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Introduction

Founded in 1985 by the late University of the Philippines (UP) President Edgardo J. Angara, the UP Center for Integrative and Development Studies (UP CIDS) is the University's policy research unit which aims to address problems of national significance by employing an integrative and collaborative approach in the conduct of studies on various aspects of public policy and by harnessing the University's multidisciplinary expertise and expansive resources.

Based on UP President Angara's Executive Order No. 9 issued on September 24, 1985, the UP CIDS has the following objectives and functions:

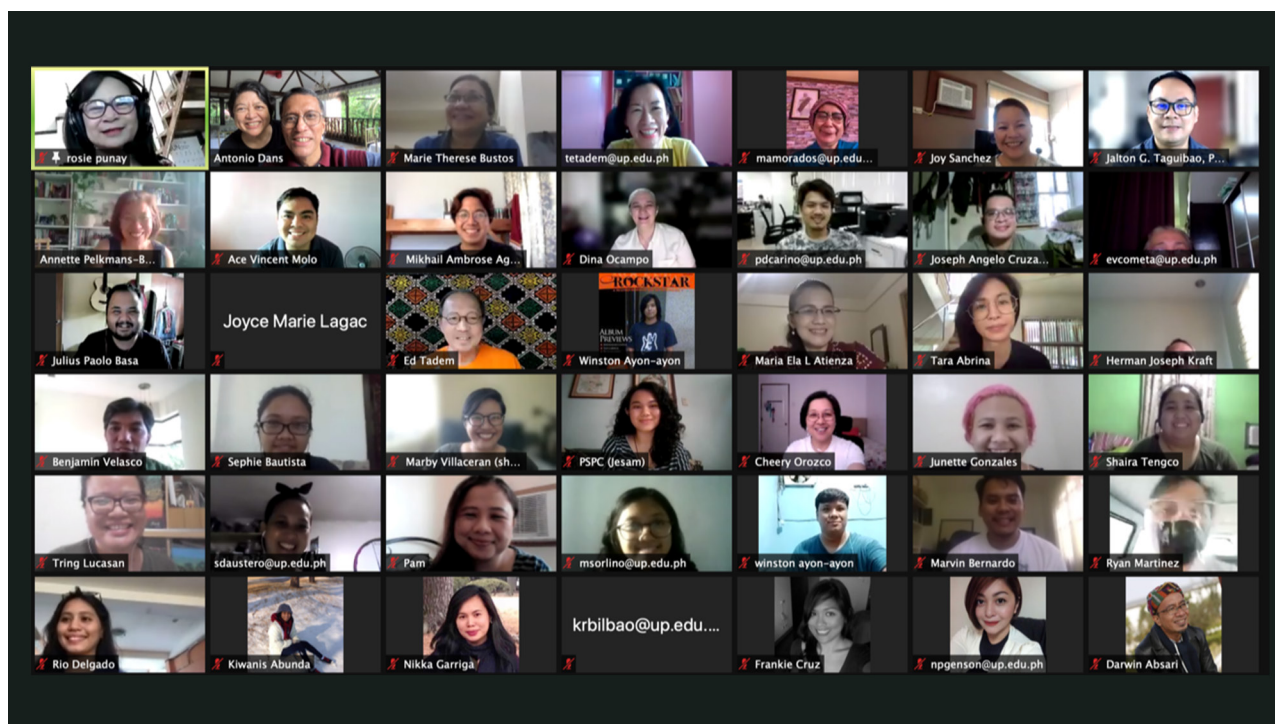
- Develop, organize, and manage research issues of national significance. Such issues, because of their importance and inherent complexity, require an integrative and collaborative approach and also more sophisticated research methodologies and skills;
- Encourage and support research and study on these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

- Secure funding from public and private persons and agencies; and
- Ensure that the research outputs and recommendations of the Center are published and openly disseminated.

The Center is likewise guided by UP's Strategic Plan 2017–2023 and contributes to the University's thrust of (a) contributing to national development through knowledge creation and public service, and (b) promoting access and diversity through enhancing structures and policies for collaboration and undertaking internationalization efforts.

Research Programs

The UP CIDS adopts a programmatic structure wherein a sizeable network of scholars is brought together and organized under Research Programs through which a shared research agenda is pursued and networks within and outside the University are built upon. Consistent with its integrative and collaborative approach, the Center also provides opportunities and venues for the various Research



The UP CIDS 2021 Midyear Convenors' Meeting held last June 15, 2021 was attended by the UP CIDS Core Staff, UP CIDS Program Convenors and Co-convenors, and UP CIDS Research Program Staff ► SCREENSHOT COURTESY OF DR. ANTONIO MIGUEL L. DANS

Programs to work on common themes and on emerging international and national policy concerns.

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

- **Education and Capacity Building Cluster**
 - Education Research Program (ERP)
 - Program on Higher Education Research and Policy Reform (HERPR)
 - Assessment, Curriculum, and Technology Research Program (ACTRP)
 - Program on Data Science for Public Policy (DSPP)
- **Development Cluster**
 - Program on Escaping the Middle-Income Trap: Chains for Change (EMIT C4C)
 - Political Economy Program (PEP)
 - Program on Alternative Development (AltDev)
 - Program on Health Systems Development (PHSD)
- **Social, Political, and Cultural Studies Cluster**
 - Program on Social and Political Change (PSPC)
 - Islamic Studies Program (ISP)
 - Strategic Studies Program (SSP)
 - Decolonial Studies Program (DSP)

Core Staff

The Core Staff of the UP CIDS facilitates and supports the administration, finance, documentation, and dissemination of the projects and activities of the Center's Research Programs. The UP CIDS Core Staff coordinates with UP System offices and the UP CIDS Research Programs to effectively carry out its role and provide guidance and assistance on various matters.

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

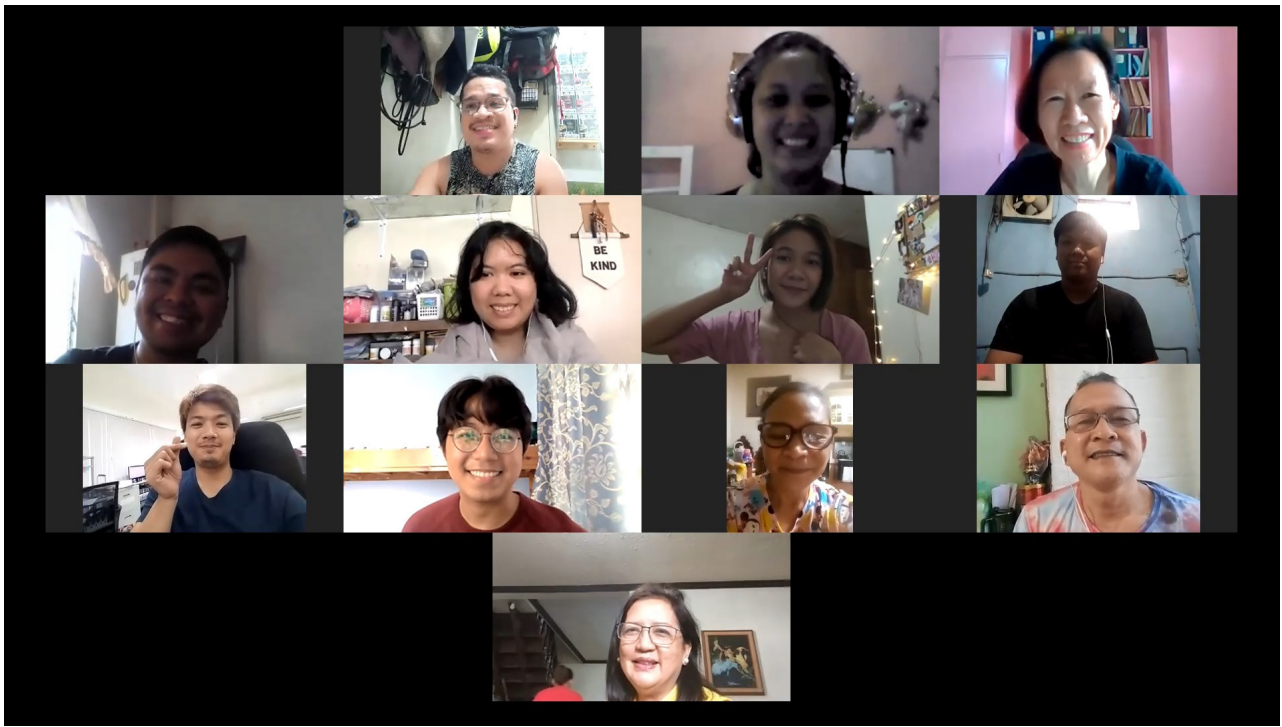
The UP CIDS in the Face of the Continuing Pandemic

With the COVID-19 pandemic showing no signs of abatement, challenges to both the conduct of research activities and the operations of the UP CIDS remain. While some restrictions have been eased, the UP CIDS continues to balance adherence to public health protocols and commitment to producing relevant policy research.

Similarly, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to shape the research agenda of the UP CIDS Research Programs. Notwithstanding their diverse perspectives and lenses, the Research Programs of the UP CIDS share a common endeavor of assessing and interrogating the impact of the pandemic not only on specific institutions, systems, and practices, but also on its impact on public policy in the Philippines at large.

In connection with this redirection of the research thrust of UP CIDS, the Center launched the "Philippine Public Policy in a Time of Pandemic: Confronting the COVID-19 Challenge" webinar series in the first half of the year. The series aims to share findings and recommendations based on research projects related to the pandemic that were undertaken by the UP CIDS Research Programs. It also aims to solicit feedback from concerned stakeholders, government officials and agencies, affected communities, and the general public which are useful for policymaking in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. To date, three webinars in the series had been organized, namely:

- "Southeast Asian Peoples' Alternative in Pandemic Times," March 9, 2021, organized by the Development Cluster (AltDev, EMIT C4C, and PEP), with support from the Global Tapestry of Alternatives
- "COVID-19 and the Economy: Challenges and Opportunities," April 8, 2021, organized by the Development Cluster (AltDev, EMIT C4C, and PEP), in partnership with the Center for Labor and Grassroots Initiatives of the UP School of Labor and Industrial Relations



UP CIDS Executive Director Teresa S. Encarnacion Tadem, Ph.D. and the UP CIDS Core Staff

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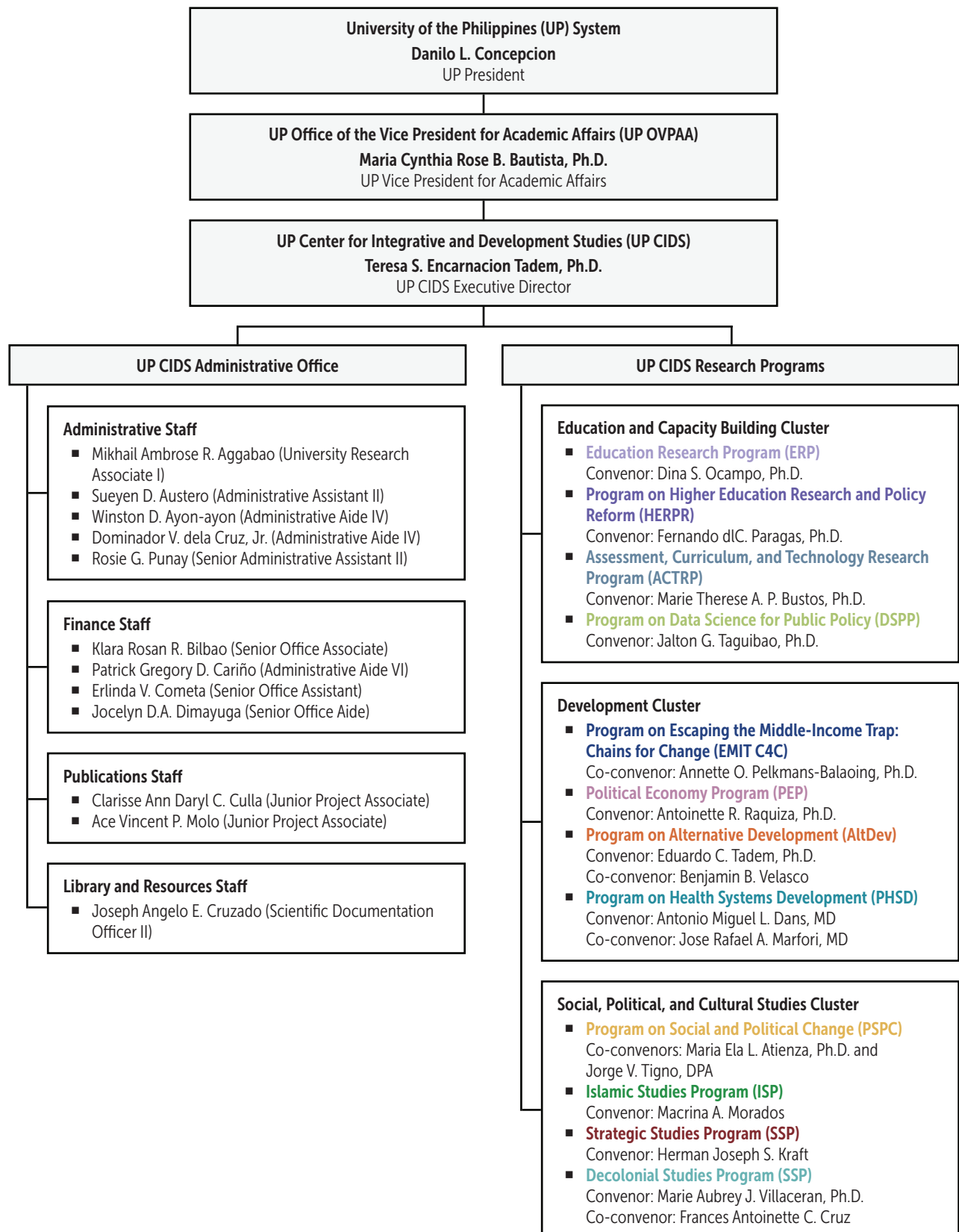
- "Multilevel Crisis Governance: International and Philippines Responses and Prospects in the Midst of Pandemic Challenges," April 29, 2021, organized by the Governance Cluster (PSPC, DSPP, and SSP), in partnership with the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA)

Another project embarked by the UP CIDS in the beginning of 2021 is the digitization of the

Center's administrative, financial, and legal records. Implemented in partnership with the UP Diliman University Library, this project aims to create a digital repository of the UP CIDS' records since its establishment, such as documents, reports, and correspondences, and to contribute to the Center's records management efforts. The project already saw the digitization and archiving of over 4,000 records and will continue for the rest of the year.

Organizational Chart

As of June 2021



EDUCATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING CLUSTER

Education Research Program

The **Education Research Program (ERP)** aims to contribute to a deeper understanding of education issues. It seeks to understand the social issues that arise from and shape education reform at the system, as well as in classroom contexts. Current issues in the education landscape will also be scrutinized and reflected upon in the context of creating a nurturing, encouraging, and supportive environment for researchers on education. The special focus of the ERP are developmental and pedagogical aspects of literacy, especially in the context of the current pandemic.

In the first part of 2021, the themes of ERP researches mainly focused on child-directed print corpora, oral language and literacy, multiliteracy development, assessment of learning during the pandemic, and teacher professional development. Research work on information and communications technology (ICT) in education and on disinformation studies were also undertaken during this period. These studies can inform policies on how to foster schools that are also inclusive learning communities.

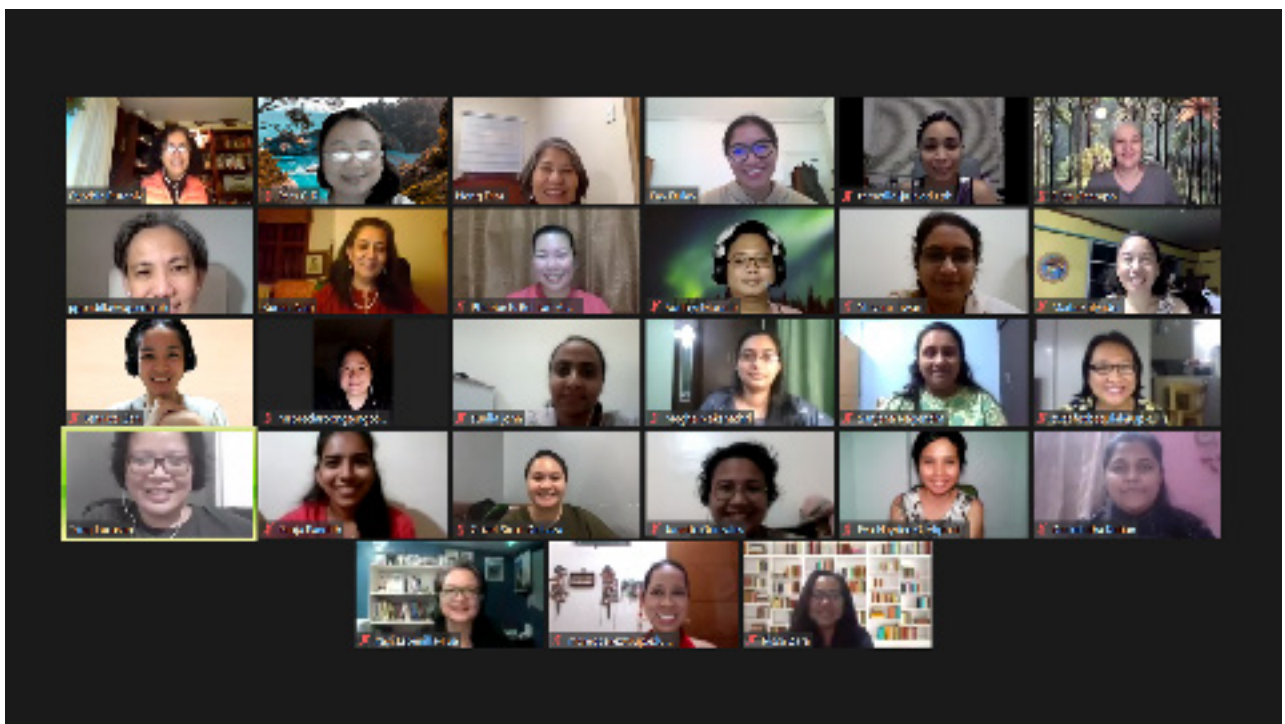
The content of the ERP's intended research was modified to include issues and concerns stemming

from the implications of the COVID-19 pandemic to the education sector. To adapt to changes, the Program revised some of its project plans in response to present and future health behavior and norms. Its focus also shifted to the development of research outputs, while alternative platforms in conducting other activities are being explored.

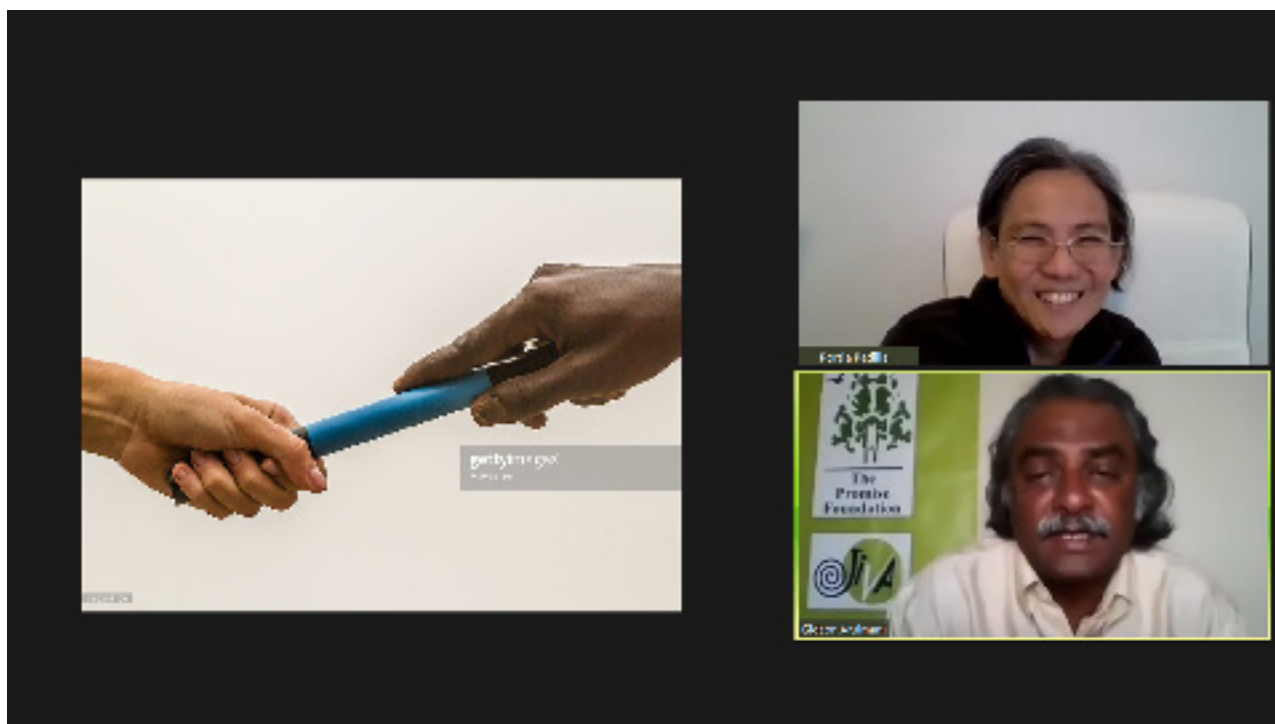
The collection and analysis of data and literature for the studies on ICT in education, disinformation studies, multiliteracy assessments, and the conduct of learning assessments in the context of the pandemic were also done during this period. The Program also attended online conferences and webinars, as well as an ethics course, which facilitated professional development and research dissemination.

Program Organizational Structure

Convenor	Dina S. Ocampo, Ph.D. (Professor, College of Education, UP Diliman)
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The participants of TalkTogether's Annual Meeting and Planning, including ERP Convenor Dr. Dina S. Ocampo and Senior Research Associates Kathrina Lucasan, Junette Gonzales, and Pam Romero ► PHOTO COURTESY OF UP CIDS EDUCATION RESEARCH PROGRAM



The TalkTogether Philippine Team, represented by Dr. Portia Padilla, passes the baton for the 2022 Annual Meeting and Planning to Dr. Gideon Arulmani of the Promise Foundation, India ► PHOTO COURTESY OF UP CIDS EDUCATION RESEARCH PROGRAM

Senior Research Associates	Junette Fatima D. Gonzales Kathrina Lorraine M. Lucasan Donna Pamela G. Romero
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Program Research Project

TalkTogether: A UKRI GCRF Project

A big part of the activities during the first half of the year concentrated on the TalkTogether project, an international research partnership between the UP College of Education, the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom, and the Promise Foundation in India. Researchers from the ERP were also involved in this project in support of faculty researchers from the Reading, Early Grades, Art and Language Education (REGALE) Cluster of the UP College of Education. For the first half of the year, the project team particularly focused on data gathering, morphological analysis, technical paper writing, impact activities, and project and partnership management—most of which were conducted online. Though the online setup posed a challenge in terms of access and connectivity, it also allowed people from different parts of the world to easily work together on the project.

However, due to budget cuts by the project funder, UK Research and Innovation Global Challenges Research Fund (UKRI GCRF), brought about by the pandemic, the duration of the project was shortened and will end on July 31, 2021, more than a year ahead of the original end date of December 31, 2022. Adjustments were made in terms of the budget and tasks needed for the completion of the project, while plans by the Philippine team for its continuation were taken into consideration.

Activities from January to June 2021

MEETINGS

TalkTogether Annual Review and Planning for 2021

January 13–14, 20, and 25–29, 2021

The ERP, together with faculty from the UP College of Education, hosted the TalkTogether Annual Review and Planning, as part of the project activities with the University of Oxford. Held via Zoom, attendees from the United Kingdom, India, Canada, and the

United States were treated with a taste of Philippine culture at the start of each meeting, followed by a presentation by experts. A discussion on the various aspects of the TalkTogether research project was held each day including breakout sessions to facilitate collaboration and brainstorming. On the last day, the baton was passed to team India, who was supposed to host the next Annual Review and Planning in 2022.

PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCE

Learning Continuity for Learners with Special Educational Needs (LSENs) at the Time of COVID-19

January 23, 2021

A conference was held on the continuity of learning for learners with special educational needs last January 23, 2021 via Zoom. ERP Convenor Dr. Dina S. Ocampo was invited to be one of the keynote speakers in this event.

TRAINING

TalkTogether Ethics Course

February to March 20, 2021

The University of Oxford held an ethics course for the research activities of the TalkTogether project research team, which include the ERP and UP College of Education faculty members. The course was composed of asynchronous work and a synchronous group discussion via Microsoft Teams. For the final session, the attendees were given different scenarios and were asked to apply what they learned on research ethics.

PARTICIPATION IN TRAINING WORKSHOP

IBM SPSS Training for Researchers

February 15–16, 2021

An online training workshop on IBM SPSS for researchers was organized by the UP Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs' General Education Program, in collaboration with STRAND-Asia, Inc., last February 15 and 16, 2021. The training aimed to provide researchers the basic skills on how to apply statistical analysis on their research data using the IBM SPSS software. ERP Senior Research Associate Donna Pamella G. Romero attended the said training workshop.

PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCE

5th ARWA Annual Conference

March 5–6, 2021

The Association for Reading and Writing in Asia (ARWA) held its 5th Annual Conference last March 5 and 6, 2021, which was sponsored by the Department of Special Education of the National Taiwan Normal University. ERP Research Fellow Prof. Margaret Mary Rosary Carmel Fua presented a paper entitled "Assessing Filipino and English Literacy Skills of Kindergarten to Grade 3 Filipino Children," which was based on the analysis of the data gathered from the field trials of the multiliteracy assessments for Filipino children. The paper is co-authored with ERP Convenor Dr. Dina S. Ocampo, ERP Senior Research Associates Kathrina Lorraine M. Lucasan and Donna Pamella G. Romero, and data analyst Joesal Jan Marabe.

PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCE

Multiple Tiers, Multiple Markets: The Structure and Character of Philippine Education

March 10, 2021

The Ateneo de Manila University Board of Trustees hosted an online conference on the structure and character of Philippine education last March 10, 2021. ERP Convenor Dr. Dina S. Ocampo was invited to be one of the keynote speakers in this event.

FELLOWSHIP

UP TTBDU University Innovation Fellowship

April 2021 to present

ERP Convenor Dr. Dina S. Ocampo and Senior Research Associate Kathrina Lorraine M. Lucasan participated in weekly sessions hosted by the UP Technology Transfer and Business Development Office (UP TTBDU). The ERP was invited to join the fellowship when it applied for the copyright of SukatWika, a psycholinguistic analyzer developed in collaboration with the UP College of Engineering Digital Signal Processing Laboratory. For each session, participants were expected to have accomplished their seatwork and homework on the topic for the week, which included scanning the market for similar technologies and reaching out to possible industry partners.

PARTICIPATION IN WORKSHOP

Civil Society Capacity Building to Counter Disinformation Workshop

April 21–22, 2021

The Innovation for Change-East Asia (I4C-EA) and Doublethink Lab (DTL) conducted an online Civil Society Capacity Building to Counter Disinformation Training of Trainers last April 21 and 22, 2021. The aims of the activity were to enable civil society to learn in-depth about disinformation ecosystems and empower activists, campaigners, technologists, media and communities to co-create solutions and interventions to address disinformation. ERP Senior Research Associate Junette Fatima D. Gonzales participated in the said workshop.

PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCE

Scripts in Asia, c. 1500–2000

April 27–28, 2021

The UP Asian Center organized an international conference entitled “Scripts in Asia, c. 1500–2000,” via Zoom on April 27 and 28, 2021. The conference aimed intends to explore the impact of European presence in the various writing traditions of Asia and to discuss the development and use of various writing scripts in Asia. ERP Convenor Dr. Dina S. Ocampo attended the panel presentations of the conference.

OUTPUT PREPARATION

TalkTogether Corpus Study: Affix Map Creation

May to June 2021

Morphological analysis was conducted on selected words from the TalkTogether child-directed print corpus. The analysis resulted in an affix map which enabled the researchers to describe the lexical diversity of the corpus. Dr. Mary Ann Bacolod and Prof. Jem Javier of the UP Department of Linguistics, Prof. April Perez of the UP Departamento ng Filipino at Panitikan ng Pilipinas, Prof. Crizel Sicut-De Laza of the UP College of Education, and ERP Senior Research Associate Junette Fatima Gonzales analyzed the selected words and their corresponding derivations following a set protocol and format.

DATA GATHERING ACTIVITY

TalkTogether Age of Acquisition Study: Online Survey Administration

May 8–22, 2021

The Age of Acquisition Study of the TalkTogether project aims to find out the age when a child first understands a certain word. To achieve this, an online survey was created via Qualtrics and administered by 14 research assistants to over 70 teachers, parents, and experts who have previous experience handling young children. The online survey took around an average of two to three hours per participant.

PARTICIPATION IN ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Regional Consultation in Asia for the Preparation of the Global Action Plan for the International Decade of Indigenous Languages

May 10–11, 2021

A regional consultation was held by United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Bangkok last May 10 and 11, 2021 to contribute to the development of the Global Action Plan for the International Decade 2022–2032 as proclaimed by the United Nations. Part of the consultation was a roundtable discussion for stakeholders, where ERP Convenor Dr. Dina S. Ocampo served as a resource person. The proceedings of the consultation were made available in a final report uploaded in the UNESCO Bangkok website.

PRESENTATION IN CONFERENCE

5th International Conference on Educational Measurement and Evaluation

May 26–28, 2021

ERP Senior Research Associate Kathrina Lorraine M. Lucasan co-presented a paper on “The Assessment of Decoding, Oral Reading Fluency, and Reading Comprehension in Sinugbuanong Binisaya, Filipino, and English during the COVID-19 Pandemic” with Dr. Christine Joy Ballada of the De La Salle University. Among the assessment tools used in the study were the Filipino and English decoding and reading comprehension tools of the Multi-literacy Assessments for Filipino Children which were developed by the ERP.

Outputs from January to June 2021

Discussion Paper

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

Forthcoming Publications

Journal Article

- "Education During the COVID-19 Emergency: Policy Analysis on Flexible Learning Options for Senior High School in the Philippines" (Authors: Naomi M. Fontanos, Junette Fatima D. Gonzales, Kathrina Lorraine M. Lucasan, and Dina S. Ocampo; to be published in the 2021 volume of the *Philippine Journal of Public Policy*)

Policy Brief

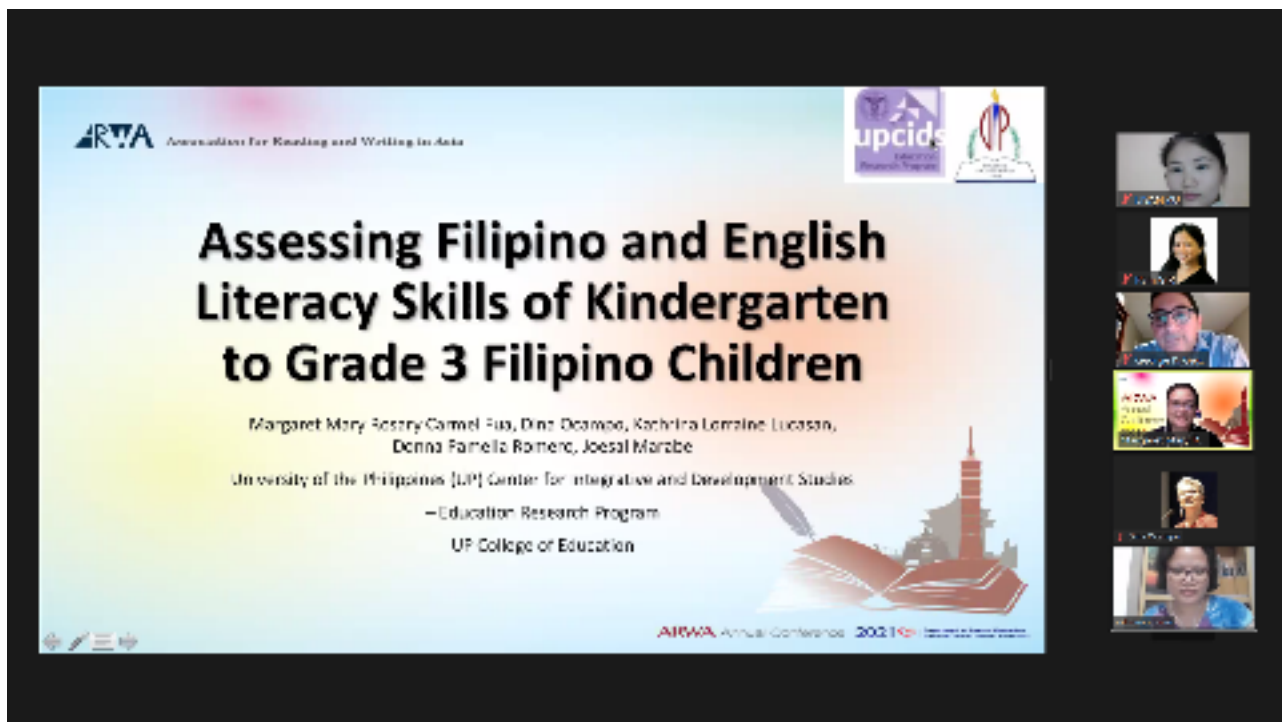
- "Understanding Learners' Home Contexts and Recommendations for Future School Scenarios" (Authors: Dina S. Ocampo and Junette Fatima D. Gonzales)

Book Chapters

- "Participatory Policy Formulation on Indigenous Peoples Education in the K to 12 Basic Education Program in the Philippines" (Authors: Dina S. Ocampo, Rozanno Rufino, and Junette Fatima D. Gonzales), in *Reading Inclusion Divergently: Articulations from Around the World* (International Perspectives on Inclusive Education Series, Emerald Group Publishing, 2021)
- "Responsible Local Governance, Decentralization and Equitable Development in the Philippines" (Authors: Elvin Ivan Y. Uy and Dina S. Ocampo)
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Upcoming Activities and Outputs for July to December 2021

For the second half of 2021, the ERP will focus on the impact activities of the TalkTogether project, such as a roundtable discussion and a symposium as well as a forum on the research papers done during the year. Blogs and news and feature articles will



ERP Research Fellow Prof. Margaret Mary Rosary Carmel Fua presents the Program's paper at the Annual Conference 2021 of the Association for Reading and Writing in Asia ► PHOTO COURTESY OF UP CIDS EDUCATION RESEARCH PROGRAM

be created from these impact activities. Research activities, such as data gathering and analysis on language and literacy, as an independent spin-off to the TalkTogether studies will also be conducted. Research on the assessment of oral language and literacy will be developed as well. Data collection on the assessment of learning during the pandemic will be conducted while data analysis on the multiliteracy assessment will be continued.

The UsapTayo research, a spin-off of the TalkTogether project, will deal with the co-production of oral language lessons for five-year-old children to be implemented by their parents, an intervention study, and a language capture and ethnography study on oral language among five-year-old children.

Research on text complexity assessment will be started within the remainder of the year. Included in this research are possible upgrades for SukatWika which will also be informed by the input from the University Innovation Fellowship Program.

Activities

Roundtable Discussion: “Child Directed Print Corpora: Understanding the Resource”

June 30 to July 2, 2021

A three-day roundtable discussion will be conducted online by the TalkTogether Oxford team on June 30 to July 2, 2021. Experts, researchers, academics, and other stakeholders are invited to attend the discussion, which will focus on child-directed print corpora and its implications on child language assessment, children’s materials, and experimental research. The event will be co-chaired by TalkTogether Principal Investigator Dr. Sonali Nag, ERP Convenor Dr. Dina S. Ocampo, and Dr. Jelena Mirkovic. There would also be presentations from ERP Research Fellows and Research Associates as

well as from faculty members from the UP College of Education.

Presentation in the 7th RAP International Literacy Conference

July 22–24, 2021

The Reading Association of the Philippines (RAP) will hold its 7th International Literacy Conference via Zoom, with the theme, “Enabling Learners Through Language and Literacy.” Dr. Sonali Nag of the TalkTogether project and ERP Research Fellow Dr. Portia Padilla will be among the keynote speakers in this event. As part of the plenary, ERP Research Fellows Dr. Portia Padilla, Dr. Leonor Diaz, Prof. Margaret Mary Rosary Carmel Fua, and Senior Research Associate Kathrina Lorraine M. Lucasan, together with ERP Convenor Dr. Dina S. Ocampo will hold a lecture-workshop on the book levelling, corpus development, and age of acquisition research processes of the TalkTogether study.

Pilot Tool Administration for Assessment of Learning During the Pandemic

August 2021

A review on policies on student assessments is currently underway. Assessment tools, which may include an online survey, key informant interviews, and focus group discussions will be developed for the study. The pilot assessment tool administration and actual data collection are set in August 2021.

Sípat Edukasyon 2021

November 2021

The ERP will hold its 2nd Sípat Edukasyon forum in November 2021 via Zoom. Research papers from the various research strands of the ERP (e.g., ICT Studies in Basic Education, Disinformation Studies, SukatWika, and UsapTayo, among others) will be presented by the Research Fellows of the Program. Breakout sessions will be conducted to discuss the papers.



EDUCATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING CLUSTER

Program on Higher Education Research and Policy Reform

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

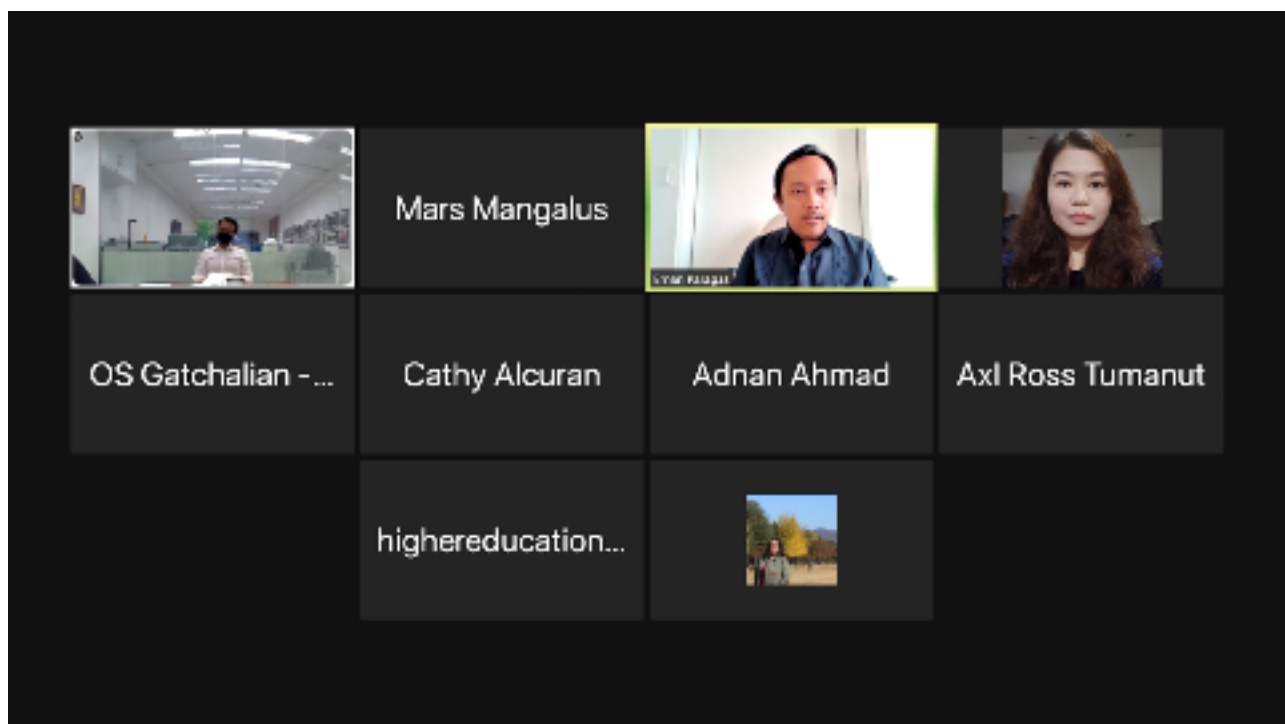
For the first half of 2021, the Program officially released its first monograph, “Higher Education Interventions During and Beyond the COVID-19 Pandemic,” which contains seven papers from Philippine higher education institutions (HEIs). Following the success of last year’s call for policy papers, the HERPR launched a second call for papers on “Higher Education Interventions for Better Normal,” which will now focus on the experiences, innovations, and interventions of the University of the Philippines (UP) System and its constituent units during the pandemic. The Program is likewise inviting the speakers of the “Kalayaan sa Pamantasan” webinar series of TVUP to have their views and opinions on academic freedom compiled in a publication. As of writing, four speakers confirmed their interest in the publication.

In line with strengthening the existing network in higher education, the Program met with Senator Sherwin Gatchalian last April 2021, following a previous consultation last 2020. Initial discussions focused on establishing a National Education Council and on reconvening the Congressional Committee on Education (EDCOM). As a result of this meeting, the HERPR is expected to organize a series of roundtable discussions in partnership with the Office of Senator Gatchalian.

Gauging the expected workload for the remainder of 2021, the Program also announced its intention to hire research consultants last June 2021.

Program Organizational Structure

Convenor	Fernando dIC. Paragas, Ph.D. (Professor, College of Mass Communication, UP Diliman)
Research Fellows	John Robert Bautista, Ph.D. Clarissa C. David, Ph.D. Sarah S. Daway-Ducanes, Ph.D.



The HERPR, led by Convenor Dr. Fernando dIC. Paragas, met with Senator Sherwin Gatchalian to discuss partnerships on higher education policy agenda and research ► PHOTO COURTESY OF MARRHON MANGALUS



One of the HERPR's new research focus is the subject of academic freedom, which has recently surfaced in national debates and discourses ► PHOTO FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES DILIMAN FACEBOOK PAGE

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Senior Research Associate Shaira Melissa T. Tengco

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Activities from January to June 2021

CALL FOR PAPERS

Call for Papers on Academic Freedom and Higher Education

February to March 2021

The HERPR called for papers on the relationship between academic freedom and higher education, which it has extended to March 2021. The papers

will comprise a monograph on the role of academic freedom in the pursuit of learning, the conduct of research, the crafting of policies, the idea and practice of socio-civic engagement, and academic citizenship in higher education.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Second Call for Papers on Higher Education Interventions for the Better Normal

February to March 2021

Following the publication of the monograph "Higher Education Interventions During and Beyond the COVID-19 Pandemic," the HERPR released a second call for papers on the pandemic response of higher education institutions. For this iteration, the Program hopes to come out with a monograph that focuses on the initiatives of units and offices in the UP System.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Call for Research Consultants

June 17, 2021

In an effort to encourage researchers to write papers on topics in higher education, the HERPR called for research consultants for a three-month engagement with the Program. The research consultants will

produce papers on topics relevant to higher education and assist in the program in its activities.

MEETING

Second Consultation Meeting with the Office of Senator Sherwin Gatchalian

April 26, 2021

The HERPR attended a meeting with Senator Sherwin Gatchalian and his staff. The team followed up on the terms for the senator's policy paper, for which Sen. Gatchalian suggested focusing on the Teacher Education Council Act, National Education Council Act, and/or Committee on Education 2 (EDCOM 2). It was agreed upon that the Program will draft an outline for the paper and hire researchers who will collate the data, while the Office of Sen. Gatchalian will draft a mind map of the senator's policy decisions and forward existing documents (e.g., transcripts, position papers, and press releases) in relation to the bills and proposals mentioned. The senator's office also requested to connect with the Basic Education Program, looking to discuss complementarity on Basic Education level in a separate meeting.

PARTICIPATION IN WEBINAR

TVUP's "Usapang KP (Kalayaan sa Pamantasan)" Webinar Series

February 11 to March 4, 2021

Members of the HERPR attended and documented the five webinars in the "Usapang KP (Kalayaan sa Pamantasan)" series organized by TVUP as part of its Freedom Project. With permission from the organizers, Program staff recorded and transcribed the sessions with the help of a contracted transcriber. From these transcriptions, the Program identified speeches that can be included in a monograph on academic freedom and higher education.

Outputs from January to June 2021

Monograph

- "Higher Education Interventions During and Beyond the COVID-19 Pandemic" (Editor: Fernando dLC. Paragas)

Forthcoming Publication

Monograph

- "Contemporary Issues in Philippine Higher Education" (Editor: Fernando dLC. Paragas)

Upcoming Activities and Outputs for July to December 2021

Activities

"Making Our Way Back to the Classroom" Webinar

August or September 2021

In collaboration with the UP CIDS Education Research Program (ERP) and Assessment, Curriculum, and Technology Research Program (ACTRP), a webinar will be organized to discuss pressing concerns that need to be addressed regarding the resumption of face-to-face classes, both in basic and higher education. This is part of the "Philippine Public Policy in a Time of a Pandemic: Confronting the COVID-19 Challenge" webinar series of the UP CIDS.

Roundtable Discussions on the National Education Council Act and EDCOM 2

October 2021

Organized in partnership with the Office of Senator Sherwin Gatchalian, the HERPR will convene important stakeholders to discuss the possible creation of a National Education Council and its probable advantages and repercussions on the existing trifocal Philippine education system. The reconvening of the Congressional Committee on Education will also be discussed in the activity.

Outputs

Monographs

- Academic freedom and higher education
- Higher education interventions
- COVID-19 media coverage

Proceedings

- "Making Our Way Back to the Classroom"
- Roundtable Discussion on the National Education Council Act and EDCOM 2

Policy Briefs

- Outputs of research consultants

EDUCATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING CLUSTER

Assessment, Curriculum, and Technology Research Program

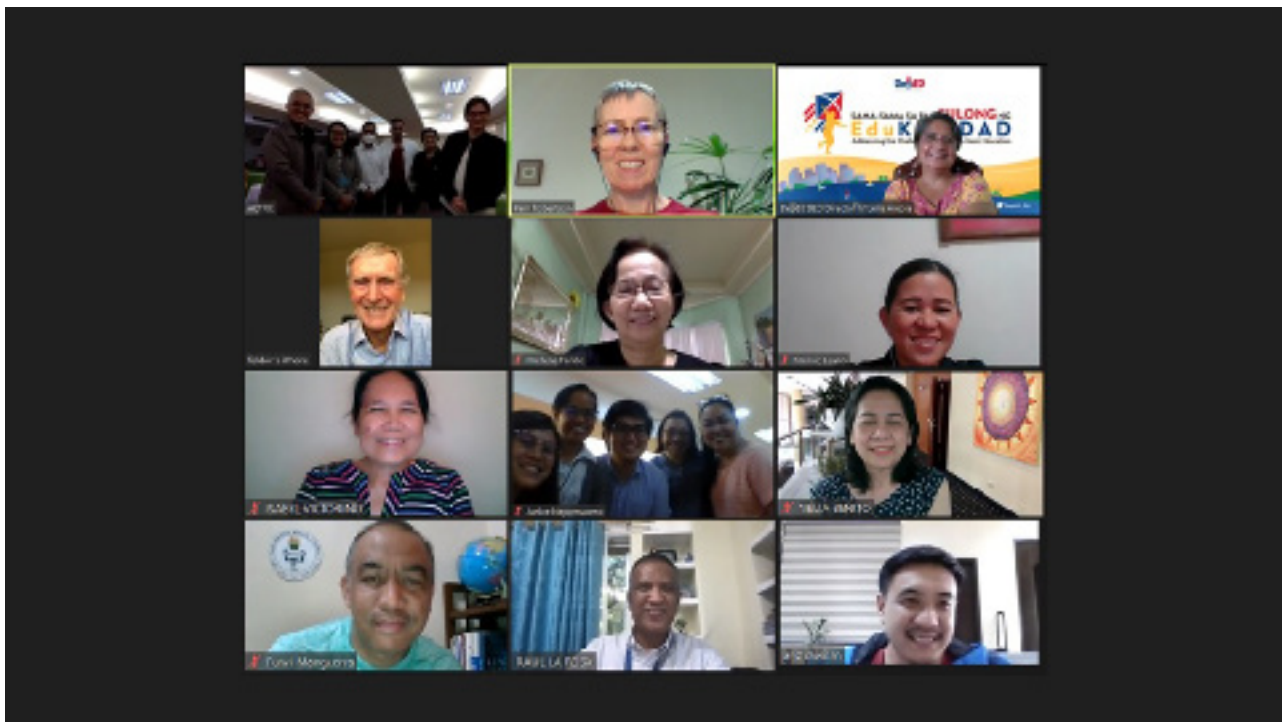
The **Assessment, Curriculum, and Technology Research Program (ACTRP)** was established in 2013 as a joint research program between the Assessment Research Centre (ARC) of the University of Melbourne and the University of the Philippines (UP). The Program, which is funded by the Australian Government, seeks to advise and inform the Philippine system of education through curriculum, teaching, and assessment research that is based on empirical studies of curriculum innovation and implementation. In 2019, the ACTRP officially became part of the UP Center for Integrative and Development Studies.

The ACTRP's work from January to June 2021 focused on the consolidation and submission of its completed projects, as well as preparation for research and training activities involving the Department of Education (DepEd). The review of the intended, implemented, tested, and attained K to 12 curriculum was completed during this reporting period. The final report was submitted to the DepEd and the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in March 2021. The ACTRP also provided technical assistance to the DepEd in relation to the recommendations of the curriculum review.

For the research on the Alternative Delivery Mode (ADM) that investigated the progress of Grade 5 students in different learning contexts and education provision in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), the final report was submitted in May 2021. The team who conducted the Baseline Study on Language Match and Teacher Assignment in BARMM submitted a condensed version of its report to Pathways and presented the research in two forums in March and May 2021.

The preparation for the feasibility study on micro-certification, the writing of self-learning modules on formative assessment as part of COVID-19 response, and the training design and materials for the professional development program on assessment for Junior High School teachers were done in the first half of 2021. Meetings were generally held virtually.

Months after the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, work at the ACTRP has returned to its normal pace. The research teams and their counterpart organizations have gotten used to working online through regular meetings and provision of communication allowances. However, connectivity issues remained a challenge for some staff members.



The ACTRP conducted a blended workshop with the Curriculum and Instruction Pillars last March 1, 2021 in Tanza, Cavite for the education roadmap for 2022 ► PHOTO COURTESY OF PAM ROBERTSON/ACTRP



ACTRP Convenor Dr. Marie Therese A. P. Bustos speaks during the blended workshop with the Curriculum and Instruction Pillars
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Activities from January to June 2021

OUTPUT PREPARATION

DepEd Self-Learning Module Preparation

February to June 2021

The ACTRP developed support materials for self-learning module (SLM) writers to assist the DepEd in developing a resource toward enhancing teachers' ability to write formative assessment tasks. The learning resource's first part on fundamentals was completed in 2020. Part 2 discusses the basics of formative assessment, from assessment planning and design to result interpretation and formative feedback. Part 3 covers formative assessment extensions and discusses teaching and assessment blueprints, assessment item types, and assessment of 21st-century skills. These were forwarded to DepEd in June 2021 for feedback and finalization.

WORKSHOPS

Assessment Framework Development Workshops

February 9–10, 23–24, March 2 and 4, and April 8, 2021

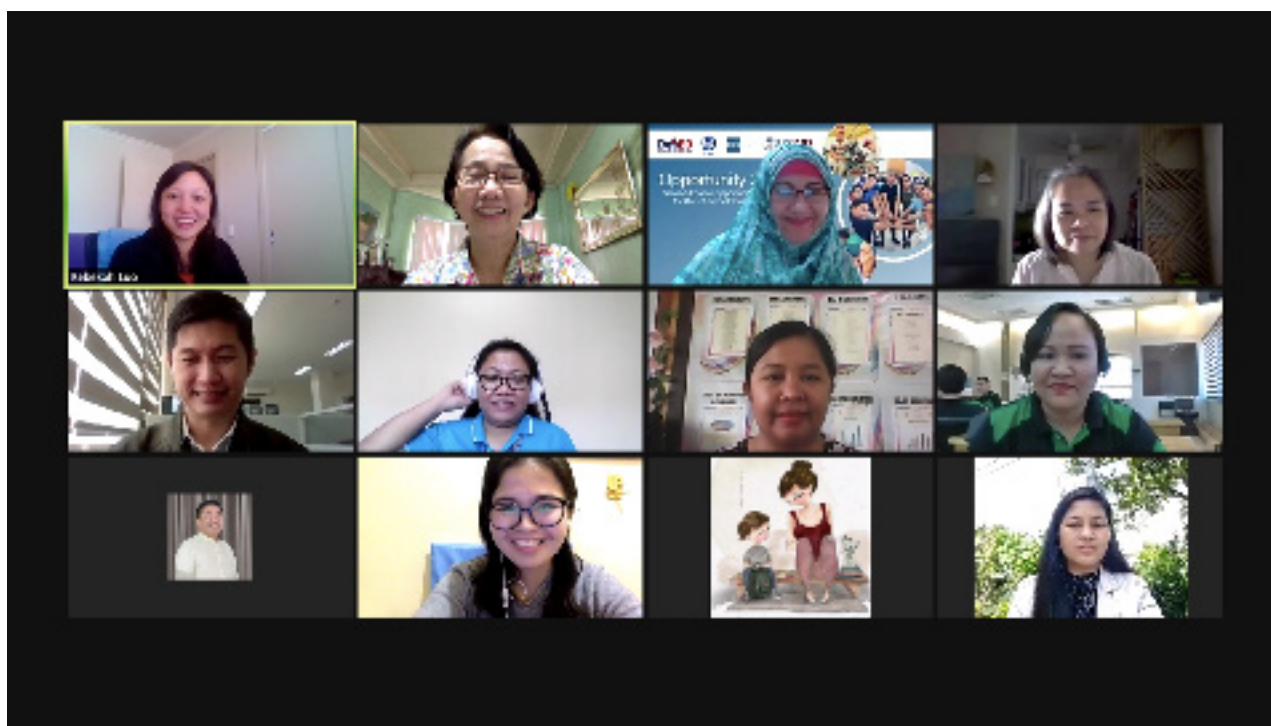
To support the development of assessment tools for the pilot study, the ACTRP conducted a series of workshops to produce assessment frameworks for various capabilities. Workshop 1 was a co-design workshop with experts to understand how each capability is developed and demonstrated. In Workshop 2, experts from Workshop 1 reconvened to review and revise the draft assessment frameworks developed by the research team from the first workshop. After Workshop 3 (Final Review), some issues were found and had to be addressed to come up with a final version of the assessment frameworks.

PRESENTATION

Presentation of the Curriculum Review Findings and Recommendations

March 1, 2021

The results and recommendations of the K to 12 Curriculum Review were presented to members



Experts from DepEd, LGU and non-government organizations convened for the initial review of the assessment framework for Communication developed from Workshop 1. ► PHOTO COURTESY OF UP CIDS ACTRP

of the DepEd Office of Curriculum and Instruction under Usec. Diosdado San Antonio at the Tanza Oasis Hotel. The comprehensive review of the curriculum provides a basis for future curriculum changes. It was accomplished in collaboration with the Bureau of Curriculum Development, Bureau of Learning Delivery, Bureau of Educational Assessment, and the School Effectiveness Division of the DepEd. A discussion on the next steps ensued after the presentation.

MEETINGS

Professional Development Program on Assessment and Emerging Literacies Consortium Planning Meetings

March 5, April 29, and May 31, 2021

The ACTRP is part of a consortium organized by the DepEd which aim to deliver a Professional Development (PD) Program on Assessment and Emerging Literacies with focus on the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA). The consortium is headed by the Office of DepEd Undersecretary Nepomuceno Malaluan together with DepEd Bureau of Learning Delivery and Bureau of Education Assessment and authorized learning service providers, namely FrontLearners, Inc. and the Center for Educational Measurement, Inc. The target participants of the professional development program are 28,032 Math, Science, and English teachers in 9,344 Junior High Schools (JHS) nationwide.

ORIENTATION

General Orientation for ALS Focal Persons

March 30, 2021

In preparation for the pilot study on the Alternative Learning System (ALS), regional and division ALS focal persons were invited to attend a general orientation on the process of pilot study. The participants represented the four sites selected for the pilot study: National Capital Region (City of Manila), Region IV-A (Batangas Province), Region XI (Davao City), and Region XII (South Cotabato). A walkthrough of the process—from recruitment to collection of assessment forms—was provided to participants during the meeting.

ORIENTATION/TRAINING

General Orientation and Training on Portfolio Marking for ALS Teachers and EPSAs

April 26–27 and 30, 2021

In preparation for the pilot study, ALS teachers and Education Program Specialists for ALS (EPSAs) who will participate in the study were convened for an orientation and training on portfolio marking. A walkthrough of the pilot study process from recruitment to collection of assessment forms was provided to participants during the event. The assessment tool for portfolio marking was presented to them and breakout rooms were created to allow them to try the instrument while referring to a set of portfolio work samples. Feedback solicited from the participants informed the further refinement of the assessment tool.

MEETINGS

Meeting with ALS Project Advisory Group

May 17, 2021 and June 21, 2021

The meeting objectives were to update the Project Advisory Group regarding the progress done since the last meeting with them and to present to the group the pilot study plan and process. Apart from the research team, the meeting was attended by individuals from the DepEd ALS Task Force, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), SEAMEO-INNOTECH (Philippines), the Assessment Research Centre of the University of Melbourne, and the College of Education of the University of the Philippines Diliman. Inputs from the meeting were found beneficial in ensuring the quality of assessment tools and the success of the pilot study implementation.

FORUM

Regional Forum on the Baseline Study on Language Match and Teacher Assignment

May 26, 2021

The ACTRP held a half-day virtual forum on the Baseline Study on Language Match and Teacher Assignment, where the results and recommendations of the study were presented to the BARMM Ministry of Basic, Higher and Technical Education (MBHTE). The presentation aimed to inform the Ministry's

planning, programming, and policy-making activities in relation to Mother Tongue-based Multilingual Education (MTB-MLE). Among the attendees were representatives from the MBHTE Regional Office, Schools Division Offices, and the Education Pathways to Peace in Mindanao Program.

MEETINGS

Meetings with Resource Persons on Professional Development

June 16, 21, and 30, 2021

The ACTRP will create and deliver a module entitled “Building Basic Assessment Competence,” consisting of the following topics: (a) Assessment Purposes, (b) Assessment Planning, (c) Evidence Collection, (d) Interpretation and Use of Student Data during Classroom Discussions, (e) Interpretation and Use of Student Data between lessons, and (f) Evaluation of Assessment Processes. The module will have asynchronous and synchronous sessions that will run for a total of 18 hours distributed across three weeks. There will be three batches in the delivery of the modules. The first batch will have Science teachers as participants, and this will be followed

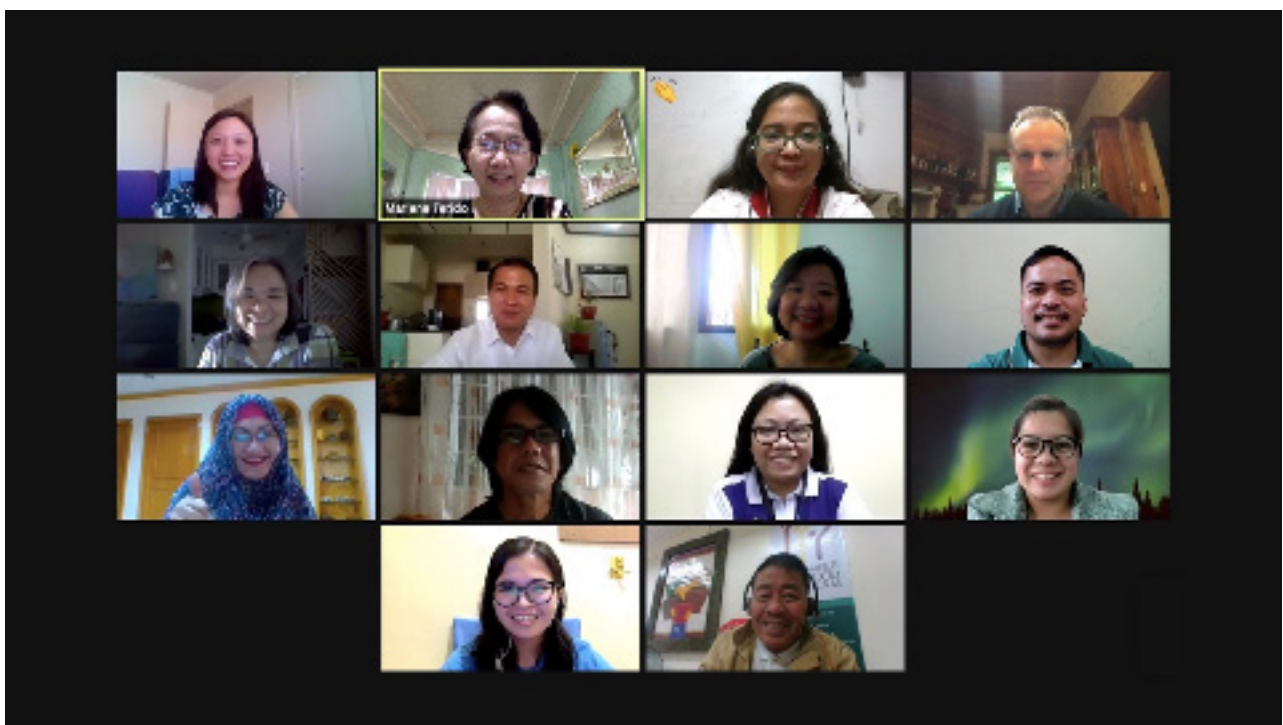
by Math and English teachers. Science, Math, and English teachers from the UP Integrated School were invited as resource persons to help provide subject-specific content to the materials for Assessment Professional Development (PD). An orientation was conducted to explain the entire project together with the six different topics to be covered and the tasks involved.

MEETING

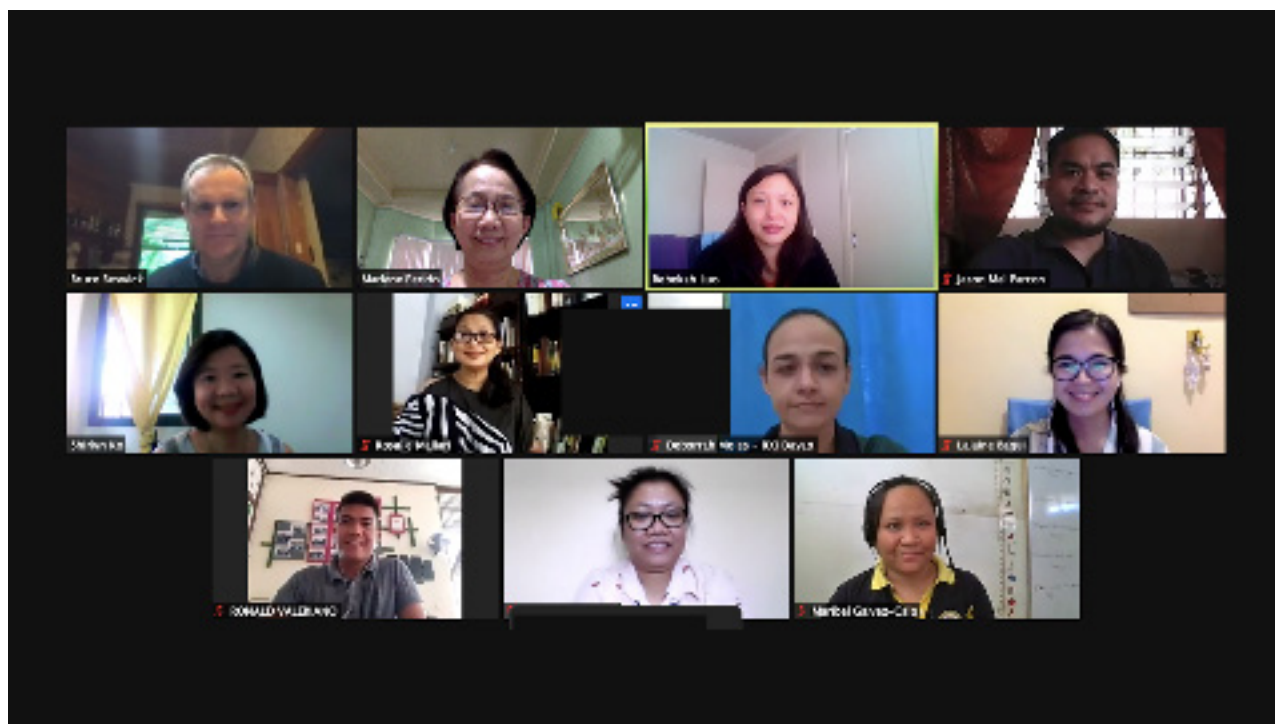
Refresher Meeting with ALS Focal Persons and ALS Teachers

June 28, 2021

The reorientation or refresher meeting was suggested by the ALS Task Force to address the concerns surfacing since the start of the registration phase of the pilot study. A more detailed walkthrough of the pilot study process from recruitment to collection of assessment forms was provided to participants. Sample kits for the different participants (e.g., EPSAs, teachers, learners, raters of learners) were shown. Registration issues were presented and responses from the participants were solicited to address them and the possible issues that might come up during the assessment period.



Experts from the DepEd, LGUs, UNICEF, and non-government organizations convened for Workshop 1 to co-design an assessment framework describing how ALS learners' capabilities can be demonstrated at different levels of competence. ► PHOTO COURTESY OF UP CIDS ACTRP



Experts from the DepEd and the business sector convened for the final review of the assessment framework for teamwork and cooperation ► PHOTO COURTESY OF UP CIDS ACTRP

Outputs from January to June 2021

Technical Reports

Reports for the Department of Education and Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

- "Phase 1 Curriculum Review: Initial Review of the Intended Curriculum"
- "Review of the Intended Curriculum"
- "Review of the Implemented Curriculum"
- "Review of the Tested Curriculum"
- "Review of the Attained Curriculum"
- "The Curriculum Project and Policy Implications: A Summary"
- "Foundational Frameworks for Curriculum Enhancement for K–3 Literacy: Mother Tongue, Filipino, and English"
- "Foundational Frameworks for Curriculum Enhancement for K–3 Mathematics: Essential Understandings and Common Misconceptions"

Reports for the BARMM Ministry of Basic, Higher and Technical Education and Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

- "ADM in the BARMM: BRAC Philippines End-of-Program Evaluation Study"

- "Baseline Study on Language Match and Teacher Assignment in BARMM"

Upcoming Activities and Outputs for July to December 2021

The ACTRP will focus on the following projects from July to December 2021: (1) the completion of the feasibility study on micro-certification for the ALS; (2) the finalization of Parts 2 and 3 of "How to Enhance Formative Assessment in Self-Learning Modules: A Guide for Writers" and orientation on their use; (3) the finalization of training modules and delivery of a professional development program on Assessment and Emerging Literacies with focus on PISA; and (4) providing technical assistance to the DepEd in relation to the recommendations of the K to 12 curriculum review.

Activities

Feasibility Study on Micro-certification for the ALS in the Philippines

- Pilot Study (July to August 2021): Implementation of the pilot study which includes the distribution

of materials, the assessment period, and the collection of data through both printed and online forms. The collection of data will immediately be followed by data processing and analyses.

- Consultation Meetings with Stakeholders (August 2021): Some participants of the pilot study will be invited to participate in virtual focus group discussions to talk about their experiences in the study.
- Submission of Final Report with the final costed roadmap (October 2021): Based on findings and learnings from the desk review, pilot study and consultations, a road map for implementation of micro-certification will be developed in collaboration with the ALS Taskforce. DepEd will provide input on costing for development, administration and large-scale implementation.
- Research Dissemination Forum (October 2021): The findings from this research project and the proposed roadmap will be presented at a national-level research forum. This forum will be conducted online.

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

- Orientation: An orientation on "How to Enhance Formative Assessment in Self-Learning Modules: A Guide for Writers" will be held in the second half of 2021 for self-learning module writers from all over the Philippines and teachers and administrators from regions supported by the

Sustaining Education Reform Gains (SERG) project of the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT).

Professional Development Program on Assessment and Emerging Literacies (with Focus on PISA)

- Training: The ACTRP will offer an 18-hour online training on Building Assessment Competence based on its research on formative assessment. There will be three batches in the delivery of the modules. The first batch will have Science teachers as participants, and this will be followed by Math and English teachers, respectively. The course will also be offered to elementary and high school teachers in SERG regions.

Technical Assistance to the DepEd

- Curriculum Review: Working on the recommendations of the K to 12 curriculum review, the DepEd is preparing curriculum shaping papers with technical assistance from the ACTRP and international experts.

Outputs

Journal Articles

- "Principles of Success in Mother Tongue-Based Primary Education in the Philippines Language Match"
- "Use of Semantic Fluency Test to Determine Students' Mother Tongue"

EDUCATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING CLUSTER

Program on Data Science for Public Policy

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

The Program continued to focus on its research agenda, particularly on the continuing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic at the local and national levels for January to June 2021. Opportunities for capacity building were also pursued by the DSPP. The Program is likewise formulating a research agenda which aims to assess how data and information systems are governed by national and local governments, and how disinformation disrupts the proper cascading of data among agencies and relevant stakeholders.

Moreover, the Program has constantly held meetings with relevant stakeholders who are part of the Data Science Working Group in the continuing review of

the data science degree program proposals of the different UP constituent universities (CUs). Executive-level meetings with the top officials of UP in the effort to map all data science activities of the University also continued. The group also serves as an avenue to stay up-to-date in the recent advancements in technology and, more importantly, stay informed of the various COVID-19-related efforts of the UP CUs.

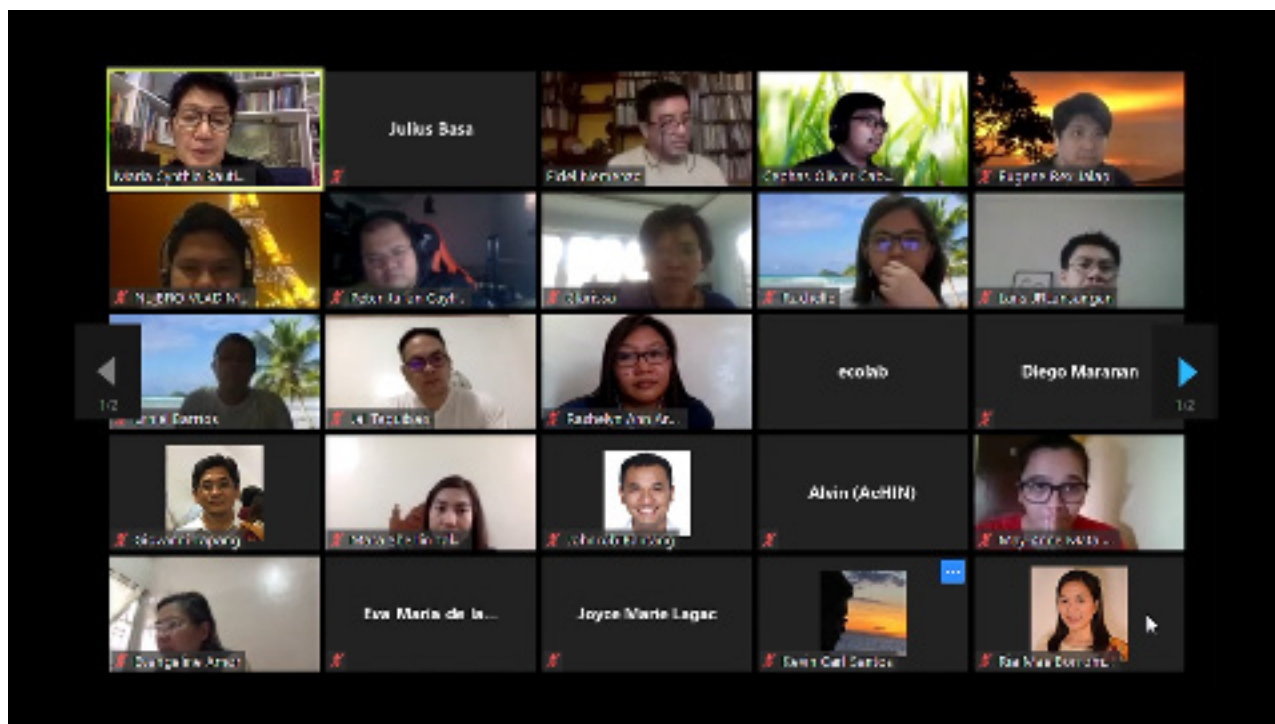
Program Organizational Structure

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Team meeting of the Program research fellows and staff of the DSPP

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Members of the Data Science Working Group discuss data science efforts across the UP System and the proposals for data science degree programs in UP constituent universities ► PHOTO COURTESY OF JULIUS PAOLO BASA

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of Science, School of Statistics, and College of Engineering), MS in Data Science for Development in UP Open University, Ph.D. and MS in Bioinformatics by the UP Diliman College of Science and the Philippine Genome Center, and BS in Data Science in UP Mindanao. The working group also serves as an avenue to discuss the different efforts of units across the UP System in addressing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Various academic heads are also part of the meeting to integrate all efforts towards data science and in building a facility to cater the needs of UP researchers in terms of big data analytics and cloud computing, among others.

Activities from January to June 2021

MEETINGS WITH STAKEHOLDERS

Data Science Working Group Consultative Meetings

January to June 2021

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

RESEARCH ACTIVITY

Data and Governance of Pandemic-Pertinent Data

March 2021

An overall policy research agenda was set forth by DSPP stemming from the need to understand the dynamics of pandemic-pertinent data, and how the relationship between national and local governments enables or restricts proper cascading of data. Several topics under this policy research agenda are currently being undertaken by the Program, such

as information system capacity asymmetries across local government units; audit of local information systems and capacities; feedback/responsiveness of national and local agencies to the information needs of citizens; and the operationalization of whole-of-society approaches in pandemic-related information systems.

WEBINAR

Multilevel Crisis Governance: International and Philippines Responses and Prospects in the Midst of Pandemic Challenges

April 29, 2021

This webinar was organized together with the Program on Social and Political Change (PSPC) and the Strategic Studies Program (SSP) of the UP CIDS and the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA) as part of the “Philippine Public Policy in a Time of a Pandemic: Confronting the COVID-19 Challenge” series. It examined the impact of and challenges posed by the pandemic on different levels of governance, namely the international, national, and local, and unpacked the responses made by various governance actors. In the webinar, DSPP Convenor Dr. Jalton G. Taguibao discussed the governance of information systems and its significance in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Outputs from January to June 2021

Forthcoming Publications

Working Papers

- “The Role of Data in Post-Pandemic World”
- “Information System Capacity Asymmetries Across Various Local Government Units”

Upcoming Activities and Outputs for July to December 2021

The Program will continue pursuing activities related to its internal research agenda, particularly on the governance of information systems. The Program will also look into the labor market analytics and health data science. Different capacity building programs, such as trainings and lecture series, will also be pursued as part of the three-pronged thrust of the Program (i.e., capacity-building, engagement, and research), the proceedings of which shall be compiled and submitted for publication to UP CIDS, along with other outputs.

Research Activities

- Automatic extraction of job information from job vacancies for job analysis
- Analyzing skill demand in the Mindanao region
- Feedback/responsiveness (e.g., turnaround time and quality of response) of national and local agencies to information needs of citizens
- Innovations in the operationalization of whole-of-society approaches in pandemic-related information systems

Capacity Building Activities

- Training on quantitative skills for Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) youth
- Lecture and training on text analysis by Dr. Vladimir B. Kobayashi

Outputs

DSPP research fellows are expected to produce policy briefs and discussion papers that will focus on their areas of expertise such as labor markets, health, and data science analytics. The specific topics are still being finalized by the Program.



 FARMER ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM - JOLLIBEE GROUP FOUNDATION

DEVELOPMENT CLUSTER

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

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

Previously, an informal survey with partner farmers and fisherfolk organizations, social enterprises, and communities showed that many of them had limited access to virtual platforms; however, in the period from January to June 2021, most of them could already be interviewed online. The EMIT C4C and its partners were able to conduct key informant interviews and focus group discussions, as well as validate preliminary findings, online.

The Program finalized and presented the findings of its research paper entitled “Exploring the Opportunities for Economic Diversification and Productive Employment in the Philippines,” which

was funded by the International Labour Organization (ILO). A companion policy brief was also included in the report and was accepted by the ILO and its partners. In the same period, the Program finalized two monographs on inclusive and competitive agriculture and fisheries value chains. The findings from these action research efforts were validated with EMIT C4C’s partners and with farmers’ and fisherfolks’ groups. Moreover, community designs from the business for peace research project were shared with the former camps of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF). As discussed with the leaders of these camps, efforts were also made to raise resources for their proposed livelihood projects.

Program Organizational Structure

Co-convenor	Annette O. Balaoing-Pelkmans, Ph.D. (Senior Research Associate, Partnerships Resource Center, Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University Rotterdam)
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The “COVID-19 and the Economy: Challenges and Opportunities” webinar examines the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy at large and on specific sectors such as MSMEs and labor ► PHOTO COURTESY OF UP CIDS EMIT C4C

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Activities from January to June 2021

WEBINAR

Southeast Asian Peoples' Alternatives in Pandemic Times

March 9, 2021

The webinar, the first in the "Philippine Public Policy in a Time of Pandemic: Confronting the COVID-19 Challenge" series of the UP CIDS, presented the various responses of grassroots communities and organizations to the COVID-19 pandemic. It was hosted by the UP CIDS Program

on Alternative Development (AltDev), while the Program on Escaping the Middle-Income Trap: Chains for Change (EMIT C4C) and the Political Economy Program (PEP) served as secretariat.

PRESENTATION

Launching of EMIT C4C and ILO Findings

March 9, 2021

The virtual launching featured the findings of the EMIT C4C's report entitled "Exploring the Opportunities for Economic Diversification and Productive Employment in the Philippines," which was supported by the International Labour Organization.

FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION

Virtual FGD with the Lourdes Multipurpose Cooperative

April 5, 2021

The Program, in partnership with Jollibee Group Foundation (JGF) interviewed key leaders of the Jollibee Group Foundation (JGF) to discuss updates on their agriculture value chain and their efforts at meeting their financing gaps.



Roberto "Ka Dodoy" Ballon, Chair of Kapunungan sa Gagmay'ng Mangingisda sa Concepcion (KGMC), discusses with the EMIT C4C and the PEP their comments on the action research monograph ► PHOTO COURTESY OF UP CIDS EMIT C4C

FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION

Virtual FGD with the Alcala Growers Association

April 6, 2021

The EMIT C4C and JGF interviewed farmer leaders of the the Alcala Growers Multipurpose Cooperative about their onion value chain and status of agriculture financing.

WEBINAR

COVID-19 and the Economy: Challenges and Opportunities

April 8, 2021

The webinar, the second in the “Philippine Public Policy in a Time of Pandemic: Confronting the COVID-19 Challenge” series of the UP CIDS, presented the research findings of the EMIT C4C and the PEP on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Philippine economy and its different sectors. In the webinar, EMIT C4C Co-convenor Dr. Annette O. Balaoing-Pelkmans delivered a presentation titled “COVID-19 and Inclusive Growth: Impact on Labor Markets and Key Economic Sectors.”

DISCUSSION

Brown Bag Discussion on the Business Model Innovation for Sustainability Paper

April 13, 2021

A number of colleagues from the Partnerships Resource Centre of the Rotterdam School of Management gave comments and suggestions to improve the EMIT C4C’s draft paper on “Business Model Innovation for Sustainability,” which will be featured as a chapter in a book project on conglomerates and inclusive development to be published by the Ateneo School of Government.

FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION

Virtual FGD with the Onion and Vegetable Producers Cooperative (OVEPCO)

April 15, 2021

Along with JGF, the Program interviewed leaders of the Onion and Vegetable Producers Cooperative about updates on their organization and agriculture value chain.

DISCUSSION

Discussion of Project Updates with Hineleban Foundation

April 16, 2021

The EMIT C4C and Hineleban Foundation discussed updates and shared proposed plans for the joint project on Business for Peace, which is sponsored by the Netherlands Embassy in Manila.

PRESENTATION

Presentation of the Preliminary Findings of the Action Research on KGMC to PEF

May 6, 2021

The EMIT C4C shared with PEF the draft case study on the Kapunungan sa Gagmay’ng Mangingisda sa Concepcion (KGMC) fisheries value chain. The Program incorporated the KGMC’s comments in its paper, which will be presented in another activity.

FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION

Virtual FGD with the Tagudin Agroentrepreneurs Association

May 10, 2021

In partnership with JGF, the Program interviewed Tagudin farmers and key officers, as well as the staff of the Sacred Heart Savings Cooperative, regarding onion value chain and agriculture financing.

DISCUSSION

Virtual Validation of Findings of the Action Research on KGMC

May 31 and June 16, 2021

In both sessions, the EMIT C4C presented the findings of its action research to the KGMC. An overview of the draft monograph from the research was also conducted. The lessons from the action research were welcomed by KGMC who also reported that some of the earlier recommendations were already acted upon by their board of directors.

FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION

Virtual FGD with the Kalasag Multipurpose Cooperative

May 17, 2021

The EMIT C4C, along with JGF, interviewed key leaders of the Kalasag Multipurpose Cooperative,



The EMIT C4C organized a virtual focus group discussion with Jollibee Group Foundation and the Kalasag Multipurpose Cooperative, one of the Program's partners in its previous loops of action research ► PHOTO COURTESY OF UP CIDS EMIT C4C

one of the Program's partners in its previous loops of action research, about updates on their organization during the current COVID-19 pandemic and on their efforts at becoming more inclusive and more resilient.

MEETING

Learning Meeting on Inclusive Agriculture Value Chains

June 15, 2021

In this virtual activity hosted by JGF, the EMIT C4C presented a comparison of JGF's Farmer Entrepreneurship Program (FEP) and a group in Tanzania with regard to inclusiveness in agriculture value chain efforts.

PRESENTATION

Presentation of Initial Findings on Demand-side Agriculture Financing

June 18, 2021

Members of the EMIT C4C research team presented the results of its virtual focus group discussion and literature review on demand-side agriculture financing to representatives from JGF.

Outputs from January to June 2021

Discussion Paper

- "Restructuring Global Value Chains in the Post-pandemic World: The Evolving Role of China and What It Means for the Philippines" (Author: Adrian R. Mendoza)

Monograph

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

Forthcoming Publication

Book Chapter

- "Business Model Innovation for Sustainability" (Submitted to the Ateneo School of Government)

Article

- Bridging the Agriculture Credit Gap: A case study of the Farmer Entrepreneurship Program of Jollibee Group Foundation (Authors: Jane Lynn D. Capacio, Emmanuel S. de Dios, Rob van Tulder)

Upcoming Activities and Outputs for July to December 2021

From July to December 2021, the EMIT C4C will strive to publish key papers on trade and manufacturing. Likewise, the Program will undertake action research with key partners of the Peace and Equity Foundation. The resulting case studies will be submitted to UP CIDS as part of publications focusing on inclusive value chains in agriculture and fisheries.

Activities

- Validation of Findings
- At least three presentations to various partners of EMIT C4C

Outputs

- Two discussion papers (from the action research with PEF)
- Monograph on KGMC
- Two monographs (from the Business and Peace research project)

DEVELOPMENT CLUSTER

Political Economy Program

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

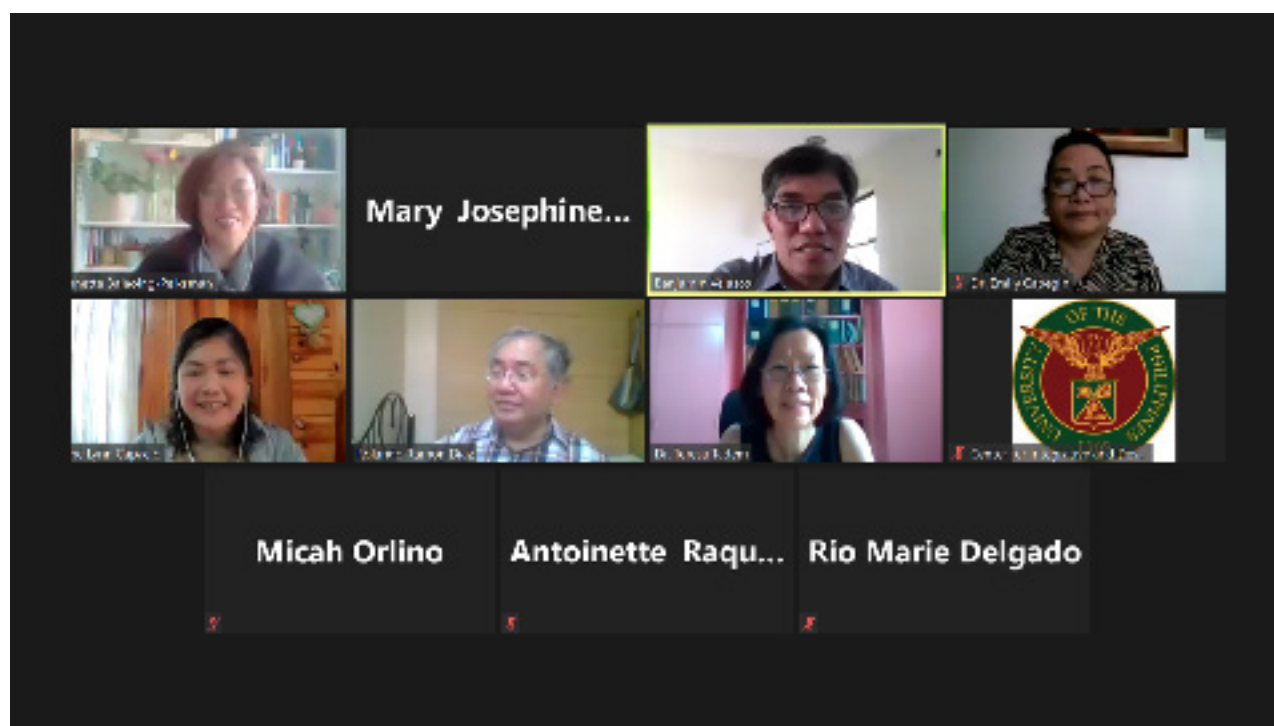
For January to June 2021, the PEP worked on wrapping up its 2020 research projects, aimed at providing policy analyses and recommendations on the following sectors affected by the pandemic: micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs), informal labor, agriculture, and energy. The Program also transitioned into its research for 2021, which will focus on public transportation, covering land and maritime transport, and a further study on MSMEs.

A key involvement of the PEP has been to assist the UP Diliman Task Force on a Blueprint for Building the Nation or Task Force Governance (TFG), set up by and under the UP Diliman Office of the Chancellor

by virtue of Administrative Order FRN 21-021. The Task Force, established in February 2021, aims to tap the University's expertise and research in building a national governance agenda that will be presented to stakeholders, the public, and national candidates for the 2022 elections. To this end, the Task Force will organize a series of roundtable discussions, #PILipILUNAS2022, around high-impact issues. The PEP serves as the Secretariat of the Task Force.

Program Organizational Structure

Convenor	Antoinette R. Raquiza, Ph.D. (Associate Professor, Asian Center, UP Diliman)
Project Leaders	Darlene Dolly Alegado-Cruz (Independent Researcher) Menandro S. Berana, D.Eng. (UP College of Engineering) Emily Christi A. Cabegin, Ph.D. (UP School of Labor and Industrial Relations)



The webinar "COVID-19 and the Economy: Challenges and Opportunities" tackled the pandemic's impact on particular sectors of the economy and presented recommendations for economic recovery ► PHOTO COURTESY OF UP CIDS POLITICAL ECONOMY PROGRAM



The easing of restrictions on foreign ownership on public utilities, including public transportation, is a focus of the PEP's research collaboration with various UP units ► PHOTO BY YANNES KIEFER/UNSPLASH

Rolando Ramon C. Diaz
(UP Institute for Small-Scale
Industries)

Senior Project Associate Mary Josephine M. Bautista

Activities from January to June 2021

WEBINAR

Southeast Asian Peoples' Alternatives in Pandemic Times

March 9, 2021

The webinar, the first in the "Philippine Public Policy in a Time of Pandemic: Confronting the COVID-19 Challenge" series of the UP CIDS, presented the various responses of grassroots communities and organizations to the COVID-19 pandemic. It was hosted by the UP CIDS Program on Alternative Development (AltDev), while the Program on Escaping the Middle-Income Trap: Chains for Change (EMIT C4C) and the PEP served as secretariat.

WEBINAR

COVID-19 and the Economy: Challenges and Opportunities

April 8, 2021

The PEP, as part of the Development Cluster, co-organized a roundtable discussion on COVID-19 and the Philippine economy. PEP project leaders Prof. Rolando Ramon Diaz and Dr. Emily Christi Cabegin delivered presentations on rebuilding MSMEs and policy reforms for social protection and labor market systems, respectively. This event is part of the "Philippine Public Policy in a Time of Pandemic: Confronting the COVID-19 Challenge" webinar series organized by the UP CIDS.

MEETING

Survey of UP Diliman Studies on Public Transportation

June 4, 2021

The PEP organized a meeting of faculty members from different UP units who have been researching and working on the public transportation sector. The attendees discussed their respective studies and formulated activities towards exploring

possible collaborations. The group agreed to organize a roundtable discussion on Senate Bill No. 2094, which would allow full foreign ownership of public utilities, including transportation. The meeting was attended by faculty-researchers from the UP National Center for Transportation Studies, UP National Institute of Physics, UP Marine Science Institute, UP National Center for Public Administration and Governance, and UP College of Engineering.

LECTURE

State and Economic Development in Southeast Asia

June 30, 2021

PEP Convenor Dr. Antoinette R. Raquiza delivered a lecture titled “State and Economic Development in Southeast Asia” as part of the National Security Studies Program of the National Defense College of the Philippines.

Output from January to June 2021

Discussion Paper

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

Upcoming Activities and Outputs for July to December 2021

From July to December 2021, the PEP will be focusing on its research on land and maritime transportation and MSMEs. These projects aim to bring together stakeholders from relevant UP units, government agencies, civil society organizations, and sectoral representatives to examine current

issues and propose corresponding improvements to policies.

The program will also continue to serve as the secretariat for the UP Diliman TFG, which seeks to compile a set of recommendations for the urgent development concerns in time for the 2022 elections. To this end, the Task Force will hold a series of roundtable discussions to examine selected national development issues, as well as a dialogue with national candidates for the upcoming elections.

Activities

- RTD on Senate Bill 2094, Amending the Public Service Act (August 2021)
- RTD on Modernization of Public Transportation
- RTD Series under the Task Force on a Blueprint for Building the Nation
 - RTD on the Filipinos’ Perception of the Good Life (August 2021)
 - RTD on Maritime Security

Outputs

Policy Briefs

- “The Informal Labor Carries the Brunt of a COVID-19-Induced Economic Recession: The Need for Stronger Transition Policies to Formality” (Author: Emily Christi Cabegin, Ph.D.)
- “Waste Heat Utilization for Energy Efficiency in the Philippines” (Author: Menandro S. Berana, Ph.D.)
- “Enabling Philippine Agriculture to Address Pandemics” (Author: Darlene Dolly Alegado-Cruz)

Discussion Paper

- “Rebuilding MSMEs in the Time of the Pandemic and Beyond” (Author: Rolando Ramon Diaz)

Proceedings

- “COVID-19 and the Economy: Challenges and Opportunities” (Joint submission with EMIT C4C and AltDev)

📷 LAWAN: ALTERNATIVE GRASSROOTS NARRATIVES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

DEVELOPMENT CLUSTER

Program on Alternative Development

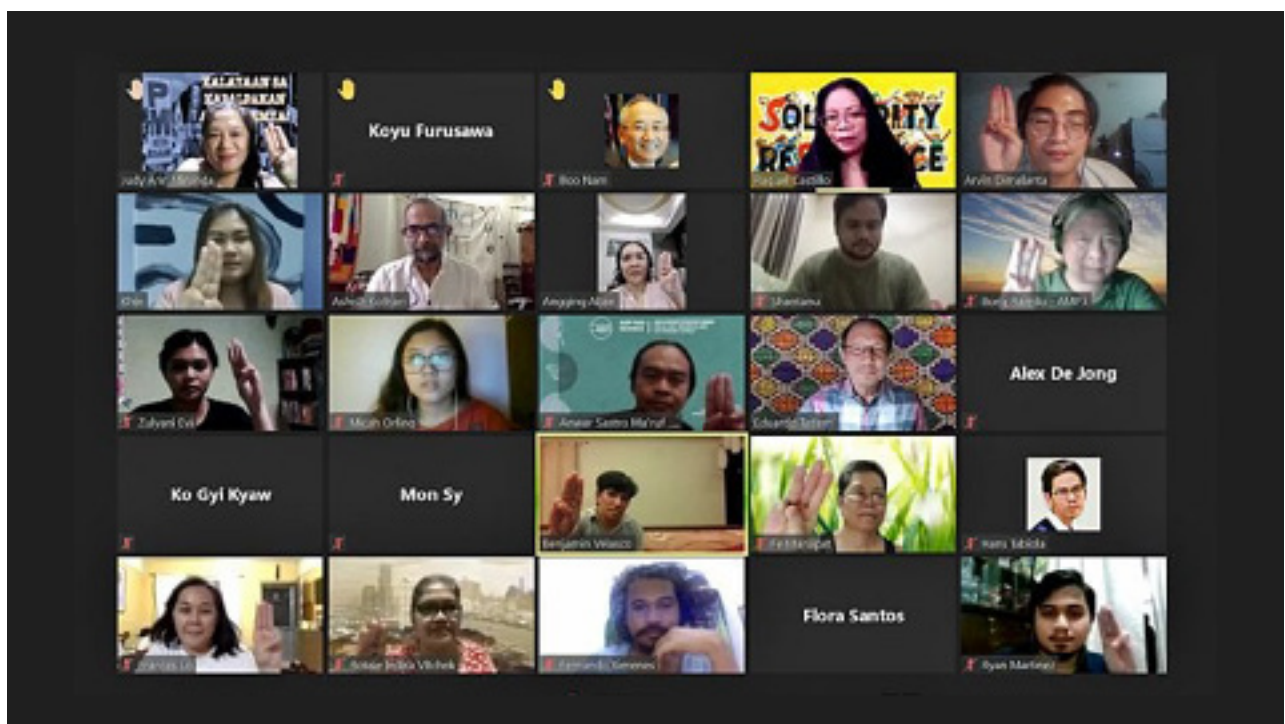
The **Program on Alternative Development (AltDev)** seeks to look at paradigms, policies, practices, and projects that are largely marginalized and excluded from the mainstream. As they challenge dominant modes, these alternatives do not figure prominently in the national and international discourse.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

Additional challenges and limitations brought about by the COVID-19 crisis persist in AltDev's work. Constraints on travel, face-to-face gatherings, and virtual communication continue to pose difficulties as participatory research, engagement, and solidarity building were still conducted via remote online means (e.g., video calls, phone calls, chat, or email). These, however, did not deter AltDev in documenting different cases of practices by grassroots organizations and communities, linking these diverse initiatives towards building a movement of alternative practitioners who will forge an alternative regional integration model in Southeast Asia. Through recalibrating its targets, mode of

conducting activities, and maximizing available means and resources, AltDev still accomplished its goals.

The program successfully managed to publish two discussion papers, one on the Filipino migration and diaspora and another on the jeepney modernization program, and two columns/feature articles on the COVID-19 responses of different marginalized groups, communities, and grassroots organizations. The Program also submitted one monograph documenting the struggle and alternative practice of the Alyansa ng mga Samahan sa Sitio Mendez, Baesa Homeowners Association (ASAMBA) in the Philippines, and contributed one book chapter about the *tara bandu* practice and agrarian reform in Timor Leste. Furthermore, the Program conducted two webinars and workshop proceedings.

The program's resolve in documenting and mainstreaming alternative practices of grassroots organizations and communities has warranted the continued support of the 11.11.11 Coalition of the North-South Flemish Movement of Belgium. This has facilitated the continued popularization of the research studies produced by the AltDev and its



Organizers and participants of the AEPF 13 Space on Alternative Regionalism doing the three-finger salute as a show of solidarity to the peoples' movement in Burma/Myanmar ► PHOTO COURTESY OF RAFAEL DIMALANTA



Members and volunteers of the PWERSA–Laban ng Masa Community Pantry assisting struggling members of the community in Barangay Tugatog, Malabon ► PHOTO COURTESY OF PWERSA AND LABAN NG MASA

partners through the social media project “Lawan: Alternative Grassroots Narratives in Southeast Asia.”

Program Organizational Structure

Convenor	Eduardo C. Tadem, Ph.D. (University of the Philippines)
Co-convenor	Benjamin B. Velasco (Assistant Professor, School of Labor and Industrial Relations, UP Diliman)
Project Leader	Jose Monfred C. Sy (Instructor, Departamento ng Filipino at Panitikan ng Pilipinas, College of Arts and Letters, UP Diliman)
Junior Research Analysts	Ananeza P. Aban Rafael Vicente V. Dimalanta Honey B. Tabiola
Senior Project Assistants	Ryan Joseph C. Martinez Micah Hanah S. Orlino

Research Projects

Project on Alternative Practices in Southeast Asia

The aim of the project is to document the various cases of alternative practices of peoples across the Southeast Asian region and link these to form the building blocks of peoples’ alternative regional integration. Due to the COVID-19 crisis, co-research and engagement with partners are unfortunately still restricted to mostly online arrangements. While there have been instances when the AltDev research staff were able to perform fieldwork (in the case of Sitio San Roque and Sustainability and Participation thru Education and Lifelong Learning (SPELL), both of which are situated only in Quezon City, Philippines), these have been very limited. Nonetheless, the Program has proceeded with its core objectives. Knowledge building and exchanges and international solidarity work continued. The AltDev led the organizing of the Open Space on Converging Alternatives from Asia and Europe at the Asia Europe People’s Forum (AEPF) 13, a webinar on “Southeast Asian Peoples’ Alternatives in Pandemic Times,” and a solidarity gathering for the peoples’ democracy movement in Burma/Myanmar.

COVID-19 Watch and Documentation Activities

The ongoing health and socio-economic crisis has undoubtedly forced the Program to adjust its activities slated for the year. As such, the research and documentation activities of the AltDev have been focused on the impacts of COVID-19 on marginalized sectors and the alternative practices of community partners as responses. Aside from an updated documentation report on the situation of Southeast Asian peoples, the AltDev has also published online columns that highlight these responses, along with various audio-visual materials posted in the pages of Lawan. The work of the Program has not been limited to co-research; aptly, the AltDev has also supported the crowdfunding efforts of its partners, using Lawan as an additional platform for resource generation.

Activities from January to June 2021

SOLIDARITY WORK/NETWORKING

Global Solidarity Statement for the Peoples of Burma/Myanmar: "Military Junta, Withdraw from Burma Politics! Restore Democracy! End Elite Rule!"

February 17, 2021

In solidarity with the peoples of Burma/Myanmar, the AltDev drafted a solidarity statement that condemned the power grab of the military junta and onslaught of arrests of activists, government leaders, and members of civil society. The statement also echoed the calls of the peoples of Burma/Myanmar: cease military interference in politics, hold the military junta accountable for their human rights violations, and end the military rule in the country. This joint solidarity statement was circulated to AltDev's network and has garnered the support of 90 organizations and 68 individuals across the globe.

SOLIDARITY WORK/NETWORKING

Burma/Myanmar Online Solidarity Noise Barrage

March 4, 2021

The AltDev organized an online solidarity activity in support of the peoples of Burma/Myanmar who

waged the resistance against draconian military rule and fought for their fundamental freedoms. This was AltDev's quick response to the intensifying onslaught of violent arrests, unlawful detention, and summary killings in the country. AltDev research staff Ryan Martinez led the reading of the joint solidarity statement and in conducting the pots-and-pans noise barrage, which simulates the practice of women in Burma/Myanmar's countryside to drive away evil spirits from their lands. This activity was received with deep gratitude by Burma/Myanmar networks.

WEBINAR

Southeast Asian Peoples' Alternatives in Pandemic Times

March 9, 2021

The AltDev, together with the Program on Escaping the Middle-Income Trap: Chains for Change (EMIT C4C) and Political Economy Program (PEP) of the UP CIDS, the 11.11.11 Coalition of the North-South Flemish Movement, and the Global Tapestry of Alternatives (GTA) organized this webinar that aimed to examine the negative impacts of the pandemic, propose feasible solutions, and share the findings of UP CIDS' research work. The first in the "Philippine Public Policy in a Time of Pandemic: Confronting the COVID-19 Challenge" webinar series of the UP CIDS, the AltDev's webinar focused on the COVID-19 experience of its grassroots and community partners in Southeast Asia, particularly those from the Philippines, Thai-Burma border, and Indonesia. Attendees were coming from the Philippines, Asia, Latin America, and Europe which reflected a global interest in this particular research.

SOLIDARITY WORK/NETWORKING

Solidarity Gathering for Burma/Myanmar: "Uphold Democracy, No to Military Rule!"

March 22, 2021

The AltDev, together with alternative development practitioners, organized a regional solidarity gathering that served as a platform for protesters to share their pro-democracy struggles and for civil society groups from Southeast Asia and beyond to express their support for Burma/Myanmar. Four speakers from Burma/Myanmar were able to

share their insights and experiences on the military rule in their country. Meanwhile, three grassroots formations from the Philippines and representatives from civil society across Southeast Asia were able to express their solidarity messages in a statement or in a cultural, artistic form. A noise barrage to symbolize cross-border solidarity concluded the event.

MEETING

11.11.11 Coalition of the North–South Flemish Movement Strategic Framework Meeting

April 14, 2021

As a partner of 11.11.11, the AltDev participated in the organization's online Strategic Framework Meeting. In the meeting, the next Five-Year Program of 11.11.11 was discussed, which envisions global justice and works for the strengthening of international solidarity. The AltDev, represented by Convenor Dr. Eduardo C. Tadem, Co-convenor Asst. Prof. Benjamin B. Velasco, and Junior Research Analyst Ananeza Aban discussed the updates on the documentation and publication of studies on alternative practices in Southeast Asia and prospects for building a regional and global network towards alternative regionalism, with the support of 11.11.11.

SOLIDARITY WORK/NETWORKING

Milk Tea Alliance Webinar and Media Briefing

April 18, 2021

This webinar and press briefing aimed to surface the various pro-democracy struggles simultaneously taking place in the Southeast Asian region, specifically in Myanmar, Hong Kong, and Indonesia. Organized by the pan-Asian solidarity movement for democracy Milk Tea Alliance (MTA), the activity aimed to demand action from the United Nations and from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and its member states through an open letter co-signed by more than 900 activists, organizers, and organizations. AltDev research staff Ryan Martinez represented the program in the MTA and assisted in the activity's conceptualization and preparation and in the drafting of the open letter.

ORIENTATION

Ensuring Maximum Family Farmers Participation in the Philippine Action Plan for Family Farming (PAP4FF) Implementation

May 14, 2021

The project provides Family Farmers Organizations (FFOs) and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) the



Sitio San Roque residents tending to their Tanimang Bayan, a collective agroecological food garden initiative to reclaim their spaces in the community and ensure food security during COVID-19 ► PHOTO COURTESY OF SAVE SAN ROQUE



Nagkaisa Labor Coalition, Kalipunan, and the Caucus of Global Unions Philippines joining the global noise barrage of trade union movements around the world in demonstrating solidarity to Burma/Myanmar ► PHOTO COURTESY OF NAGKAISA

resources to help complete the Philippine Action Plan for Family Farming (PAP4FF) and increase family farmers' awareness and involvement in its implementation. During the meeting, the Pambansang Kilusan ng mga Samahang Magsasaka (PAKISAMA), the applicant entity, oriented the member organizations on the objectives, overall workplan, activities, outputs, and timeline of the project. Each organization then affirmed their commitment to actively contribute to the completion of the project. AltDev is the only academic institution in the CSO platform partnering with the government to design and implement the PAP4FF.

WORKSHOP

Asia Europe People's Forum (AEPF) 13 Open Space: "Converging Alternatives from Asia and Europe: Towards Alternative Regionalism and People-to-People Solidarity"

May 18, 2021

The AltDev and its partner civil society organizations organized an open space at the AEPF 13. This session explored the importance of alternative regionalism between Asia and Europe that is rooted from the alternative practices of communities in these two

regions. The event served as an opportunity to generate participation of local communities in the lead up to strategic actions to strengthen a global people-to-people cooperation and solidarity. Panel speakers were from the Philippines, India, Thai-Burma border, Burma/Myanmar, Indonesia, and the Netherlands.

MEETING

Reactivating PeDAGoG (Post-Development Academic-Activist Global Group)

June 6, 2021

This meeting, attended by the AltDev team, was organized by members of the Global Tapestry of Alternatives coordinated by Ashish Kothari, to determine ways to strengthen PeDAGoG, a global network of academics and activists interested in alternatives and alternative pedagogy. Its aim is to generate knowledge-sharing and cross-cultural and inter-regional coordination of programs that would contribute to the building of radical social movements based on diverse alternative practices of peoples. Active members of this formation are academics and activists from Asia, the United States, Australia, South Africa, Europe, and Latin America.

Lawan: Alternative Grassroots Narratives in Southeast Asia

January to June 2021

"Lawan: Alternative Grassroots Narratives in Southeast Asia" continues to disseminate the AltDev's co-research and solidarity work to the wider public. Photo essays, audio-visual clips, and podcast episodes featuring stories of alternative practices and COVID-19 community responses across Southeast Asia are co-produced by research partners from grassroots and marginalized communities. Local and international social movements have boosted Lawan's posts, expanding its global reach. Lawan has managed to become a platform not only for research content, but also as a space for cross-border solidarity among Southeast Asian peoples who work on alternatives. Cases include the emergence of community pantries and the Burma/Myanmar solidarity work.

Outputs from January to June 2021

Discussion Paper

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

Monograph

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

Commentaries/Analyses

- "How the Marginalized Fight Their Way Through the Pandemic: The Philippine Case" (Author: Eduardo C. Tadem), UNESCO Inclusive Policy Lab, January 22, 2021
- "Manggagawa Naman: The Labor Movement's COVID Response" (Author: Benjamin B. Velasco), *Rappler*, April 9, 2021

Feature Article

- "Cesar Climaco: The Life and Times of a Democracy Icon" (Author: Eduardo C. Tadem), *Positively Filipino*, February 24, 2021

Forthcoming Publications

Discussion Paper

- "Contentious Migrants: Transnational Migrants and the Making of the Filipino Diaspora" (Author: Sharon C. Quinsaat)

Monograph

- "Giba Tayo: Kasaysayan ng Buhay ng Maralitang Tagalungsod ng ASAMBA" (Authors: Alyansa ng mga Samahan sa Sitio Mendez, Baesa Homeowners Association (ASAMBA) and Christine Censoro)

Report

- "Reinforcing People-to-People Solidarities Towards a Regionalism from Below: Alternatives from Southeast Asia amid COVID-19" (Authors: Eduardo C. Tadem, Karl Arvin F. Hapal, Venarica B. Papa, Benjamin B. Velasco, Ananeza P. Aban, Honey B. Tabiola, Rafael V. Dimalanta, Micah Hanah S. Orlino, Jose Monfred C. Sy, and Nathaniel P. Candelaria)

Proceedings

- "Mindanao: Fractured Promises, Continuing Challenges" (Proceedings of the UP CIDS Mindanao Forum Series)
- "Southeast Asian Peoples' Alternatives in Pandemic Times"

Book Chapter

- "Rediscovering the Sacred among Agrarian Societies: The *Tara Bandu* Case in Timor Leste" (Authors: Ananeza P. Aban and Uniaun Agrikultores Emera), in *Eco-communities: Living Together Differently* (Antipode Book Series, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., forthcoming)

Upcoming Activities and Outputs for July to December 2021

Notwithstanding the ongoing pandemic, the AltDev aims to build on and improve its practice of participatory research and co-documenting the alternative practices and COVID-19 responses with its grassroots and community partners. As such, the Program will continue to gather and consolidate the different cases of alternatives across the Southeast Asian region. The Program will also proceed with

the documentation of the COVID-19 responses of communities across the region that highlights the pandemic responses of marginalized groups and their enduring struggle amid the worsening political and economic crisis. Moreover, the labor movement in the Philippines, a sector that has been under-researched by the Program in the past years, will be a focus of AltDev's work with a journal, a webinar, and other activities underway to elucidate the issues of the country's workforce.

The Program shall continue the international solidarity work with its grassroots and community partners through the conduct of online people-to-people exchanges. The AltDev will organize two important solidarity-building activities in the coming months: the Third Regional Conference on Alternatives and a session on Alternative Regionalism during the ASEAN Civil Society Conference/ASEAN Peoples' Forum (ACSC/APF) 2021. These activities will serve as platforms to consolidate the linkages between marginalized groups and to function as venues for highlighting alternatives and for learning and improving the existing practices. Through the Policy Studies for Political and Administrative Reforms (PSPAR) Project, the AltDev will be

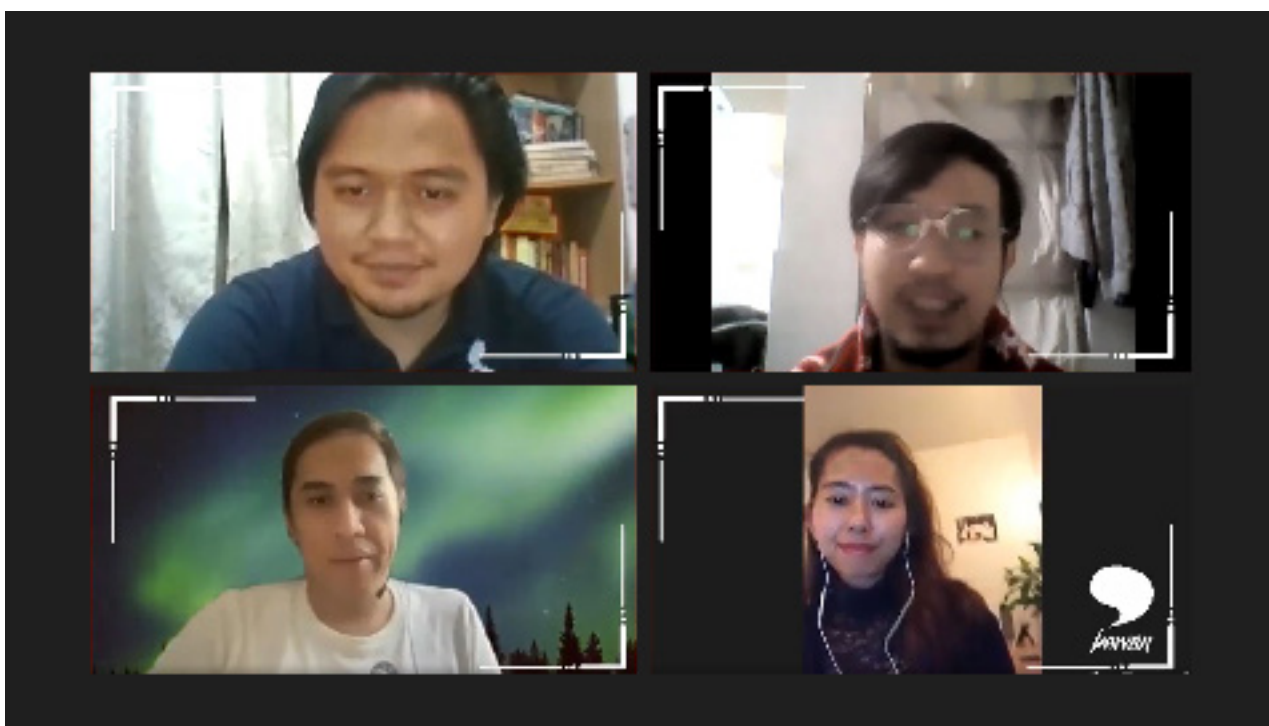
preparing policy papers to surface the significance of participatory and people-centered development perspectives in the forefront of policy making. The Program will also present the published cases of alternative practices in international conferences and regional trainings.

Aside from these activities, AltDev will continue to use its digital platform, Lawan, to disseminate information and raise awareness on the activities and projects of the Program and its partners. This will continue to be a channel to popularize AltDev's research work and communicate them to the wider public.

Activities

Webinar on the Labor Movement's Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Last year, AltDev was able to document the COVID-19 responses of its grassroots and community partners, covering different marginalized groups: farmers, urban poor, and indigenous peoples. Through this webinar, the program will be expanding its assemblage and venturing into the documentation of workers' struggles. Special Economic Zone



The AltDev team talks with guests on the people's movement against the resurgence of authoritarian military dictatorship in Burma/ Myanmar in a podcast episode for Lawan ► PHOTO COURTESY OF RAFAEL DIMALANTA

workers in Cebu and Cavite will share their experiences with the crisis and their response to its adverse effects and the perennial problem of contractualization. The webinar will also serve as a jump-off point for data gathering of the case studies that will be later developed by the AltDev research team.

3rd Regional Conference on Alternatives in Southeast Asia

After it was derailed by the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, the AltDev will push through with the 3rd Regional Conference on Alternatives. AltDev plans to proceed with this through the online platform. The conference will present cases of alternative practices by marginalized peoples in the Philippines as well as Southeast Asia, and this time with an interaction with scholars and practitioners in greater Asia, Europe, and Latin America. The program is determined in ensuring that this gathering will move forward the movement building of alternative practitioners as the foundation for an alternative model of regional integration.

ASEAN Civil Society Conference/ASEAN Peoples' Forum (ACSC/APF) 2021

After the Convergence Space on Alternative Regionalism was adopted during the ACSC/APF 2020, the AltDev was able to host a number of sessions on alternatives and alternative regionalism during the conference. In 2021, the Program is planning to consolidate the key organizers of last year's session to continue the conversation on alternative regionalism towards sharpening the concept of a peoples' regional integration model, and to prepare the 3rd Regional Conference on Alternatives. Civil society groups within the ACSC/APF are planning to hold the conference to coincide with the schedule of the ASEAN Summit of 2021.

COVID-19 Research

The AltDev will continue its research on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on grassroots communities, as well as the initiatives undertaken by these marginalized groups in response to the crisis. This has been fundamental to the work of the AltDev. As such, for the next half of the year, the Program shall undertake an updated and expanded COVID-19 documentation with its partner organizations and

communities across the region. Along with the documentation outputs and audio-visual features that will be released in the Lawan platforms, the Program shall support its research partners by extending resource generation efforts.

Ensuring Maximum Family Farmers Participation in the Philippine Action Plan for Family Farming (PAP4FF) Implementation

The AltDev shall continue to actively contribute to ARDKPP in shaping the design and implementation of the PAP4FF. In particular, the Program has been coordinating and providing academic input in the design of the baseline research and setting periodic targets for PAP4FF which would be used for monitoring, impact assessment, policy review and policy development that pursues agricultural and rural development.

Participation in International Conferences

The AltDev will present its published case studies on alternatives in two international conferences. On July 5 to 8, 2021, AltDev researchers Honey B. Tabiola, Jose Monfred C. Sy, and Ananeza P. Aban will present their case research during the International Online Joint Degrowth Conference hosted by the University of Manchester. On July 17, 2021, AltDev Co-convenor Asst. Prof. Benjamin B. Velasco will present his research on the COVID-19 responses of organized communities in the Philippines at the Young Scholars' Conference on Philippine Studies in Japan organized by Kanazawa University.

Outputs

Journal Articles

- "Special Economic Zones and Indigenous Communities: The Clark Economic Zone and the Sacobia Aytas" (Author: Dr. Eduardo C. Tadem)
- "Queering Solidarity: Civil Society at the Fringes of ASEAN Regionalism and Alternatives for the LGBTQ+" (Authors: Ananeza P. Aban and Jose Monfred C. Sy)
- "Marx and the Modern Working Class" (Author: Benjamin B. Velasco)

Book Projects

- Marx Bicentennial Lecture Series
- Cases of Alternative Practices in Southeast Asia

Reports and Proceedings

- Documentation Report on ACSC/APF 2020 Convergence Space on Alternative Regionalism
- Workshop Proceedings of Burma Solidarity Gathering
- Updated and Expanded COVID-19 Responses by Grassroots Communities
- Documentation Report of the AEPF 13 Open Space ("Converging Alternatives from Asia and Europe towards Alternative Regionalism and People-to-People Solidarity")

Policy Briefs

- "Examining Ancestral Domain Rights Within the Context of the Indigenous Peoples' Rights Act"

- "A Situational Analysis of Selected Programs Addressing the Shortage of Primary Care Workforce within the Primary Healthcare Approach"

Discussion Papers

- Research on Single-use Plastic Industry (Authors: Benjamin Velasco and Micah Orlino)
- Community Governance Based on Indigenous Knowledge, Practices, and Systems (Authors: Ayta Mag-indi Community and Venarica Papa)
- People-to People Exchange in Indonesia

Analyses/Commentaries

- Republication of selected cases of COVID-19 community response (In partnership with Vikalp Sangam-India)

DEVELOPMENT CLUSTER

Program on Health Systems Development

The **Program on Health Systems Development (PHSD)** houses work that investigates problems and innovates solutions for health systems in the country. While this mission inevitably applies scientific rigor to the *parts* of health systems, the goal is to improve the *whole* in terms of overall performance and outcomes.

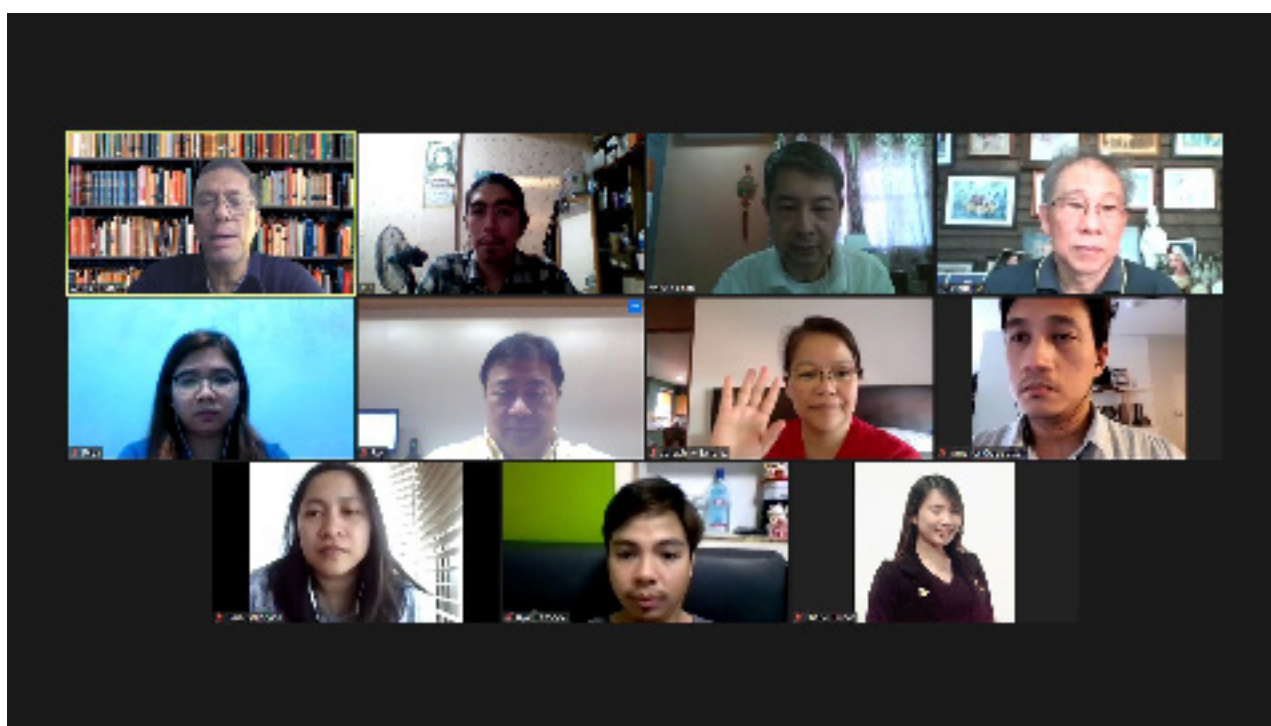
The PHSD's flagship project is the Philippine Primary Care Studies (PPCS), an ongoing series of studies which aims to strengthen primary care systems by testing primary care financing through the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) and by monitoring the impact of the health system reform in three pilot sites corresponding to urban/corporate (UP Health Service, UP Diliman), rural (Samal, Bataan), and remote (Bulusan, Sorsogon) settings.

The PPCS evaluate the shift towards comprehensive universal social health insurance-funded primary care system across eight main outcome areas: utilization of benefits; patient satisfaction; health care provider satisfaction; health care worker knowledge; quality of care; health outcomes; financial risk protection; and administration and governance. The studies also focus on six workstreams in

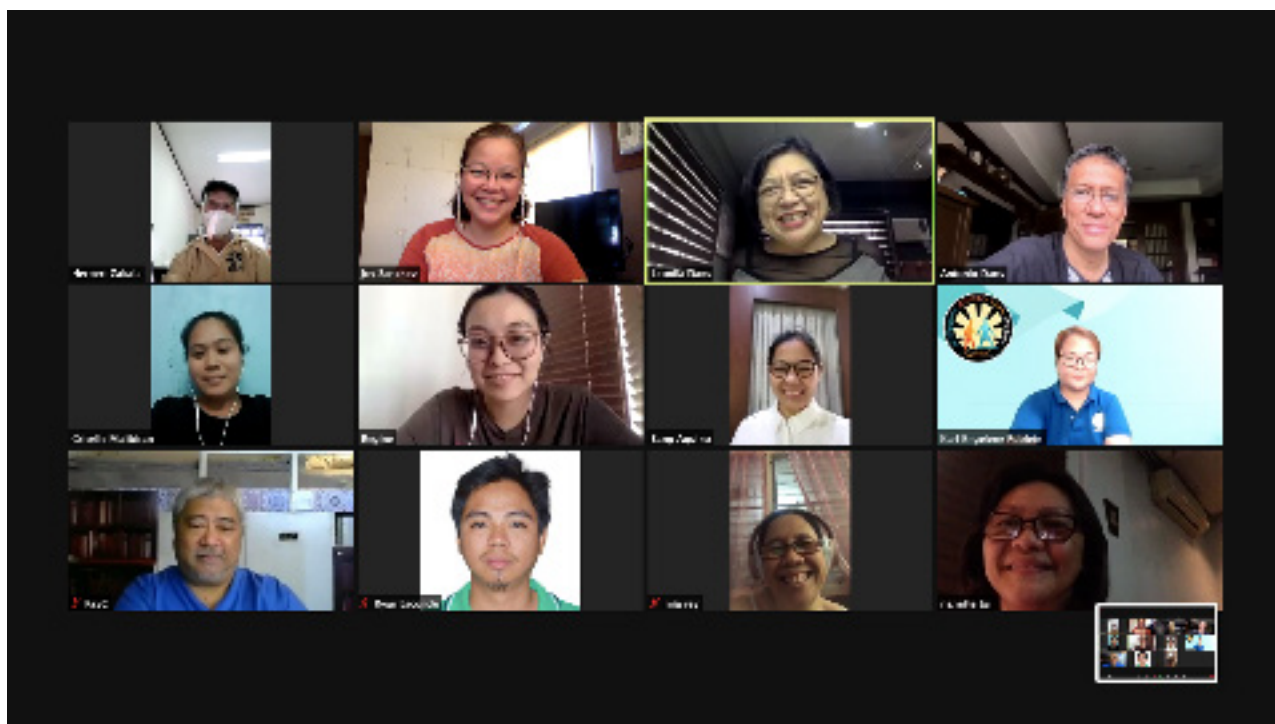
strengthening primary care: workforce development; public-private partnerships; financing; community engagement; health information systems; and monitoring and evaluation.

Program Organizational Structure

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The PHSD/PPCS met with representatives of the DBP Data Center, Inc. to discuss issues and solutions on the use of electronic health records for primary care ► PHOTO COURTESY OF DR. ANTONIO MIGUEL L. DANS



The PHSD/PPCS held a virtual meeting with the staff of the PPCS Samal site to discuss site-specific issues and plans
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Activities from January to June 2021

MEETING WITH STAKEHOLDERS

Meeting with Samal LGU, RHU Staff, and SDNs

January 26–27, 2021

A meeting was held with the Mayor and service delivery networks (SDNs) in the Samal, Bataan

site to discuss PPCS updates and the duties and responsibilities that will be turned over to the LGU.

MEETING WITH STAKEHOLDERS

Orientation on Primary Care Service Delivery for JED Laboratory Staff

January 29, 2021

A meeting was held with the JED laboratory staff to orient them on primary care and how the SDNs come into place.

SIMULATION

PPCS Simulation for E-Med Software

February 17–18, 2021

A simulation of the E-Med software was done by PPCS staff to validate the features of the software before the conduct of training for the PPCS sites.

TRAINING

In-House Training on Data Management Using Online Tools

March 15, 2021

A training on data management using online tools was conducted for the research staff of the PHSD/

PPCS. Online tools such as Asana, email filters, and Chrome plug-ins were introduced to improve workflow efficiency in managing data and to encourage task accountability.

TRAINING

In-House Training on Qualitative Research Methods

April 5, 2021

A training on qualitative research methods and ethical field research practices was conducted for the PHSD/PPCS research staff.

VIRTUAL SITE VISIT

Samal Virtual Site Visit

April 7, 2021

A virtual site visit was conducted with the Samal, Bataan Rural Health Unit (RHU) and was attended by the Municipal Health Officer (MHO), nurses, medical technologists, barangay health workers (BHWs), and PPCS field staff. Research updates, site issues, and program projections were discussed with the healthcare workers (HCWs).

MEETING

Meeting with Bulusan RHU Staff on PPCS Updates

April 12, 2021

A meeting was held with the staff of the Bulusan, Sorsogon RHU to discuss updates and plans of the PPCS.

TRAINING

E-Med Training for Samal BHS Midwives

April 21, 2021

Training for E-Med was conducted for the midwives stationed in the different barangay health stations in Samal.

VIRTUAL SITE VISIT

Bulusan Virtual Site Visit

April 21, 2021

A virtual site visit was done at the Bulusan RHU, attended by the MHO, nurses, medical technologists, BHWs, and PPCS field staff. Research updates, site issues, and program projections were discussed with the HCWs.



Meeting with healthcare workers to discuss PPCS updates, issues, and plans

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TRAINING

Geriatrics and UpToDate Training for Samal HCWs

April 26, 2021

A training session on geriatrics and on the use of the electronic clinical resource tool UpToDate was conducted for the HCWs of the Samal site.

FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS/INTERVIEWS

UpToDate FGD and KII Series with Samal and Bulusan HCWs

April 16, 23, 28, 29 and May 4 and 7, 2021

A series of FGDs and KIIs were conducted on the feasibility and acceptance of the use of UpToDate in the Samal and Bulusan PPCS sites.

PRESENTATION

First and Second Quarter Progress Report Presentation to the DOH and the PCHRD

May 7, 2021

The first and second quarter progress reports were presented to the Department of Health (DOH) and the Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (PCHRD). The problems encountered

by the project and the resolutions to these were also discussed.

MEETING WITH STAKEHOLDERS

Sorsogon Inception Meeting with PH3D

May 7, 2021

A meeting was held with the Sorsogon provincial LGU officials to discuss Universal Health Care (UHC) issues and how to resolve them at the LGU level.

TRAINING

Survey Training for PPCS Research Staff

May 17, 2021

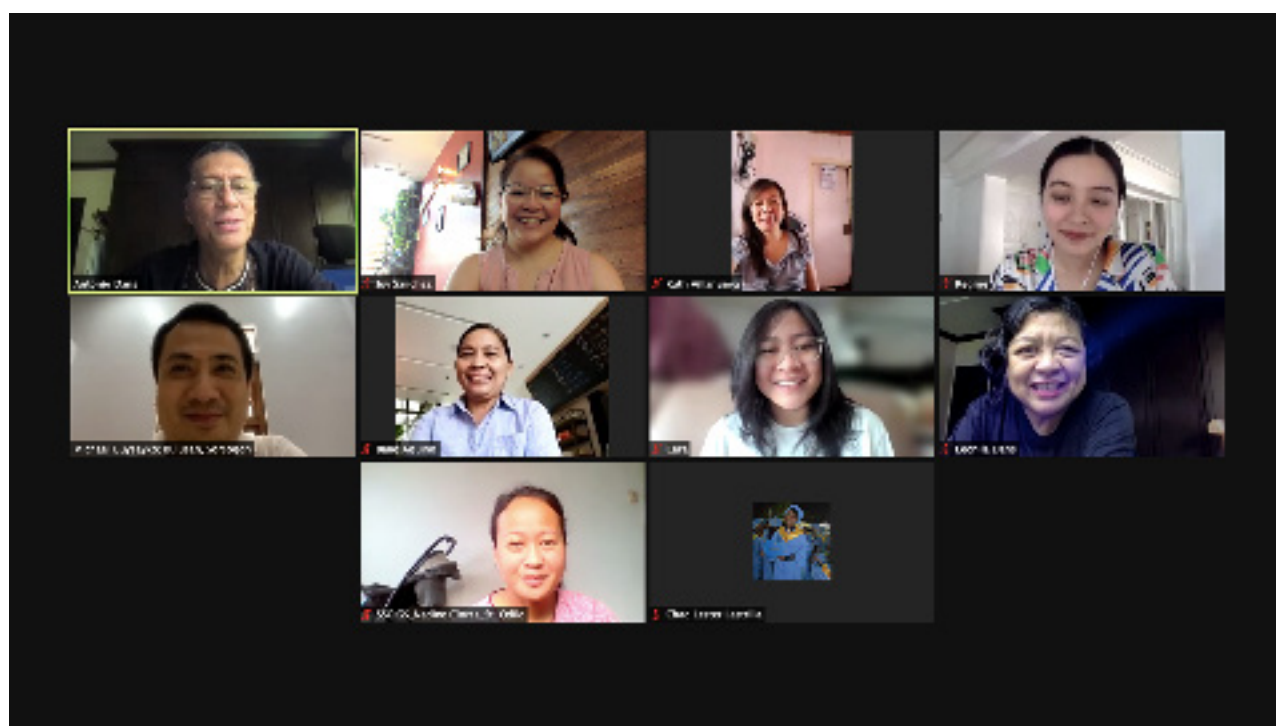
A training on survey research methods and analysis was conducted for PPCS research staff.

TRAINING

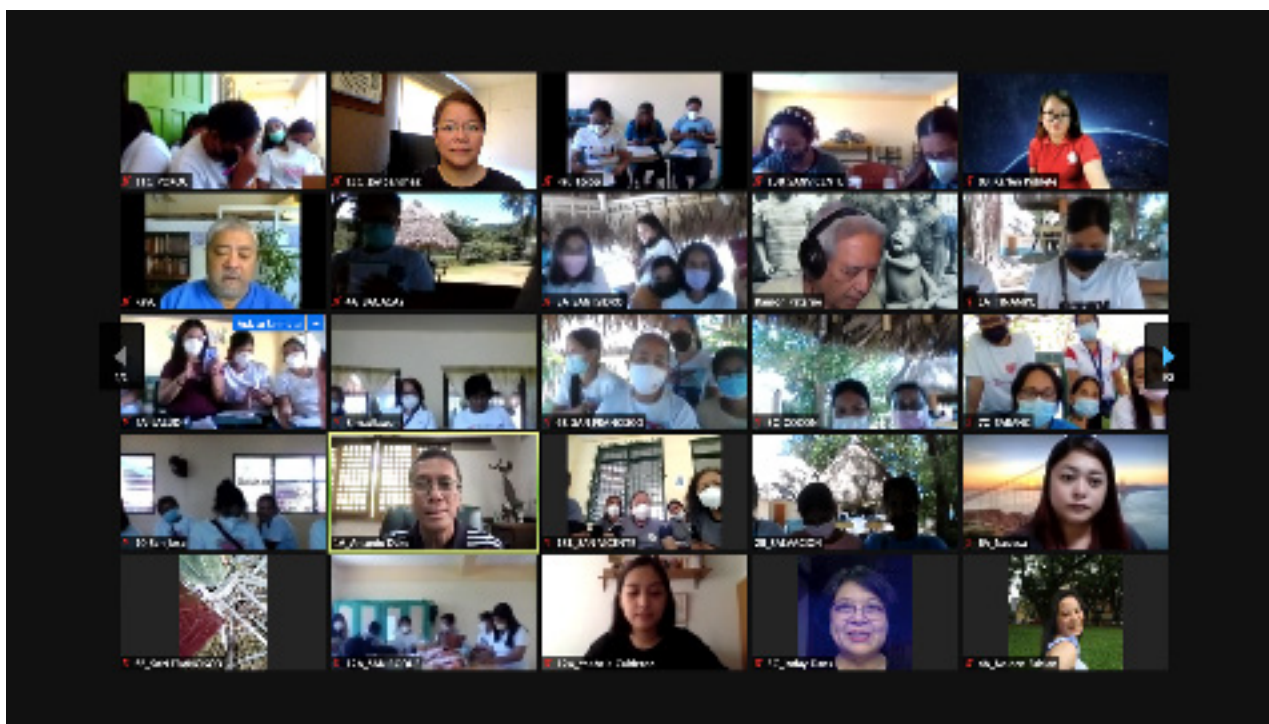
Geriatrics and UpToDate Training for Bulusan HCWs

May 27 and June 28, 2021

This training for HCWs in the Bulusan PPCS site focused on geriatric care and the use of the UpToDate tool. Two training sessions were conducted to accommodate the surplus of BHWs in Bulusan.



The PHSD/PPCS met with Bulusan, Sorsogon mayor Michael G. Guysayko and other municipal officials to discuss updates and plans for the PPCS Bulusan site ► PHOTO COURTESY OF JOSEPHINE T. SANCHEZ



A training session on geriatric care was organized by the PHSD/PPCS for healthcare workers in the Bulusan site
 ► PHOTO COURTESY OF JOSEPHINE T. SANCHEZ

TRAINING

Encoding Orientation and Training for PPCS Staff

June 15, 2021

A training on ethical and efficient encoding practices was conducted for the PHSD/PPCS staff.

Output from January to June 2021

Report

- PPCS First and Second Quarter Progress Report (presented to DOH and PCHRD)

Upcoming Activities and Outputs for July to December 2021

The Program's plans for the next six months are to (1) monitor the eight primary care outcome areas through quantitative and qualitative research across sites; (2) conduct, process, and analyze assessments of the second and third year of the implementation of primary care interventions; (3) submit progress

reports to stakeholders; (4) conduct in-house writing and research workshops to research staff; (5) develop manuscripts for submission to journals; (6) improve the capacity of the existing electronic health record system; and (7) engage communities through evidence-based strategies.

Site monitoring will still be limited to telephone and online platforms to prevent COVID-19 transmission and ensure the safety of the staff. Likewise, assessment surveys and training sessions will be conducted primarily through telephone or online methods. Electronic health records (EHRs) will continuously be developed to facilitate user-centrism across sites. Community engagement strategies to promote health education, person-centered health policy, and risk-sharing will be further enhanced through print and digital media platforms (e.g., website development and social media engagement).

Activities

- Continuous monitoring of the primary care clinics at the three sites through telephone correspondence and online meetings
- Weekly team meetings to discuss program updates, funding, manuscript development, site-

specific issues, survey progress monitoring, and service utilization across sites

- Processing and analysis of Year 2 and 3 survey data on UpToDate usage, patient satisfaction, EHR acceptance and use, health care worker satisfaction, and outpatient and in-patient service utilization across all sites
- Assessment of telemedicine usage and access at the rural and remote sites
- Primary care training among healthcare workers using UpToDate
- Launch of community engagement materials through digital platforms (e.g., PPCS website)

Outputs

Journal Article Submissions

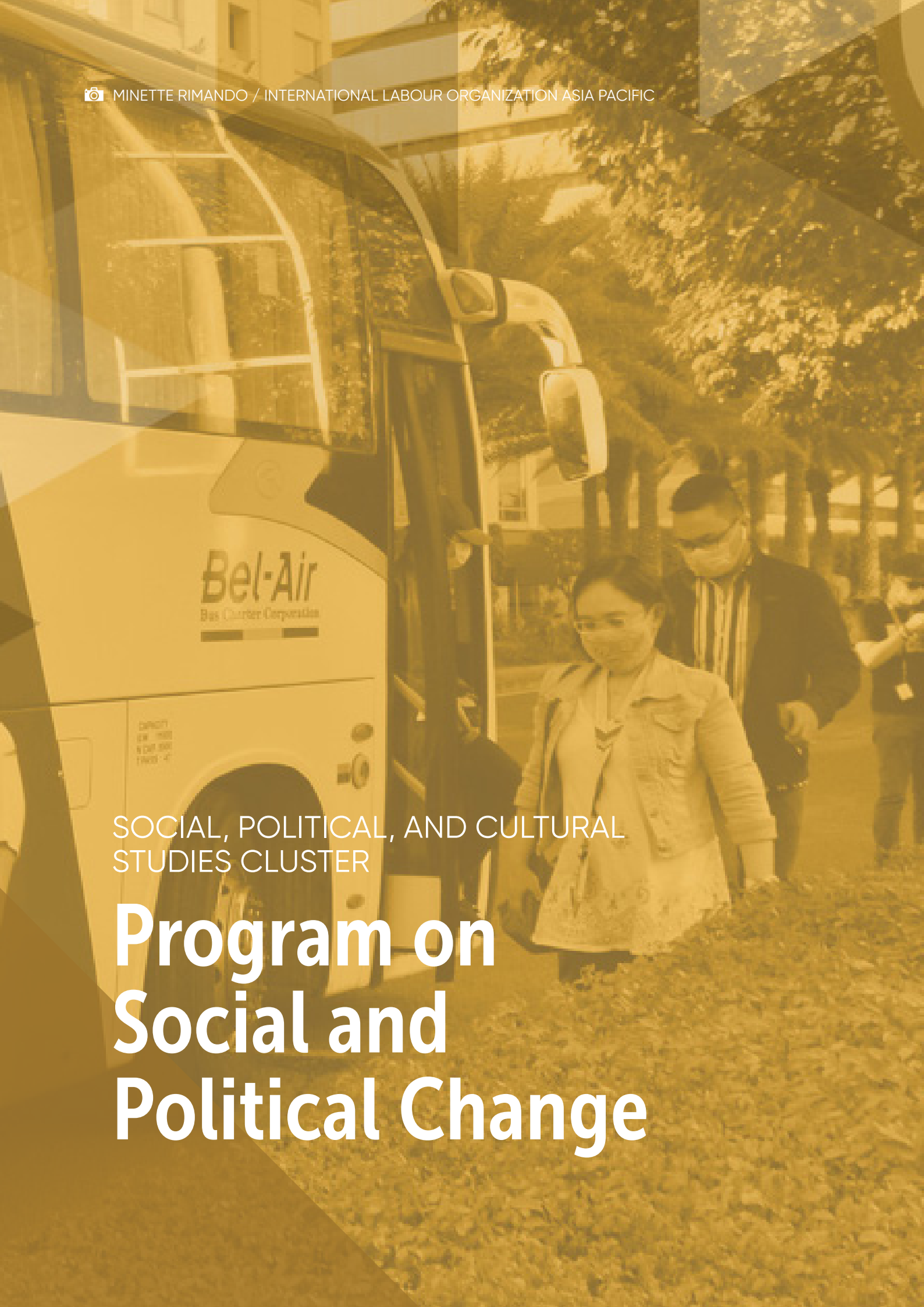
- "Health Benefit Utilization and Financial Risk Protection in Outpatient and Inpatient Care: Baseline Surveys of Three Primary Care Sites" (Submitted to the *International Journal of Health Planning and Management*)
- "Governance in Primary Care Systems: Experiences and Lessons from Urban, Rural, and Remote Settings in the Philippines" (Submitted to *Acta Medica Philippina*)


- "Impact of Improving Primary Care on Health Worker Satisfaction and Retention in Urban, Rural, and Remote Sites" (Submitted to an international journal)
- "A Costing Model for a Primary Care Benefit System at the University of the Philippines Health Service Diliman" (Submitted to *Acta Medica Philippina*)

Manuscripts Under Development

- Year 1 impact of primary care interventions on patient satisfaction
- Year 1 assessment of EHR satisfaction and use in primary care implementation sites
- Impact of capacity building on health worker knowledge
- Qualitative assessment of UpToDate acceptance and use across primary care implementation sites
- Quantitative assessment of UpToDate acceptance and use across primary care implementation sites
- Utilization of benefits across primary care implementation sites
- Quality of care across primary care implementation sites



A yellow-tinted photograph of a white Bel-Air bus. The bus has "Bel-Air" and "Bus Charter Corporation" written on its side. A man in a striped shirt and a woman in a light-colored jacket are standing in front of the bus. The background shows trees and a building.

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SOCIAL, POLITICAL, AND CULTURAL
STUDIES CLUSTER

Program on Social and Political Change

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

In 2021, the PSPC embarked on several new projects in fulfillment of its goals in promoting discussions on critical social and political issues and building relationships with fellow research institutions and policymakers. The Program also held activities to further disseminate its previous research work, especially the Constitutional Performance Assessment of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, which started in 2018. The PSPC also served as the program editor of three volumes in the Interdisciplinary Development Perspectives on Public Policy (InDePPP) book series.

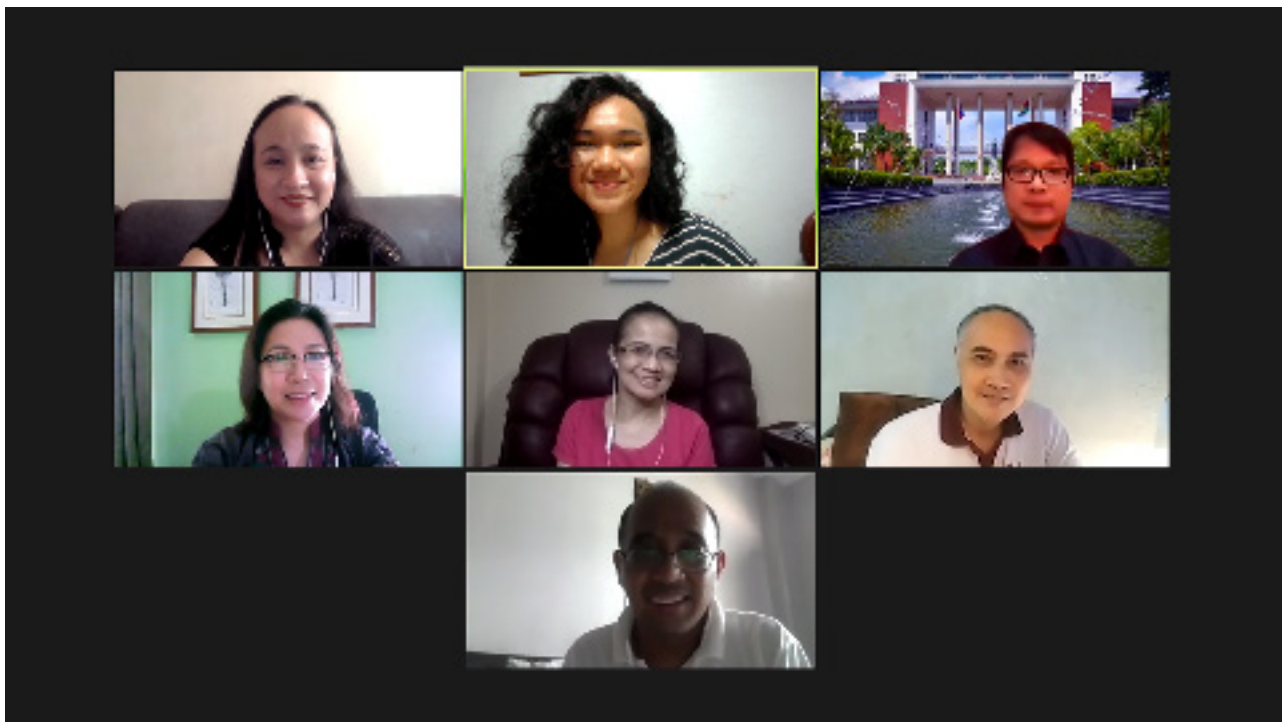
Despite restrictions in holding face-to-face activities due to the ongoing pandemic, the PSPC has taken advantage of new avenues to communicate with a wider audience the social and political insights of

different scholars and practitioners. The Program continued holding online forums through video conferencing platforms and social media networks. The Program also ventured into the world of podcasting in disseminating its research agenda, particularly on migration, through the "Ugnayang Migrante" podcast.

Program Organizational Structure

Co-convenors	Maria Ela L. Atienza, Ph.D. (Professor, Department of Political Science, College of Social Sciences and Philosophy, UP Diliman)
	Jorge V. Tigno, DPA (Professor, Department of Political Science, College of Social Sciences and Philosophy, UP Diliman)

Junior Research Associate	Alinia Jesam D. Jimenez
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The first series of the PSPC's Ugnayang Migrante podcast featured Marie Apattad and Rod Garcia, Jr. of the Commission on Filipinos Overseas ► PHOTO COURTESY OF UP CIDS PROGRAM ON SOCIAL AND POLITICAL CHANGE

MULTILEVEL CRISIS GOVERNANCE: INTERNATIONAL AND PHILIPPINE RESPONSES AND PROSPECTS IN THE MIDST OF PANDEMIC CHALLENGES

Third installment of the UP CIDS "Philippine Public Policy in the Time of a Pandemic: Confronting the COVID-19 Challenge" Webinar Series

29 April 2021 (Thursday) | 3:00 – 4:30 PM (PHT) | Zoom Webinar & Facebook Live

SPEAKERS:



A Global Monitor of COVID's Impact on Democracy and Human Rights

Amanda Cats-Barill
Regional Advisor, Constitution Building in Asia and the Pacific, International IDEA



Constitutional Performance Assessment of the 1987 Constitution in the Time of a Pandemic: Responses of Governance Actors

Maria Ela L. Atienza, Ph.D.
Co-Coroner, UP CIDS Program on Social and Political Change
Professor, UPD Department of Political Science



Global health governance: Examining responses of international institutions to COVID-19

Herman S. Kraft
Convener, UP CIDS Strategic Studies Program
Professor & Chair, UPD Department of Political Science



COVID-19 and the Governance of Information Systems

Jalton G. Taguibao, Ph.D.
Convener, UP CIDS Data Science for Public Policy Program
Associate Professor, UPD Department of Political Science

Pre-Register at bit.ly/COVID-19Forum-3
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The "Multilevel Crisis Governance" webinar highlighted the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on various levels of governance, namely the international, national, and local levels ► PHOTO COURTESY OF UP CIDS PROGRAM ON SOCIAL AND POLITICAL CHANGE

Research Projects

Policy Studies for Political and Administrative Reform

The Policy Studies for Political and Administrative Reform (PSPAR) project aims to bridge the gap between academic research and policymaking. Specifically, the project aims to submit ten policy briefs and proposed legislations to the House of Representatives and the Senate. The PSPAR project was made possible through grants awarded by Congress to the University of the Philippines. The UP CIDS was then appointed as the implementing agency for the project and the PSCP as its lead research program.

The ten studies under the PSPAR project are as follows:

Title of Studies	Proponents
Assessing Civilian Oversight of the Philippine Security Sector: Toward Reform and Good Security Governance	Aries A. Arugay, Ph.D.

The Philippine Judiciary: Strengthening the Third Branch of Government	Maria Ela L. Atienza, Ph.D.
Women, Substantive Representation, and Policy Outcomes	Jean S. Encinas-Franco, Ph.D.
Reforming the Internal Revenue Allotment	Herisadel P. Flores
Assessing Local Governance and Autonomy in the Philippines: Three Decades of the 1991 Local Government Code	Maria Ela L. Atienza, Ph.D. and Jan Robert R. Go
Bureaucracy's Capacities in the Implementation and Monitoring of Sustainable Development Goals in the Philippine Context	Maria Lourdes G. Rebullida, DPA and Matthew Manuelito S. Miranda
E-Government in the Philippines	Ranjit S. Rye
Examining Ancestral Domain Rights Within the Context of the Indigenous Peoples' Rights Act	Jose Monfred C. Sy*

On the Necessity of a Stable Party System for the Philippines	Jorge V. Tigno, DPA
A Situational Analysis of Selected Programs Addressing the Shortage of Primary Care Workforce within the Primary Healthcare Approach	Benjamin B. Velasco*

* In collaboration with the UP CIDS Program on Alternative Development

Compendium of NRCP Research Works and Policy Advisories

The National Research Council of the Philippine (NRCP) commissioned PSPC Co-Convenor Dr. Maria Ela L. Atienza, who serves as project leader, to write a compendium of its research works and policy advisories from 1933 to the present to serve as a main reference for students, researchers, and the public. This was conducted as part of NRCP's activities in celebration of its 85th founding anniversary. PSPC Co-convenor Dr. Jorge V. Tigno and UP Department of Political Science faculty members Dr. Dennis V. Blanco and Dr. Jean S. Encinas-Franco serve as project researchers, while Mr. Mikhail Ambrose R.

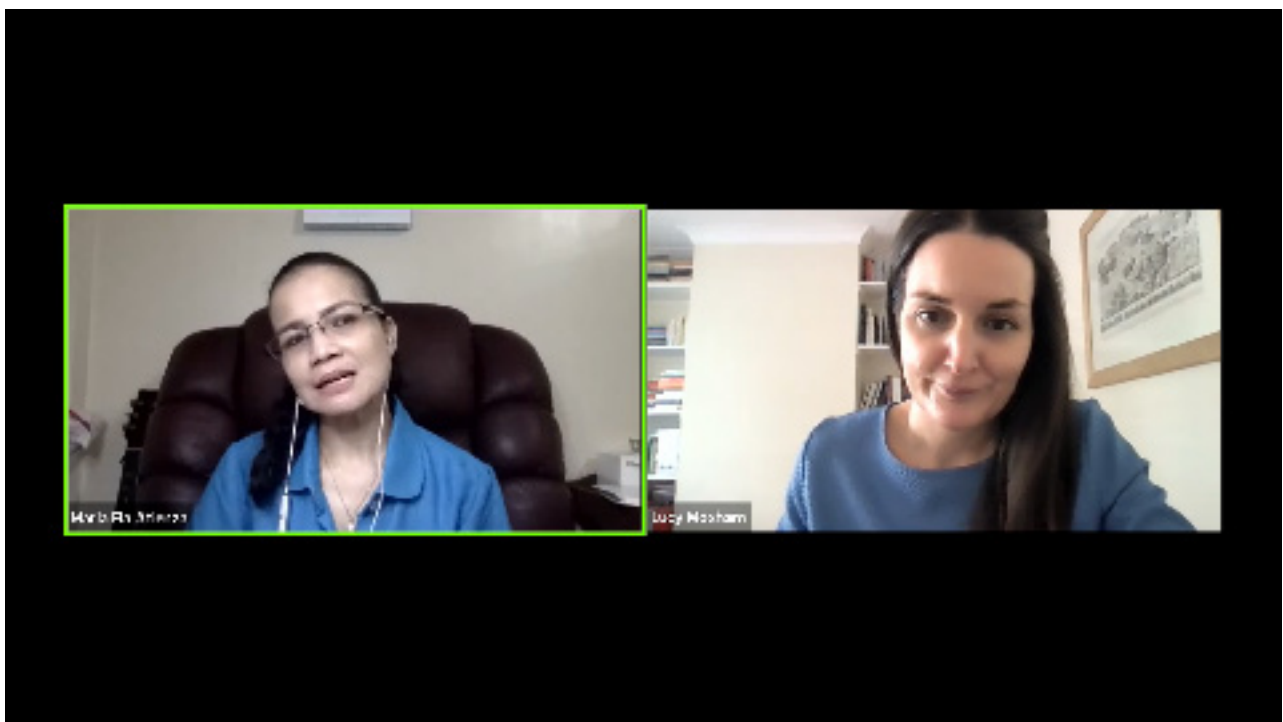
Aggabao (University Research Associate I, UP CIDS) and Ms. Alinia Jesam D. Jimenez (Junior Research Associate, UP CIDS PSPC) serve as research assistants.

Responsible Local Governance, Decentralization, and Equitable Development: Policy Research for Metro Manila Book Project

This peer-reviewed volume, to be published by Palgrave Macmillan, will contain the studies from the project "A Study of the Implications of Federalism in the National Capital Region and Considerations for a Federal Administrative Region," a collaboration between the PSPC and the Department of the Interior and Local Government–National Capital Region (DILG-NCR). The volume will be edited by UP CIDS Executive Director Dr. Teresa S. Encarnacion Tadem and PSPC Co-convenor Dr. Maria Ela Atienza, who also have their own studies in the project.

Ugnayang Migrante

"Ugnayang Migrante" is a podcast that explores burning issues concerning Filipino migrants and discusses the many ways international migration from the Philippines has been and is being shaped and reshaped by the COVID-19 pandemic. The



PSPC Co-convenor Dr. Maria Ela L. Atienza presents the Philippine case in *Verfassungblog*'s webinar on "Human Rights and the COVID-19 Pandemic" ► PHOTO COURTESY OF VERFASSUNGBLOG



The PPSA Secretariat commences the RTD Panel on the Constitutional Performance Assessment in the Time of a Pandemic
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podcast is hosted by Dr. Jean Encinas-Franco (UP Diliman) and Asst. Prof. Jeremiah Opiniano (University of Santo Tomas) and features academics and practitioners on Filipino labor outmigration.

Activities from January to June 2021

WEBINAR

Multilevel Crisis Governance: International and Philippine Responses and Prospects in the Midst of Pandemic Challenges

April 29, 2021

This webinar was organized together with the Program on Data Science for Public Policy (DSPP) and the Strategic Studies Program (SSP) of the UP CIDS and the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA) as part of the “Philippine Public Policy in a Time of a Pandemic: Confronting the COVID-19 Challenge” series. It examined the impact of and challenges posed by the pandemic on different levels of governance, namely the international, national, and local, and unpacked the responses made by various governance actors.

PARTICIPATION IN SYMPOSIUM

Power and the COVID-19 Pandemic Series: Human Rights and the COVID-19 Pandemic

May 12, 2021

Verfassungblog, a blog on constitutional law and politics based in Germany, hosted an online symposium that brought together experts from 60 countries to examine how political and legal systems adapted to the challenges posed by the pandemic. PSPC Co-convenor Dr. Maria Ela L. Atienza presented the case of the Philippines in a webinar on “Human Rights and the COVID-19 Pandemic.” Dr. Atienza also wrote a report reviewing the Philippine government’s pandemic response, focusing on its main legal and political issues and on prospects for the country.

PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCE

PPSA International Conference Roundtable Panel: “Constitutional Performance Assessment in the Time of a Pandemic: The 1987 Constitution and the Philippines’ COVID-19 Response”

June 15, 2021

The objective of the 2021 Philippine Political Science Association (PPSA) International Conference was to

examine the power relations that emerged during the COVID-19 pandemic and the ways in which a better world can be built in light of the ongoing crisis. One of the panels in the conference featured the Constitutional Performance Assessment of the 1987 Philippine Constitution project, led by PSPC Co-convenor Dr. Maria Ela Atienza and Ms. Amanda Cats-Baril of International IDEA. The team presented the key findings of the constitutional assessment in the context of COVID-19 and resulted in a wealth of questions and comments from the audience.

Outputs from January to June 2021

Forthcoming Publications

Proceedings

- "The Duterte Administration at Midterm: Insights from the President's State of the Nation Addresses" (Proceedings of "Mga Sabi-Sabi sa SONA 2019: A UP Roundtable")
- "Empowering Local Governance in the Philippines: Policy Studies for the National Capital Region"

Discussion Paper

- "Beyond Business as Usual: Philippine Labor Outmigration and the COVID-19 Pandemic" (Author: Jorge V. Tigno, DPA)

Other Outputs

- "Democracy Talks in Manila: The Role of Youth Voices in Democracy" (Webinar report)
- "The Philippines: A Year Under Lockdown" (*Verfassungsblog* post by Maria Ela L. Atienza, Ph.D.)

Upcoming Activities and Outputs for July to December 2021

In the second half of 2021, the Program on Social and Political Change anticipates the completion of

three of its projects namely, (1) the Policy Studies for Political and Administrative Reform project, (2) the Compendium of NRCP Research Works and Policy Advisories, and (3) the Responsible Local Governance, Decentralization, and Equitable Development in the Philippines: Policy Research for Metro Manila book project. For the second year, the PSPC will be hosting a student intern from the UP National College of Public Administration and Governance (UP NCPAG) in July 2021. The student intern will be tasked to continue the COVID-19 bulletin from last year, however, this year the bulletin will focus on the political and governance measures taken by different countries and regions towards a new normal in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Program will also continue to hold public online forums and produce online materials, such as podcasts and infographics, tackling various issues on Philippine politics.

Activities

- Recording sessions for the Ugnayang Migrante podcast
- Webinars on President Duterte's final SONA, the 30th anniversary of the ratification of the Local Government Code, the Duterte administration's war on drugs, and the 2022 national elections

Outputs

Proceedings

- "Why We Need Nuclear Energy"
- "Multilevel Crisis Governance: International and Philippines Responses and Prospects in the Midst of Pandemic Challenges" webinar

Podcasts

- "Multilevel Crisis Governance: International and Philippines Responses and Prospects in the Midst of Pandemic Challenges"
- "Ugnayang Migrante"

Policy Briefs

- Constitutional Performance Assessment of the 1987 Philippine Constitution

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SOCIAL, POLITICAL, AND CULTURAL
STUDIES CLUSTER

Islamic Studies Program

The **Islamic Studies Program (ISP)** seeks to advance the critical and strategic role of Islam in nation-building, lead Filipino communities in knowing Islam deeper, and deal with existing stereotypes against Muslim Filipinos. The ISP's three-fold research agenda includes the HIKMA or Historical and Islamic Knowledge for the Modern Age; Shari'a courts practices, implementations, and issues; and The Moro Story, which now focuses on key issues affecting the dynamics of Moro families locally and globally.

The ISP team successfully organized two major activities during the first half of 2021. The first is the conduct of the Training of Trainers (TOT) as part of the "Enhancing Madaris Teachers' Support System in the Municipality of Jolo, Sulu" project. Madaris teachers in Jolo and neighboring towns were chosen as beneficiaries primarily due to their lack of access to training opportunities because of security concerns. This project also aims to remove the misconception that madaris are a breeding ground for violent extremist ideologies and instead to serve as an intervention towards peace education. The second was a webinar on the development of the *halal* industry in the Philippines, which is part of a series on Islamic institutional mechanisms in

the new normal. In this webinar, the ecosystem of *halal* industry development in the Philippines was examined through the perspectives and experiences of government, private certification agencies, and stakeholders, particularly religious scholars and *halal* retailers. Insights on the foundational principles of *halal*, the Philippine legal and institutional ecosystem, and contentions on authority over the *halal* industry were generated from the discussions.

The ISP team was able to hurdle the difficulties brought about by pandemic-related restrictions in implementing its projects. The conduct of the TOT in Sulu was most challenging, as the Program encountered rigid screenings and the strict enforcement of health protocols in order to ensure the safety of staff and of the project beneficiaries.

Program Organizational Structure

Convenor	Macrina A. Morados (Associate Professor, Institute of Islamic Studies, UP Diliman)
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ISP Convenor Assoc. Prof. Macrina A. Morados facilitates the module on gender sensitivity and women's rights in the context of Shari'a during the Training of Trainers session held in Jolo, Sulu ► PHOTO COURTESY OF UP CIDS ISLAMIC STUDIES PROGRAM



ISP Project Leader Dr. Nefertari A. Arsad provides an overview of the webinar on the Philippine Halal landscape
 ► PHOTO COURTESY OF UP CIDS ISLAMIC STUDIES PROGRAM

Project Leaders	Julkipli M. Wadi Nefertari A. Arsad, Ph.D.
Senior Project Assistants	Darwin J. Absari Cheery D. Orozco, DIS
Administrative Staff	Camille Lucille A. Bello Klara Rosan R. Bilbao

by local government units and the Department of Education. Fifty-three *madaris* teachers-volunteers participated in the TOT that was co-organized by the UP Institute of Islamic Studies (IIS) and the Research Association of Islamic Social Sciences, Inc. (RAIS) with support from the Institute of Autonomy and Governance (IAG) and the Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF).

Activities from January to June 2021

TRAINING

Training of Trainers: “Enhancing Madaris Teachers’ Support System in the Municipality of Jolo, Sulu”

March 15–16, 2021

The TOT aims to provide assessment on areas of development of *madrasah* pedagogies, curriculum, teachers’ support system, and resources, to plan out collaborations to help enhance the quality of Madrasah education, and to enhance linkages and sharing of experiences among *asatidz* and local partners in accessing the support system provided

WEBINAR

The Philippine Halal Landscape

May 24, 2021

This webinar was composed of two sets of panel presentations and moderated discussions. In the morning session, Hon. Myra Paz V. Abubakar of the Department of Tourism shared on Philippine *halal* tourism; Atty. Abdulrahman Linzag of the Islamic Da’wah Council of the Philippines focused on *halal* certification, institutional dynamics, and policy gaps; and Atty. Mehol K. Sadain of the UP IIS discussed the legal and institutional ecosystems of *halal* in the Philippines. In the afternoon session, Mr. Elshid Mariwa talked about *halal* meat retail; Asst. Prof. Marie Sol P. Hidalgo of the UP Open University centered on locating *halal* critical points; and Ustadz

Luqman bin Imam Usman discussed *ulama* initiatives pertinent to knowledge gaps in the Philippine *halal* industry. ISP Project Leader Dr. Nefertari A. Arsad facilitated the discussions.

MEETINGS

Budget and Project Preparations

February 4, May 12, and June 8, 2021

On February 4, the ISP reviewed its line-item budget for 2021. On May 12, the Program conducted technical preparations for its webinar on the Philippine *halal* landscape. On June 8, a meeting on new initiatives for the posthumous book project dedicated to Dr. Cesar Adib Majul was organized. These were strategic and project-focused meetings and discussions that were conducted virtually and facilitated by ISP Convenor Assoc. Prof. Macrina A. Morados and Project Leader Dr. Nefertari A. Arsad.

Outputs from January to June 2021

Proceedings

- Proceedings of the Focus Group Discussion on Philippine Muslim History

Forthcoming Publications

Discussion Papers

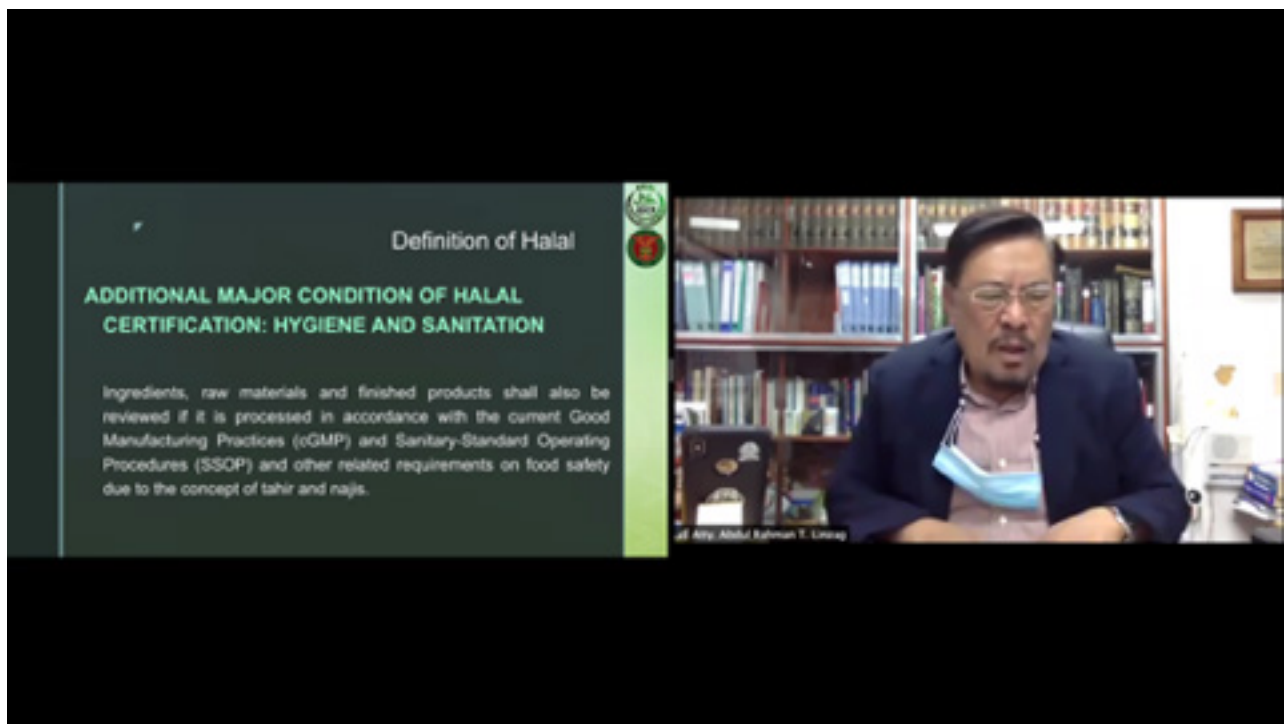
- "Interrogating ZAMBASULTA Education Institution Mechanisms in the New Normal" (Author: Dr. Nefertari A. Arsad)
- "Reviewing Contentions of Authority and Legitimacy in Philippine Halal Development Initiatives" (Author: Dr. Nefertari A. Arsad)

Proceedings

- "Mindanao: Fractured Promises, Continuing Challenges" (Proceedings of the UP CIDS Mindanao Forum Series)

Upcoming Activities and Outputs for July to December 2021

The planned projects of the ISP for the second half of 2021 include three continuing and three new studies. Prof. Julkipli M. Wadi will continue his two projects from the previous year ("Filipino Heritage, Loanwords, and Islamic Tradition" and "Philippine Democratization and the Muslim Challenge"), Dr. Nefertari A. Arsad and Dr. Cheery D. Orozco will lead the two book projects ("Islam in the Philippines:



Atty. Abdulrahman Linzag, Secretary General of the World Halal Council, delivers a presentation on *halal* certification during the ISP's webinar on the Philippine Halal industry ► PHOTO COURTESY OF UP CIDS ISLAMIC STUDIES PROGRAM



ISP Project Leader Dr. Nefertari A. Arsad facilitates the module on *madrasah* education pedagogy during the Training of Trainers session in Jolo, Sulu ► PHOTO COURTESY OF UP CIDS ISLAMIC STUDIES PROGRAM

Culture and Governance” and the book project for Dr. Cesar Adib Majul), while Asst. Prof. Darwin J. Absari and ISP Convenor Assoc. Prof. Macrina A. Morados will begin new projects (“Jawi Studies in the Philippines” and “Commentary on the Customary Laws of the Banganguin of Simariki Island”).

Activities

Webinar on Filipino Heritage, Loanwords, and Islamic Tradition

A literature review of Philippine languages and Filipino loanwords with Arabic roots and Islamic worldview has been started, and the study’s framework has been developed. Data gathering is ongoing, which includes a webinar with five resource persons, which is to be finalized when Project Leader Prof. Julkipli M. Wadi returns from an emergency leave. A limited number of participants will take part in the webinar. The deliverables are a discussion paper and a policy brief.

“Islam in the Philippines” Book Project and Posthumous Book Project for Dr. Cesar Adib Majul

The ISP provides the most opportune platform for Dr. Cesar Adib Majul’s work to be published

and made available to the UP community and the general public, given its tri-focal framework of HIKMA, Shari’a, and The Moro Story which aptly scopes a significant number of his academic writings. Thus, a proposed themed listing includes Islamic philosophy and civilizational worldview, Muslims in the Philippines, among others. The prospective project secretariat and editors were already identified as well as the seven meetings that will facilitate the publication from briefing and identification of articles to project milestones, editors’ workshop presentation, critiquing, and final submission of articles for publication. The book projects will be led by Dr. Nefertari A. Arsad and Dr. Cheery D. Orozco.

Data Gathering and Translation for Jawi Studies

The studies on Jawi is a continuation of Dr. Samuel K. Tan’s work in establishing the intellectual foundation of Philippine Muslim history (PMH) through the Jawi materials he studied with support from the UP CIDS. This was also a part of the major recommendations made at the PMH first roundtable discussion in 2019. The field research includes archival research and travel to Zambasulta islands in Mindanao to collect Jawi manuscripts containing Islamic teachings. The reports in June 2021 contain a review of Dr. Tan’s

Jawi studies collection in Zambasulta and other parts of Mindanao, translation of Jawi texts/manuscripts in Tausug and Maguindanao in General Santos City, and transcription and translation of *kissa* or a Tausug song containing Islamic teachings taken from an online source. The deliverables for the end of the year are a full manuscript of Jawi studies collections in Mindanao and a *kissa* in Tausug with English translation. This project will be headed by Asst. Prof. Darwin J. Absari.

Online Interviews for the “Philippine Democratization and the Muslim Challenge” Project

A literature review has been done on major sources in the study of Philippine democratization, particularly the two volumes of “Chasing the Wind: Assessing Philippine Democracy” (2011 and 2016). It problematizes democratization and the Muslim challenge and the extent they exhibit consistency and aberration in democratic tradition. A conceptual framework has been developed and data-gathering is ongoing, including a webinar with five resource persons, which is still being finalized as Project Leader Prof. Julkipli Wadi is on an emergency leave. The webinar is open to key participants. The deliverables are a discussion paper and a policy brief.

Outputs

Discussion Papers

- “From ARMM to BARMM: Transition, Plans, and Implications”
- “Understanding the Phenomenon of Violent Extremism: A Case Study of the Muslims in the Philippines”

Policy Briefs

- “From ARMM to BARMM: Transition, Plans, and Implications”
- “Understanding the Phenomenon of Violent Extremism: A Case Study of the Muslims in the Philippines”
- “Enhancing Madaris Teachers’ Support System in the Municipality of Jolo, Sulu”
- “The Philippine Halal Landscape”

Monographs

- “Commentary on the Customary Laws of the Banguinguin of Simariki Island”
- Jawi Studies Collection

Proceedings

- “Enhancing Madaris Teachers’ Support System in the Municipality of Jolo, Sulu”
- “The Philippine Halal Landscape”

Other Outputs

- Training Manual for Madaris Teachers in Jolo, Sulu

SOCIAL, POLITICAL, AND CULTURAL
STUDIES CLUSTER

Strategic Studies Program

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

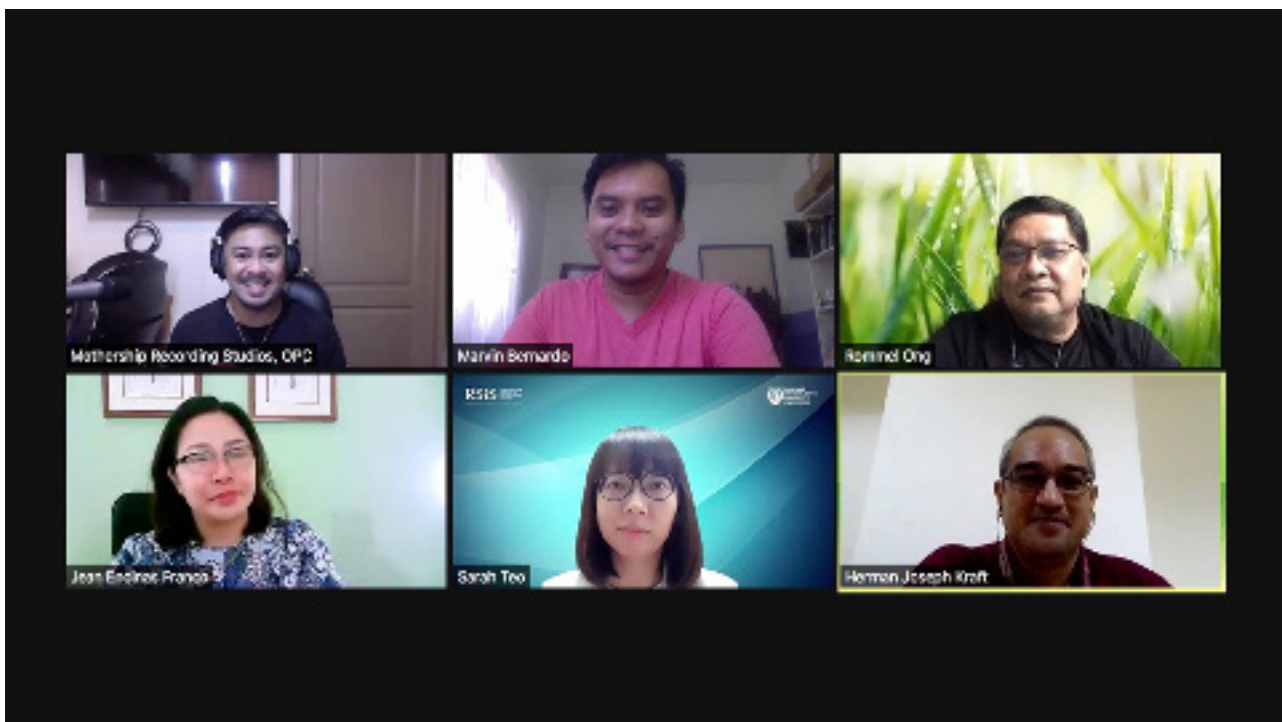
For the period of January to June 2021, the SSP began the preparations for its main projects: the Katipunan Dialogue, a podcast series and the sixth installment of the Program's annual Katipunan Conference; a webinar on the regional strategic environment; a follow-up book project; and the second phase of the "Capacitating ASEAN to Address Security Issues" research project.

The SSP's main research project, "Capacitating ASEAN to Address Security Issues," is the continuation of a multi-year research project which now focuses on the perspective of other member states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). Issues faced by the governments and citizens in Southeast Asia are too complicated

and overwhelming for one country to address. A collaborative effort would distribute the cost of solving the problem among countries—a regional approach is a better method than a single-country approach. The study analyzes ASEAN and ASEAN-led multilateral arrangements for addressing security issues facing the region, particularly the South China Sea disputes. The research deals primarily with the concept of minilateralism, exploring this concept as a possible answer to the region's complex problems since it is an approach that focuses on pragmatism, quick decision-making processes, and manageability.

Program Organizational Structure

Convenor	Herman Joseph S. Kraft (Professor, Department of Political Science, College of Social Sciences and Philosophy, UP Diliman)
Junior Research Analysts	Marvin Hamor Bernardo Maria Nikka U. Garriga



A recording session for an episode of The Katipunan Dialogue with Assistant Professor Sarah Teo of the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies ► PHOTO COURTESY OF UP CIDS STRATEGIC STUDIES PROGRAM



SSP Convenor Prof. Herman Joseph S. Kraft during a recording session for The Katipunan Dialogue podcast

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Activities from January to June 2021

WEBINAR

Multilevel Crisis Governance: International and Philippines Responses and Prospects in the Midst of Pandemic Challenges

April 29, 2021

This webinar was organized together with the Program on Data Science for Public Policy (DSPP) and the Program on Social and Political Change (PSPC) of the UP CIDS and the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA) as part of the “Philippine Public Policy in a Time of a Pandemic: Confronting the COVID-19 Challenge” series. It examined the impact of and challenges posed by the pandemic on different levels of governance, namely the international, national, and local, and unpacked the responses made by various governance actors. In the webinar, SSP Convenor Prof. Herman Joseph S. Kraft delivered a presentation on global health governance and the responses of international institutions to the COVID-19 pandemic.

PRODUCTION

Production for The Katipunan Dialogue

May to June 2021

The Katipunan Dialogue podcast series is an iteration of the SSP’s annual Katipunan Conference. Experts join every episode to explore critical issues and share their insights on security topics pertaining to the Asia-Pacific’s strategic environment. Produced with support from Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Philippines, the podcast will cover topics such as emerging economic and strategic environment; civil-military relations in Southeast Asia; regional crisis management and multilateralism; realignment of forces in the Indo-Pacific; and gender and security.

DATA GATHERING

Capacitating ASEAN to Address Security Issues (Phase 2)

June 2021

As of June 2021, researchers have conducted the initial phase of data gathering through interviews of academics specializing in the security situation of Southeast Asia and ASEAN. This is in conjunction with documentary research on previous academic output and secondary source materials.

Upcoming Activities and Outputs for July to December 2021

For the period from July to December 2021, the SSP will continue and see the completion of The Katipunan Dialogue podcast. This will be complemented by a one-day webinar on the regional strategic environment in late July. The full manuscript of the SSP book project this year will also be completed. Finally, the second phase of the “Capacitating ASEAN to Address Security Issues” research project will produce a discussion paper and a policy brief on how the ASEAN and its member states can strengthen their capabilities to face the growing security instability in the region.

Activities

COVID-19 and the Indo-Pacific: Emerging Trends and Opportunities

July 2021

This webinar will take off from discussions in the Katipunan Dialogue and will seek to examine the transformations that have taken place in the strategic environment—such as on international politics, economy, and the security architecture—as a result of COVID-19. It also aims to identify its consequent challenges and opportunities for the Philippines and the Indo-Pacific region.

Production of SSP Book Project

March to December 2021

This peer-reviewed publication aims to highlight the pressing strategic issues faced by the Philippines in promoting and protecting its national security, and provides concrete policy recommendations in enhancing strategic policy formulation. It will feature a compilation of the outputs from two projects of the Program in 2020: the policy papers from the 5th Katipunan Conference Webinar Series and selected chapters from the volume *Towards an Enhanced Strategic Policy Thinking in the Philippines*.

Outputs

- The Katipunan Dialogue podcast (6 episodes)
- Proceedings of The Katipunan Dialogue Podcast
- “China’s Impact on the Strategic Environment and the Philippine Response” (Article submission to the *Philippine Journal of Public Policy*)
- Proceedings of the “COVID-19 and the Indo-Pacific” webinar
- Discussion paper and policy brief from the “Capacitating ASEAN to Address Security Issues” project
- Book project (Follow-up to *Towards an Enhanced Strategic Policy Thinking in the Philippines*)

SOCIAL, POLITICAL, AND CULTURAL
STUDIES CLUSTER

Decolonial Studies Program

The term modernity/coloniality is often used with reference to continuing and often deleterious processes, conditions, and attitudes brought about by the colonial period that, Anibal Quijano and Walter Mignolo argue, are inextricably linked to the epistemology of modernity. The **Decolonial Studies Program (DSP)** focuses on the varying dimensions of coloniality/modernity that continue to impact Global South societies and hinder their institutions from achieving their liberating potential.

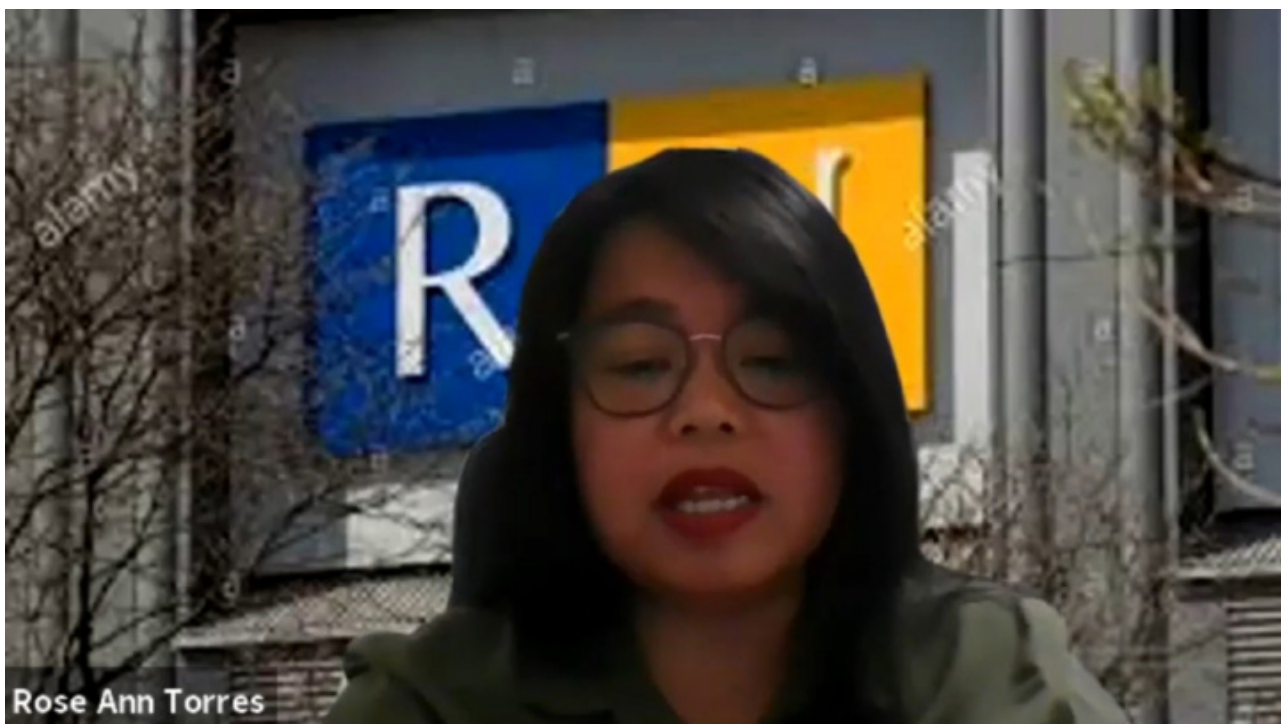
This year, the biggest challenge remains to be the global pandemic that hindered face-to-face meetings and events, which are essential for building trust among stakeholders, especially from communities at the grassroots. It was also a challenge that some who the DSP wanted to get in contact with did not have gadgets for communication. Having most things online did provide the Program, however, with the opportunity to meet with scholars from overseas.

For the first half of 2021, the DSP were able to hold multiple workshops that dealt with issues the Program concerns itself with: health, the COVID-19 pandemic, and decolonizing research and knowledge production.

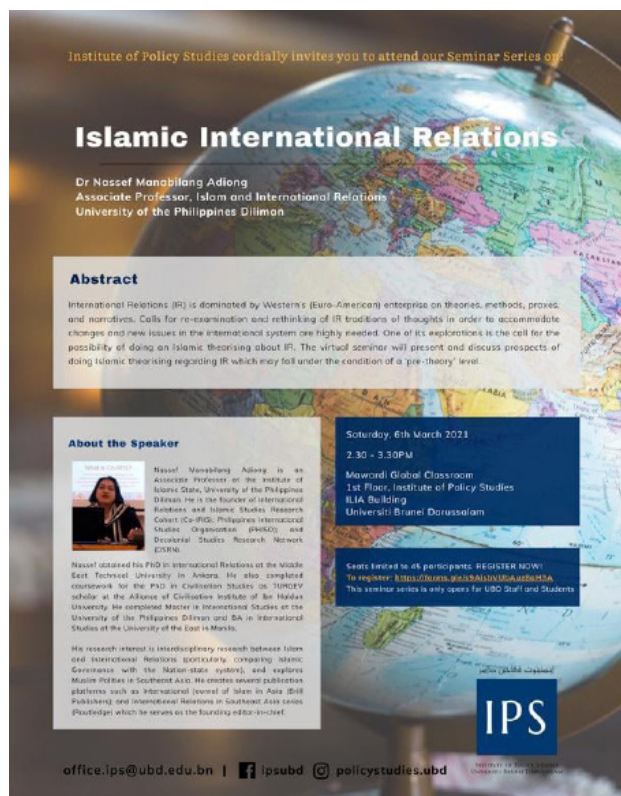
DSP Project Leader Dr. Nassef Adiong was invited to speak at several events that involved Islamic relations and Islam and the pandemic. These events were hosted by institutions both local and overseas. DSP Co-convenor Asst. Prof. Frances Cruz also coordinated a forum with scholars of decolonizing the academe. The Program continues to forge and strengthen ties with decolonial scholars and practitioners of decolonization through online activities.

Program Organizational Structure

Convenor	Marie Aubrey J. Villaceran, Ph.D. (Assistant Professor, Department of English and Comparative Literature, College of Arts and Letters, UP Diliman)
Co-convenor	Frances Antoinette C. Cruz (Assistant Professor, Department of European Languages, College of Arts and Letters, UP Diliman)



Dr. Rose Ann Torres talks about her study on the healing practices of Aeta women healers in a webinar co-organized by the DSP
► SCREEN CAPTURE FROM THE UP CENTER FOR WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES YOUTUBE CHANNEL



by the Department of International Relations at the Islamic University of Indonesia.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Islamic International Relations

March 6, 2021

The Program discussed the relations between international relations and Islam. This webinar was organized by Universiti Brunei Darussalam's Institute of Policy Studies.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Islam in Philippines: Bugis and Sulu Encounters in Southern Region

March 22, 2021

The Program talked about the precolonial relations between Filipinos and the Bugis. This webinar was organized by the Jusuf Kalla Research Center for the Universitas Muslim Indonesia.

Project Leader Nassef Manabilang Adiong, Ph.D.
(Associate Professor, UP Institute of Islamic Studies)

Junior Research Associate Laurent R. Raguindin

Activities from January to June 2021

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Islamic Study and Islamic Economy in Society 5.0 Era

February 11, 2021

The Program was invited to speak on "COVID-19: Impact, Challenges and Strategies in Islamic Economic Development" in this webinar by the Muhammadiyah University of Magelang, Indonesia.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Sarasehan Webinar: Islam and the Pandemic

February 13, 2021

The Program talked about the Islamic perspective on the COVID-19 pandemic. This webinar was organized





WEBINAR

Healing Power of Postcolonial Indigenous Women: Lessons from Aeta Women Healers in the Philippines and Implications

April 7, 2021

This webinar is a presentation of Dr. Rose Ann Torres' research study on Aeta women healers and was done in collaboration with the UP Center for Women's and Gender Studies. It focuses on the lessons, insights, and perspectives that can be derived from their practices of medicine and healing as well as documents Aeta women healers' contributions in the political and academic arena.

WEBINAR

Hoog Tijd Sessie 3: Hierarchies in Academic Knowledge Production

April 20, 2021

This webinar was held to explore how colonialism pervades in academia and in knowledge production worldwide. This session brings together academics and scholars from the Global North and the Global

South to discuss their experiences and insights on the coloniality of the university as an institution and prospects for the decolonization of curricula.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Publishing a Research Paper

May 26, 2021

The Program was invited to talk about decolonizing publications and research papers. This webinar was organized by the Mindanao State University.

WEBINAR

Pluralidad ng Islam

June 12, 2021

The Program presented a topic on the plurality of religion, particularly Islam. This webinar was organized by the Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP) Bukluran sa Sikolohiyang Pilipino.

PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT

BARMM Data Challenge:

Moral Governance Framework for BARMM

June 21, 2021

The DSP participated in the BARMM Data Challenge, organized by Data Ethics PH, by submitting its presentation on moral governance in the BARMM.

Upcoming Activities and Outputs for July to December 2021

In the second half of the year, the DSP is building on its collaborations and learnings from the previous year. In the academic area, the Program seeks to use the links among people from various disciplines that it forged in the last two years for building a curriculum on decoloniality. As praxis, the DSP is focusing on contemporary public health interventions and on looking at methods by which they can benefit from communication and empathetic approaches used by local folk healers.

The Program plans to organize up to three roundtable discussions or workshops on topics connected to decoloniality. Policy briefs will come from these activities, in addition to the Program's video series on decolonizing public health.

Publications

Publications Writeup

The UP CIDS Publications are comprised of peer-reviewed and non-peer reviewed serials and stand-alone publications, which include monographs, discussion papers, policy briefs, proceedings, and the *Philippine Journal of Public Policy: Interdisciplinary Development Perspectives*. The UP CIDS Publications Unit heads the production and dissemination of these publications in line with the Center's mandate to produce and contribute to knowledge production.

Philippine Journal of Public Policy: Interdisciplinary Development Perspectives

The *Philippine Journal of Public Policy: Interdisciplinary Development Perspectives (PJPP)* is headed by UP CIDS Executive Director Teresa S. Encarnacion Tadem, Ph.D. as its editor-in-chief, and Clarisse Culla, Ace Vincent Molo, Virna Guaño, and Zylyka Gendraule as its editorial staff.

The diverse academic credentials and prestigious institutional affiliations of the members of the journal's Editorial Board and Editorial Advisory Board add to its interdisciplinary character and thrust.

The peer-reviewed journal, released annually online and in print, has lined up the following articles and policy insights for its 2021 volume, and is currently still accepting submissions:

Articles

Title	Author/s
"Policy Analysis on Education in Emergencies (EiE) and Flexible Learning Options (FLOs) for Senior High School (SHS) in the Philippines"	Naomi Fontanos, Junette Fatima Gonzales, Kathrina Lorraine Lucasan, and Dina Ocampo

"Policy Landscape for Customary Forest Management in the Philippine Cordilleras"	Leah Abayao
"#MeToo: A Comparative Study of the #MeToo Movement in the United States and South Korea Using Collective Action Frames and Hashtag Feminism"	Jestine J. Mendoza
Bridging the Agriculture Credit Gap: A Case Study of the Farmer Entrepreneurship Program of Jollibee Group Foundation	Jane Lynn D. Capacio, Emmanuel S. de Dios, Rob van Tulder

Policy Insights

Title	Author/s
"Challenges and Policy Options for Harnessing Renewable Energy-based Social Networks for Renewable Energy Electrification of Small Off-grid Islands"	Laurence Delina, Josephine Dionisio, Jergil Gyle Gavieres, and Joey Ocon
"A Technical Analysis on the Manila Bay Dolomite Beach Reclamation Project"	Tara Alessandra S. Abrina, Mark Angelo C. Bucay, Maria Finesa Cosico, and Jelaine L. Gan
"Adopting Miller's First Principles for Online Food Delivery Platforms' Labor Regulation in the Philippines"	Jayvy Gamboa

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Interdisciplinary Development Perspectives on Public Policy Book Series

The **Interdisciplinary Development Perspectives on Public Policy Series (InDePPP) Book Series** project aims to be of use for scholars who are looking to understand and write on public policy from an interdisciplinary development perspective.

For 2021, three volumes of the InDePPP have been finalized, two of which are currently being processed for publication.

Volume Title	Editor
Public Policy and Philippine National and Local Administration: Concerns, Challenges, and Capacities from Governing to Governance	Dennis V. Blanco
Public Policy, Feminist Research, and Gender Studies	Jean S. Encinas-Franco
Public Policy and Statistics for the Social Sciences	Francis Joseph A. Dee

UP CIDS Discussion Paper Series

The **UP CIDS Discussion Paper Series** features preliminary researches on relevant issues that are circulated to elicit comments and suggestions for enrichment and refinement. The UP CIDS published the following discussion papers in the first half of 2021:

2021-01	"Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprise (MSME) Sector Financing: Issues and Challenges" (Author: Ma. Victoria R. Raquiza)	PEP
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2021-02	"Addressing the 'Blind Side' of the Government's Jeepney 'Modernization' Program" (Author: Teodoro C. Mendoza)	AltDev
2021-03	"Measuring the Efficiency of Educational Institutions: Evidence from Primary and Secondary Public Schools in the Philippines" (Author: John Lorenzo A. Yambot)	ERP
2021-04	"Restructuring Global Value Chains in the Post-pandemic World: The Evolving Role of China and What It Means for the Philippines" (Author: Adrian R. Mendoza)	EMIT C4C

UP CIDS Public Policy Monograph Series

The **UP CIDS Public Policy Monograph Series** features original scholarly work on themes relevant to Philippine public policy that aims to provide research-based advice and recommendations in addressing national issues and concerns. From January to June 2021, the UP CIDS published the following monographs in the series:

2021-01	"Marginalized Societies and the State in the Time of a Pandemic: The Philippine Case" (Authors: Eduardo C. Tadem, Micah Hanah S. Orlino, Karl Hapal, Ananeza P. Aban, Erlinda Sapiandante, Mina Amata-Justo, Edwardo Roldan, Maigting na Samahan ng mga Panlipunang Negosyante ng Towerville, Inc. (Igting), Honey B. Tabiola, Venarica B. Papa)	AltDev
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	Benny Capuno, Marivic Capuno, Indon Saguin, Indon Mayumo, Violeta Abuque, Norman Capuno, Lemuel Capuno, Belinda Mauricio, Jette Roldan, July Sumayop, Save Our Schools Network (SOS), Jose Monfred Sy, Nathaniel P. Candelaria, Bantay Kalusugan Pampamayanan (BKP))	
2021-02	"Going Against the Grain: A Case Study of Jollibee Group Foundation's Farmer Entrepreneurship Program" (Author: Jane Lynn D. Capacio)	EMIT C4C
2021-03	"Higher Education Interventions During and Beyond the COVID-19 Pandemic" (Editor: Fernando dLC. Paragas)	HERPR

Proceedings

The UP CIDS also releases **proceedings of fora, conferences, roundtable discussions, and other events** organized by the Center's various research programs. In the first half of 2021, the Center published the following proceeding:

Proceedings of the Focus Group Discussion on Philippine Muslim History

ISP

Summary of Activities

January to June 2021

January 2021	Jan - Jun	Solidarity Building/ Networking	Lawan, the AltDev Social Media Platform	AltDev
	13-14; 20; 25-29	Planning	Annual Review and Planning 2021	ERP
	23 Jan	Participation in Activity	Learning continuity for Learners with Special Educational Needs (LSEs) at the time of COVID-19	ERP
	26-27 Jan	Meeting	Samal Meeting with Mayor, RHU staff and SDNs	PHSD
	29 Jan	Meeting	Orientation of JED Laboratory Staff on Primary Care Service Delivery	PHSD
February 2021	Feb - Mar	Ethics Course	Ethics Course	ERP
	Feb - Jun	Preparation of Modules	COVID-19 Response Project on Enhancing Formative Assessment in Self-Learning Modules	ACTRP
	09-10 Feb	Workshop	Assessment Framework Development Workshops: Workshop 1 (Co-design)	ACTRP
	11 Feb	Speaking Engagement	Islamic Study and Islamic Economy in Society 5.0 Era	DSP
	11 Feb - 04 Mar	Webinar Documentation	TVUP's Kalayaan sa Pamantasan Webinar Series	HERPR
	13 Feb	Speaking Engagement	Sarasehan Webinar: Islam and the Pandemic	DSP
	15-16 Feb	Participation in Activity	IBM SPSS Training for Researchers	ERP
	17 Feb	Solidarity Building/ Networking	Military Junta, Withdraw from Burma Politics! Restore Democracy! End Elite Rule! Global Solidarity Statement for the Peoples of Burma/Myanmar	AltDev
	17-18 Feb	Simulation	Simulation of E-Med Software	PHSD
	23-24 Feb	Workshop	Assessment Framework Development Workshops: Workshop 2 (Initial Review)	ACTRP

March 2021	24 Feb	Meeting	Data Science Working Group	DSPP
	01 Mar	Presentation	Presentation Of The Curriculum Review Findings And Recommendations	ACTRP
	01 Mar	Meeting	Data Science Working Group	DSPP
	02 & 04 Mar	Workshop	Assessment Framework Development Workshops: Workshop 3 (Final Review)	ACTRP
	04 Mar	Solidarity Building/ Networking	Burma/Myanmar Solidarity Action: Online Noise Barrage	AltDev
	05 Mar	Meeting	Professional development (PD) program on Assessment and Emerging Literacies	ACTRP
	05-06 Mar	Presentation	5th Annual Conference for the Association for Reading and Writing in Asia (ARWA)	ERP
	06 Mar	Speaking Engagement	Islamic International Relations	DSP
	09 Mar	Webinar	Southeast Asian Peoples' Alternatives in Pandemic Times	AltDev, EMIT C4C
	09 Mar	Presentation	Launching of EMIT C4C and ILO Findings	EMT C4C
	10 Mar	Participation in Activity	Multiple Tiers, Multiple Markets: The Structure and Character of Philippine Education	ERP
	15 Mar	Training	Data Management Using Available Tools Online	PHSD
	15-16 Mar	Training	Enhancing Madaris Teachers' Support System in the Municipality of Jolo, Sulu	ISP
	22 Mar	Solidarity Building/ Networking	Solidarity for Burma/Myanmar: Uphold Democracy, No to Military Rule! Situationers, Solidarity Messages, Protest Songs, and Noise Barrage	AltDev
	22 Mar	Speaking Engagement	Islam in Philippines: Bugis and Sulu Encounters in Southern Region	DSP
	30 Mar	Orientation	General Orientation for ALS Focal Persons	ACTRP
April 2021	Apr - present	Fellowship	UP Technology Transfer and Business Development Office (TTBDO) University Innovation Fellowship (UIF)	ERP

05 Apr	Focus Group Discussion	Virtual FGD with the Lourdes Multipurpose Cooperative	EMIT C4C
05 Apr	Training	Qualitative Research Methods Training	PHSD
06 Apr	Focus Group Discussion	Virtual FGD with the Alcala Growers Association	EMIT C4C
07 Apr	Webinar	Healing Power of Postcolonial Indigenous Women: Lessons from Aeta Women Healers in the Philippines and Implications	DSP
07 Apr	Site Visit	Samal Virtual Site Visit	PHSD
08 Apr	Workshop	Assessment Framework Development Workshops: Review of Portfolio Work Samples	ACTRP
08 Apr	Webinar	COVID-19 and the Economy: Challenges and Opportunities	EMIT C4C, PEP
12 Apr	Meeting	Updates on PPCS	PHSD,
13 Apr	Discussion	Brown Bag Discussion on the Inclusive Conglomerates Business Model Innovation for Sustainability Paper	EMIT C4C
14 Apr	Meeting	11.11.11 Coalition of the North South Flemish Movement Partners Meeting	AltDev
15 Apr	Focus Group Discussion	Virtual FGD with the Onion and Vegetable Producers Cooperative (OVEPCO)	EMIT C4C
16, 23, 28, 29 Apr	Focus Group Discussion	FGDs and KIIs for Samal & Bulusan HCWs	PHSD
18 Apr	Networking	#MilkTeaAlliance Open Letter to UN, ASEAN, and Member States Webinar & Media Briefing	AltDev
20 Apr	Webinar	Hoog Tijd Sessie 3 - Hierarchies in Academic Knowledge Production	DSP
21 Apr	Training	E-Med Training of Midwives in Barangay Health Stations in Samal	PHSD
21 Apr	Site Visit	Bulusan Virtual Site Visit	PHSD
21-22 Apr	Participation in Activity	Civil Society Capacity Building to Counter Disinformation Workshop	ERP
26 Apr	Training	Geriatrics Training for HCWs in Samal	PHSD
26 Apr	Consultation	Second Meeting with Office of Senator Sherwin Gatchalian	HERPR

	26-27; 30 Apr	Training	General Orientation and Training on Portfolio Marking for ALS Teachers and Education Program Specialists for ALS	ACTRP
	27-28 Apr	Presentation	Scripts in Asia: c. 1500–2000	ERP
	29 Apr	Webinar	Multi-Level Crisis Governance	DSPP, SSP, PSPC
May 2021	May - Jun	Corpus Study	Corpus Study - Affix Map Creation	ERP
	04; 07 May	Focus Group Discussion	FGDs and KIs for Samal & Bulusan HCWs	PHSD
	06 May	Presentation	Presentation of the Preliminary Findings of the Action Research on KGMC to PEF	EMIT C4C
	07 May	Presentation	1st & 2nd Quarter Presentation of Progress Report to Department of Health (DOH) & Philippine Council on Health Research Development (PCHRD)	PHSD
	07 May	Meeting	Sorsogon Inception Meeting with PH3D	PHSD
	08-22 May	Online Survey	Age of Acquisition Study - Online Survey Administration	ERP
	10 May	Focus Group Discussion	Virtual FGD with the Tagudin Agroentrepreneurs Association	EMIT C4C
	10-11 May	Participation in Activity	Regional Consultation in Asia for the preparation of the Global Action Plan for the International Decade of Indigenous Languages	ERP
	12 May	Online symposium	Verfassungsblog Power and COVID-19 Pandemic Symposium: Human Rights and the COVID-19 Pandemic	PSPC
	14 May	Meeting	Ensuring Maximum Family Farmers Participation in the Philippine Action Plan for Family Farming (PAP4FF) Implementation	AltDev
	17 May	Meeting	Meeting with the Project Advisory Group	ACTRP
	17 May	Focus Group Discussion	Virtual FGD with the Kalasag Multipurpose Cooperative	EMIT C4C
	17 May	Training	Survey Training for PPCS Research Staff	PHSD

	18 May	Workshop	Asia Europe People's Forum (AEPF) 13: Open Space on Converging Alternatives from Asia and Europe: Towards Alternative Regionalism and People-to-People Solidarity	AltDev
	20 May	Meeting	Data Science Working Group	DSPP
	24 May	Webinar	The Philippine Halal Landscape	ISP
	26 May	Regional Forum	Regional Forum On The Baseline Study On Language Match And Teacher Assignment	ACTRP
	26 May	Speaking Engagement	Publishing a Research Paper	DSP
	26-28 May	Presentation	5th International Conference on Educational Measurement and Evaluation	ERP
	27 May	Training	Geriatrics Training for HCWs in Bulusan	PHSD
	31 May	Validation of Findings	Action Research on KGMC: Virtual Validation of Findings	EMIT C4C
	31 May	Meeting	Professional development (PD) program on Assessment and Emerging Literacies	ACTRP
June 2021	04 Jun	Meeting	Survey of UP Diliman Studies on Public Transportation	PEP
	06 Jun	Meeting	Reactivating PeDAGoG (Post-Development Academic-Activist Global Group)	AltDev
	12 Jun	Webinar	Pluralidad ng Islam	DSP
	15 Jun	Meeting	Learning Meeting on Inclusive Agriculture Value Chains	EMIT C4C
	15 Jun	Training	PPCS Staff Training	PHSD
	15 Jun	RTD	Philippine Political Science Association (PPSA) International Conference RTD Panel: Constitutional Performance Assessment in the Time of a Pandemic – the 1987 Constitution and the Philippines' COVID-19 Response	PSPC
	16; 21; 30 Jun	Meeting	Meetings With Resource Persons	ACTRP
	18 Jun	Presentation	Presentation of Initial Findings on Demand-side Agriculture Financing	EMIT C4C

18 Jun	Meeting	Data Science Working Group	DSPP
21 Jun	Meeting	Meeting with the Project Advisory Group	ACTRP
21 Jun	Participation in Activity	BARMM Data Challenge: Moral Governance Framework for BARMM	DSP
28 Jun	Meeting	Refresher meeting with ALS Focal Persons and ALS Teachers	ACTRP
28 Jun	Training	Geriatrics Training for HCWs in Bulusan	PHSD
30 Jun	Lecture	State and Economic Development in Southeast Asia	PEP

Tally of Key Activities

January to June 2021

TOTAL	1 Planning 1 Simulation 1 Ethics Course 1 Webinar Documentation 1 Production 1 Online Survey 1 Corpus Study 1 Regional Forum 1 Lecture 1 Preparation of Module 1 Fellowship 1 Consultation 1 Online Symposium 1 Validation of Findings	1 Roundtable Discussion (RTD) 1 Discussion 2 Site Visits 2 Orientation 5 Workshops 5 Solidarity Work/Networking 5 Speaking Engagements 6 Participation in Activity 6 Webinars 7 Focus Group Discussions (FGD) 8 Presentations 10 Trainings 15 Meetings
JANUARY 2021	1 Planning 1 Participation in Activity	1 Solidarity Work/Networking 2 Meetings
FEBRUARY 2021	1 Solidarity Work/Networking 1 Simulation 1 Ethics Course 1 Participation in Activity 1 Meeting	1 Webinar Documentation 1 Preparation of Module 2 Workshops 2 Speaking engagement
MARCH 2021	1 Workshop 1 Orientation 1 Meeting 1 Webinar	2 Solidarity Work/Networking 2 Trainings 2 Speaking Engagements 3 Presentations
APRIL 2021	1 Networking 1 Fellowship 1 Consultation 1 Workshop 1 Participation in Activity 1 Discussion	1 Presentation 2 Meetings 2 Site Visits 4 Webinars 4 Trainings 4 FGD

MAY 2021	1 Orientation	1 Speaking Engagement
	1 Online symposium	1 Regional forum
	1 Validation of Findings	2 Presentation
	1 Workshop	2 FGD
	1 Webinar	2 Trainings
	1 Online Survey	2 Participation in Activity
	1 Corpus Study	2 Meetings
JUNE 2021	1 Validation of Findings	1 Webinar
	1 Presentation	1 Participation in Activity
	1 Training	1 RTD
	1 Lecture	6 Meetings

Linkages and Reach

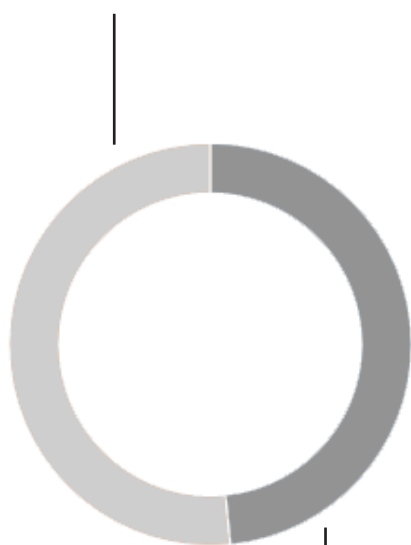
Collaborations and Partnerships

From January – June 2021, the UP CIDS partnered with 82 public institutions and 77 private institutions in its activities.

Public institutions comprised of local government units (LGUs), national government, and educational institutions, such as universities and colleges. Private institutions included local and international non-government organizations (NGOs), civil society networks, and other think tanks.

Public Institutions 82

28 LGU/ National Government Units
53 UP units
1 Public Non-UP Institution



Private Institution 77

41 Local Private Organizations
35 International Organizations
1 Private Education Institution

Linkages and Reach

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, during the period of January – June, the Center's activities involved online public workshops, forums, trainings, and webinars. Linkages and reach involved 88 local government units (LGUs) and national government agencies, 2 embassies, 54 public educational institutions, 7 student organization, 27 corporate groups, 121 non-government organizations and social movements, one private foundation, 39 private educational institutions, 66 international organizations, 81 individuals, and one unaffiliated group.

Public Institutions 151

27 Local Government Units
2 Embassies
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