. The output is an expertise map—a directory which aims to facilitate a network between research institutions and/or government agencies, and the experts.

Paper on Indo-Pacific Regional Dynamics

A paper on the implications of the changing dynamics in the Indo-Pacific Region will probe the ongoing developments in the Indo-Pacific region, such as China's Belt and Road Initiative, the US' rebalancing strategy, and India's possible rise as a relevant actor in regional politics, and their implications for Philippine foreign relations. The paper also discusses what the Philippines can possibly do given these major developments in the region.

Local-Regional Studies Network

The Local Regional Studies Network (LRSN) aims to create a network of research programs engaging in local and regional areas of study, involving scholars and research centers based in the different UP constituent universities.

The previous LRSN units that were set up during the time of current UP Vice President for Academic Affairs Maria Cynthia Rose B. Bautista as UP CIDS Executive Director include: (1) Mindanao Studies (1993); (2) Cordillera Studies, Manila Studies, West Visayan Studies, and Southern Tagalog and Bicol Studies (1995); and (3) Central Visayan Studies (1998).



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Cordillera Studies Center (CSC) – UP Baguio

Project: Program Analysis and Policy Recommendations for PES Implementation in Benguet

The LRSN–CSC research project aims to conduct an economic and socio-cultural valuation of a selected site in Mount Pulag National Park (MPNP), and develop a proposed scheme for the implementation of the Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) in the area. The Mount Pulag National Park, one of the most important watersheds in the country, is faced with problems, issues, and challenges, not only in its protection as an environmental resource and watershed, but also in its management as a Protected Area. The lack of scientific baseline information and policy guidelines or procedures remains a challenge. These challenges also extend to the culture and livelihood of indigenous communities in the area. At the same time, such challenges can be valued to create an incentive for these communities to invest in forest protection and management.

The project aims to review selected PES schemes and to collaborate with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) of Mt. Pulag regarding policy recommendations. These engagements will enable UP Baguio to provide scientific and timely information and knowledge for communities and government agencies. Part of the goal is to sustain initiatives in building and enhancing the capacities of local communities in the Cordillera region.

The LRSN–CSC project is headed by UP Baguio CSC Director Leah E. Abayao, Ph.D. The research fellows and personnel of the project are as follows:

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Verna Liza D. Bautista

Activities Pursued from January to June 2018

The first half of the year was dedicated to gathering data from partner agencies of the University and the CSC (e.g. DENR). The CSC was able to secure government documents and reports by the DENR on Mt. Pulag. Informal interviews with personnel of the Protected Area Office (PAO) of Mt. Pulag, the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO)–Benguet in Wangal, La Trinidad, Benguet, and the City Environment and Natural Resources Offices (CENRO)–Baguio in Barangay Pacdal, Baguio City were also conducted by the research team. Data was gathered from other government offices such as the Department of Agriculture and the Municipalities of Bokod and Kabayan, as well as some barangays inside the Mt. Pulag National Park. These reports and interviews were eventually consolidated.

After data gathering, the CSC Research Team was able to write literature reviews and discuss the results from the data gathered. They have also initially conducted site visits on the first six months of the project.

The CSC Research Team likewise attended and observed two meetings of the PAMB of Mt. Pulag. They were able to formally present the research project to the PAMB, which, in turn, provided more insights for the team on how to approach the project. The PAMB also gave approval for future site visits and field works of the team in selected sites within the Mt. Pulag National Park.

Residents and officials of target barangays have already been interviewed regarding their role in the conservation and utilization of resources inside the Park. Key informants were also interviewed regarding their role in government programs, projects, and activities for Mt. Pulag. These interviews were consolidated into a summary of local practices and a summary of government programs, projects, and activities in the area. Mr. Jeffrey Javier was able to pass a consolidated report on the initial data collection of the project from January to June 2018.

Outputs from January 2018 to June 2018

The research team has already written a preliminary draft for the discussion paper *Economic Valuation of Water Ecosystem Services: Policy Implications/Recommendations*. Initial data for another discussion paper on socio-cultural valuation (e.g. local practices in the area) have already been collected. Other sections of the project, however, will still need to be presented to the PAMB and the local government units (LGUs) and communities from July to August 2018.

A literature review on economic valuation has also been prepared. Ms. Verna Liza Bautista was able to prepare a literature review and summaries of articles and sources for the following topics: (1) Payment for Environmental Services, (2) valuation of watershed services, (3) the history of Mount Pulag National Park and the socio-cultural values of its communities through time, and (4) socio-cultural valuation and indigenous peoples. These outputs were thoroughly reviewed by the project leader Dr. Leah Abayao and study leader Dr. Corazon Abansi. The literature review and data collected from official sources are continuously being processed as the project progresses.

Activities and Deliverables for July to December 2018

For the second half of the year 2018, the LRSN-CSC plans to carry out the following

activities:

- Monthly field research in Mt. Pulag National Park (July to November 2018)
- Monthly attendance and observations in PAMB meetings (July to November 2018)

The research team will also aim to produce the following outputs from November to December 2018:

- Discussion paper: *Economic Valuation of Water Ecosystem Services: Policy Implications and Recommendations*
- Discussion paper: *Financial Management for Environmental Services*
- Discussion paper: *Customary Principles and Practices that Matter in PES Mechanisms on Environmental Protection (Towards Socio-Cultural Valuation)*
- Discussion paper: *Policy Recommendations and Guidelines for a Culture- and Environment-Sensitive Sustainable Tourism for MPNP*
- Discussion paper: *Nurturing Nature and Culture: Tracing the Relevance of the Indigenous Forest Management System 'Chontog' in the Mt. Pulag Environment Protection Efforts*

Central Visayas Studies Center (CVSC) – UP Cebu

Project: Sustainable Tourism in Central Visayas

LRSN-CVSC's *Project on Sustainable Tourism in Central Visayas* aims to support the regional development agenda of sustainable and inclusive economic growth by mapping out and implementing a sustainable tourism research agenda for Central Visayas.

The LRSN-CVSC project is yet to commence pending the finalization of the funding arrangements between UP CIDS and the UP Cebu CVSC.



Publications

(January–June 2018)

The **University of the Philippines Center for Integrative and Development Studies (UP CIDS) Publications Unit** is in charge of the production and dissemination of various publications (both in print and online) that contain the research outputs and document the activities of the Center's core programs.

From January to June 2018, the UP CIDS produced the following publications:

UP CIDS Policy Brief Series

Title	Program
Nurse Education Program Performance: Evidence from Licensure Exams	Program on Higher Education Research and Policy Reform
Teacher Education in the Philippines: Are We Meeting the Demand for Quantity and Quality?	Program on Higher Education Research and Policy Reform
School Licensure Exam Performance and Engineer Shortage in the Philippines	Program on Higher Education Research and Policy Reform
Are We There Yet?: What It Will Take to Win the Philippine War on Drugs	Program on Social and Political Change

UP CIDS Discussion Paper Series

Title	Program
On Islamic Populism in Indonesia and the Middle East (Author: Vedi R. Hadiz, Ph.D.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program on Alternative Development Program on Social and Political Change
Indonesia's New Populist Order and Diffused Progressives in Comparative Perspective (Author: Olle Tornquist, Ph.D.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program on Alternative Development Program on Social and Political Change

Conference Proceedings

Title	Program
Strategic Outlook 2018-2019: Conference Proceedings of the 3rd Katipunan Conference	Strategic Studies Program

Book

Title	Program
Capitalism and Inclusion Under Weak Institutions (Author: Raul V. Fabella, Ph.D.)	Program on Escaping the Middle-Income Trap: Chains for Change

Philippine Journal of Public Policy: Interdisciplinary Development Perspectives

The *Philippine Journal of Public Policy: Interdisciplinary Development Perspectives* (PJPP) is a biannual peer-reviewed journal published by the UP CIDS. Its articles examine contemporary social, cultural, economic, and political issues in the Philippines and in the Southeast Asian region. The PJPP also accepts review articles on newly released titles and editions of book publications in print.

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Key Activities

(January–June 2018)

JANUARY 2018	Jan 22	Learning Session and Field Research with Jollibee Group Foundation	EMIT:C4C
	Jan 23	Discussion on Inclusive Financing with The Netherlands Embassy and Dutch Partners	EMIT:C4C
	Jan 23	Forum with Dutch Firms on Inclusive Business (Hosted by The Netherlands Embassy)	EMIT:C4C
	Jan 25	Program Agenda Setting Workshop	HERPR
	Jan 25	Data Gathering and Site Visits at Mt. Pulag National Park 1	LRSN-CSC
	Jan 27	Anchor Themes Workshop and Learning Session 1	EMIT:C4C
FEBRUARY 2018	Feb 1	Anchor Themes Workshop and Learning Session 2	EMIT:C4C
	Feb 2	Philippine Book Launch of <i>A Time to Rise, Collective Memoirs of the Union of Democratic Filipinos</i> (KDP)	ALTDEV
			PSPC
	Feb 7	<i>Key Issues on Federalism: A Policy Action Conference</i>	PSPC
	Feb 8	<i>What Does the Middle Class Want?: Democratization Experience in Taiwan</i>	PSPC
	Feb 13–15	<i>Assuring Affordable, Accessible, and Quality Public Services for All: Tool for Levelling Inequality, Mobilising for Transformative Change</i>	ALTDEV
MARCH 2018	Feb 27–28	3rd Katipunan Conference: <i>The Philippines Strategic Outlook 2018-2019</i>	SSP
	Mar–Apr 2018	Field Research on Shari’ah Courts	ISP
	Mar–Jun 2018	Discussions with the Second Batch of Action Research Partners	EMIT:C4C
	Mar 9	<i>Dengvaxia Nightmare (People’s Clamor: Did Anyone Really Care About People’s Health?)</i>	ALTDEV
	Mar 18–19	Data Gathering and Site Visits at Mt. Pulag National Park 2	LRSN-CSC
	Mar 19	Protected Area Management Board Meeting Presentation 1	LRSN-CSC
	Mar 19–20	<i>Towards a People-Centered Universal Health Care: A Levelling-off Workshop on the UHC Bill</i>	ALTDEV
	Mar 21–22	MOST Academy on Inclusive Policy and Valorization of Knowledge: Philippines Training Workshop	ALTDEV
	Mar 29	Focus Group Discussion on Shari’ah Court and Muslim Personal Laws	ISP
APRIL 2018	Apr 2018	Forum with Officials of Biotech Farms, Inc. and Other Agriculture Stakeholders	EMIT:C4C
	Apr 2018	Presentation of Preliminary Findings with Unifrutti CEO and Managers 1	EMIT:C4C
	Apr 9, 16, 23, 30	Introduction to Python Workshop	DSPP
	Apr 11	Workshop on Exploring Alternatives in Managing Sovereign Debt	ALTDEV

	Apr 18	<i>Data Science for Public Policy: Applications and Experiences</i>	DSPP
	Apr 25	HERPR Program Writeshop	HERPR
	Apr 26–28	Discussions and Field Research with Stakeholders of the Philippine Banana Industry	EMIT:C4C
	Apr 29–May 2	Field Research and Discussions with Smallholder Farmers	EMIT:C4C
MAY 2018	May 2018	Presentation of Preliminary Findings with Unifrutti CEO and Managers 2	EMIT:C4C
	May 3	Grow Asia Learning Alliance Workshop	EMIT:C4C
	May 3	<i>Breaking Barriers in Agriculture Financing</i> Paper Presentation	EMIT:C4C
	May 3	<i>Securitizing Energy: Prospects for the Philippines</i> (Building Capacity Roundtable Series)	SSP
	May 4	<i>What the New Institutional Economics Owes to Marx</i> Professorial Lecture	ALTDEV
	May 5	Marx Bicentennial Lecture Series Launch and Keynote Addresses	ALTDEV
	May 9	Briefing on Utilizing Bureau of Customs Publicly Available Data	DSPP
	May 10	Validation Workshop on the Universal Health Care Bill	ALTDEV
	May 10	Data Gathering and Site Visits at Mt. Pulag National Park 3	LRSN–CSC
	May 17	Data Gathering and Site Visits at Mt. Pulag National Park 4	LRSN–CSC
	May 18	Roundtable Discussion on Pursuing Amendments to PD 1083	ISP
	May 23	Data Gathering and Site Visits at Mt. Pulag National Park 5	LRSN–CSC
	May 25–26	Workshop on Alternative Practices in the Philippines	ALTDEV
	May 29	Protected Area Management Board Meeting Presentation 2	LRSN–CSC
	May 30	<i>Creeping Privatization of Health: Defending Public Health</i>	ALTDEV
	May 30	<i>Iftar for a Cause: Roundtable Discussion in the Rehabilitation of Marawi City</i>	ISP
	May 31	<i>Beyond Brexit: Britain in the Age of Far Right Populism and Global Inequality</i>	ALTDEV
JUNE 2018	Jun 2018	Housing of Interns from University of the Philippines Manila	ALTDEV
	Jun 2018	Housing of Graduate Student Intern	HERPR
	Jun 1	Meeting with Commercial Banks and Lead Firms on Inclusive Value Chain Financing	EMIT:C4C
	Jun 2–7	Southeast Asia Country Studies on Alternative Practices / Field Research in Hanoi, Vietnam	ALTDEV
	Jun 7	Public Lectures on Refugees and Immigration in the U.S.	PSPC
	Jun 14	Marx Bicentennial Lecture Series No. 3	ALTDEV
	Jun 27	<i>Voting Against Democracy: Theory and Variation in the Philippines and Beyond</i>	PSPC
	Jun 28	Marx Bicentennial Lecture Series No. 4	ALTDEV
	Jun 28	Orientation of the New Jollibee Group Foundation Farmer Entrepreneurship Program Partners	EMIT:C4C
	Jun 29	<i>How to Lose a Constitutional Democracy</i>	PSPC
	Jun 29–30	Workshop on Alternative Practices in the Philippines 2	ALTDEV

Summary of Key Activities

(January–June 2018)

JANUARY–JUNE 2018

1 Book Launch
3 Conferences
10 Field Researches or Data Gathering Activities
1 Focus Group Discussion
2 Internships
3 Learning Sessions
8 Meetings (with Partners, Working Groups, or Stakeholders)
3 Presentations of Findings
15 Public Fora, Dialogues, or Lectures
3 Roundtable Discussions
11 Workshops
1 Writeshop

JANUARY 2018

2 Field Researches or Data Gathering Activities
1 Learning Session
2 Meetings (with Partners, Working Groups, or Stakeholders)
1 Public Forum, Dialogue, or Lecture
2 Workshops

FEBRUARY 2018

1 Book Launch
3 Conferences
1 Learning Session
2 Public Fora, Dialogues, or Lectures

MARCH 2018

2 Field Researches or Data Gathering Activities
1 Focus Group Discussion
2 Meetings (with Partners, Working Groups, or Stakeholders)
1 Public Forum, Dialogue, or Lecture
2 Workshops

APRIL 2018

2 Field Researches or Data Gathering Activities
2 Meetings (with Partners, Working Groups, or Stakeholders)
1 Presentation of Findings
2 Public Fora, Dialogues, or Lectures
2 Workshops
1 Writeshop

MAY 2018

3 Field Researches or Data Gathering Activities
1 Meeting (with Partners, Working Groups, or Stakeholders)
2 Presentations of Findings
5 Public Fora, Dialogues, or Lectures
3 Roundtable Discussions
3 Workshops

JUNE 2018

1 Field Research or Data Gathering Activity
2 Internships
2 Meetings (with Partners, Working Groups, or Stakeholders)
5 Public Fora, Dialogues, or Lectures
1 Workshop



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