

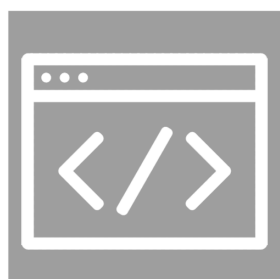


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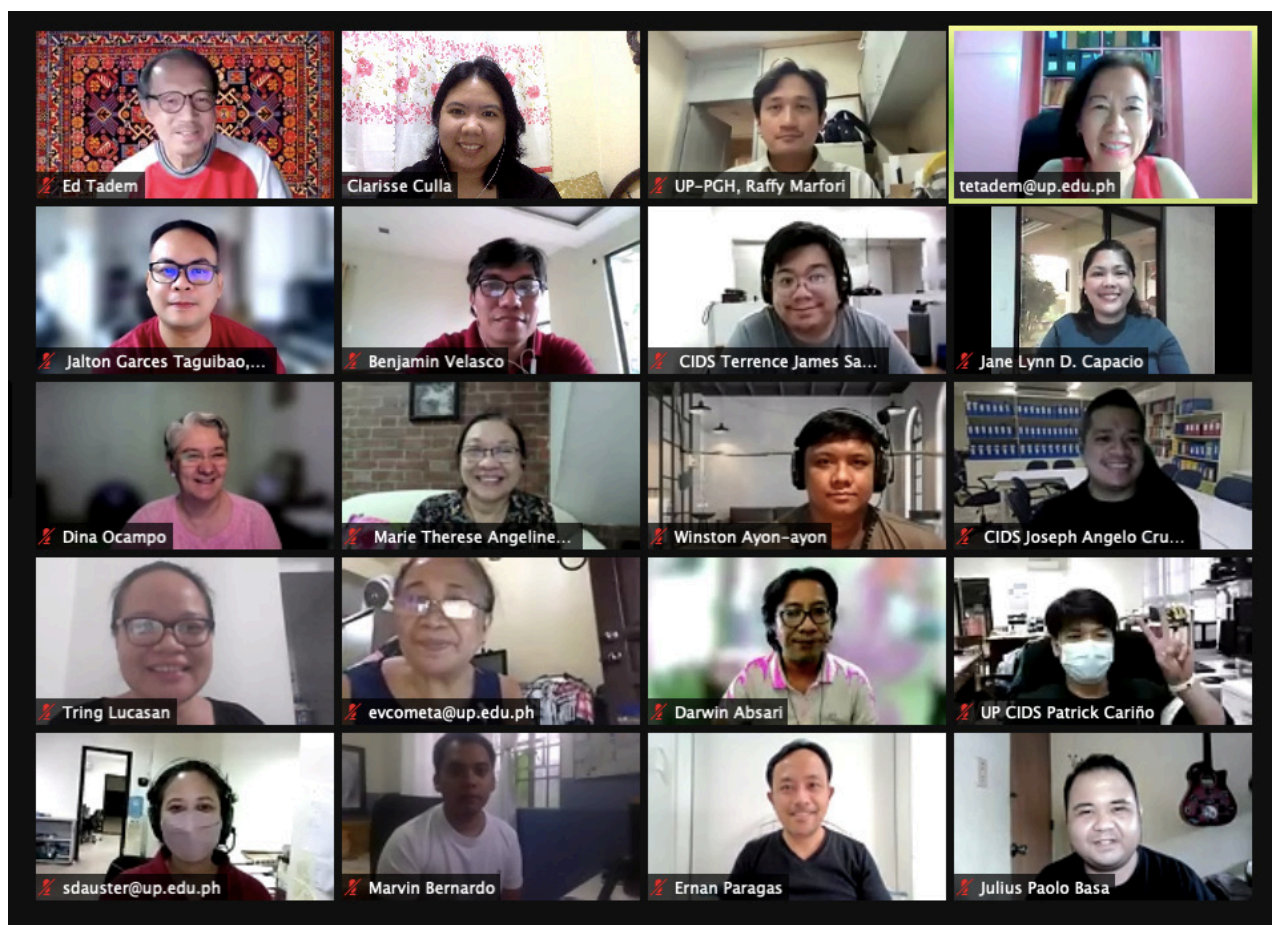
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INTRODUCTION

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 that 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 harnessing the University's multidisciplinary expertise and expansive resources.

Based on then-UP President Angara's Executive Order No. 9 issued on September 24, 1985, 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.



Convenors' Meeting

UP CIDS 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.

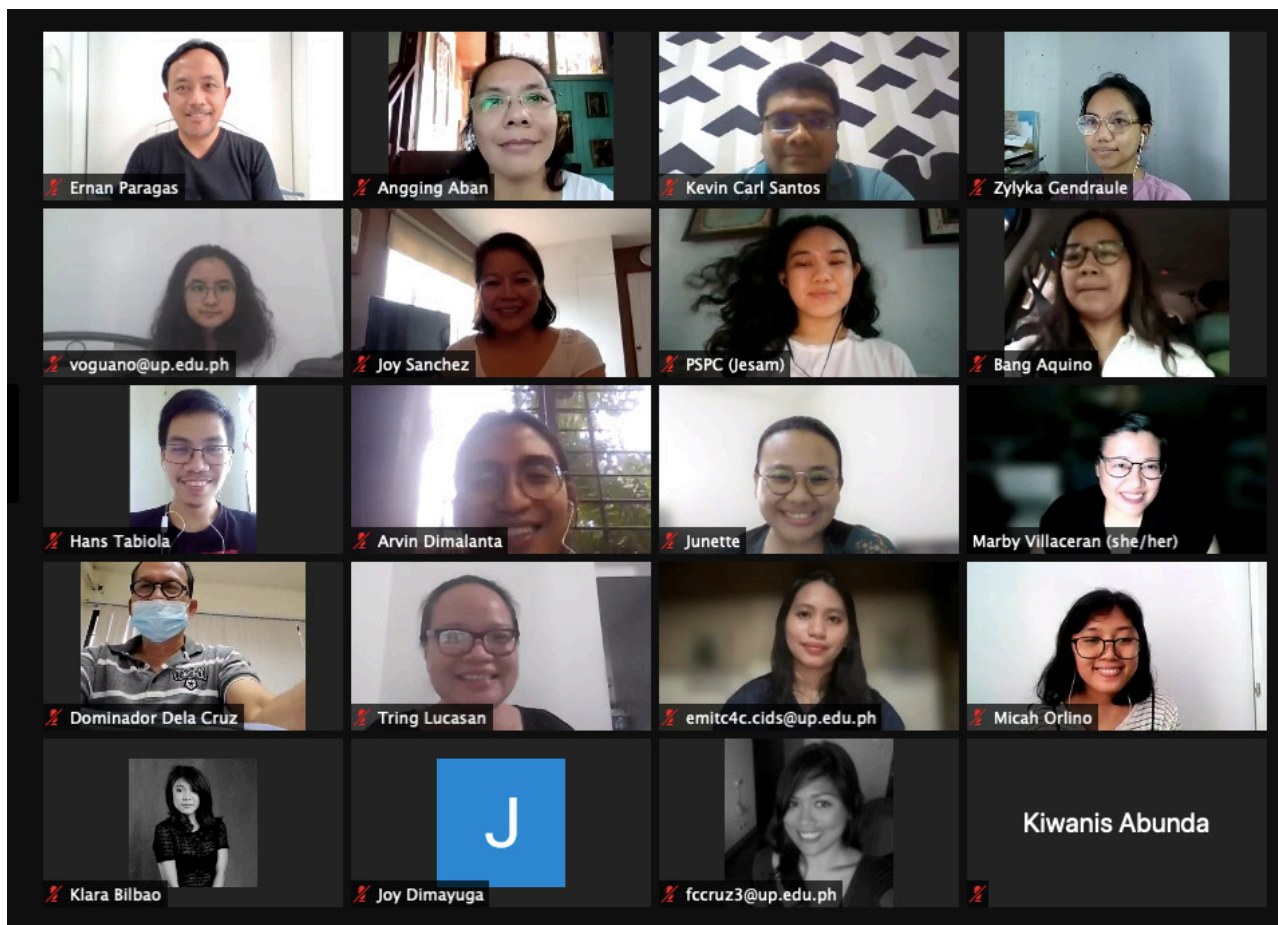
RESEARCH PROGRAMS

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.

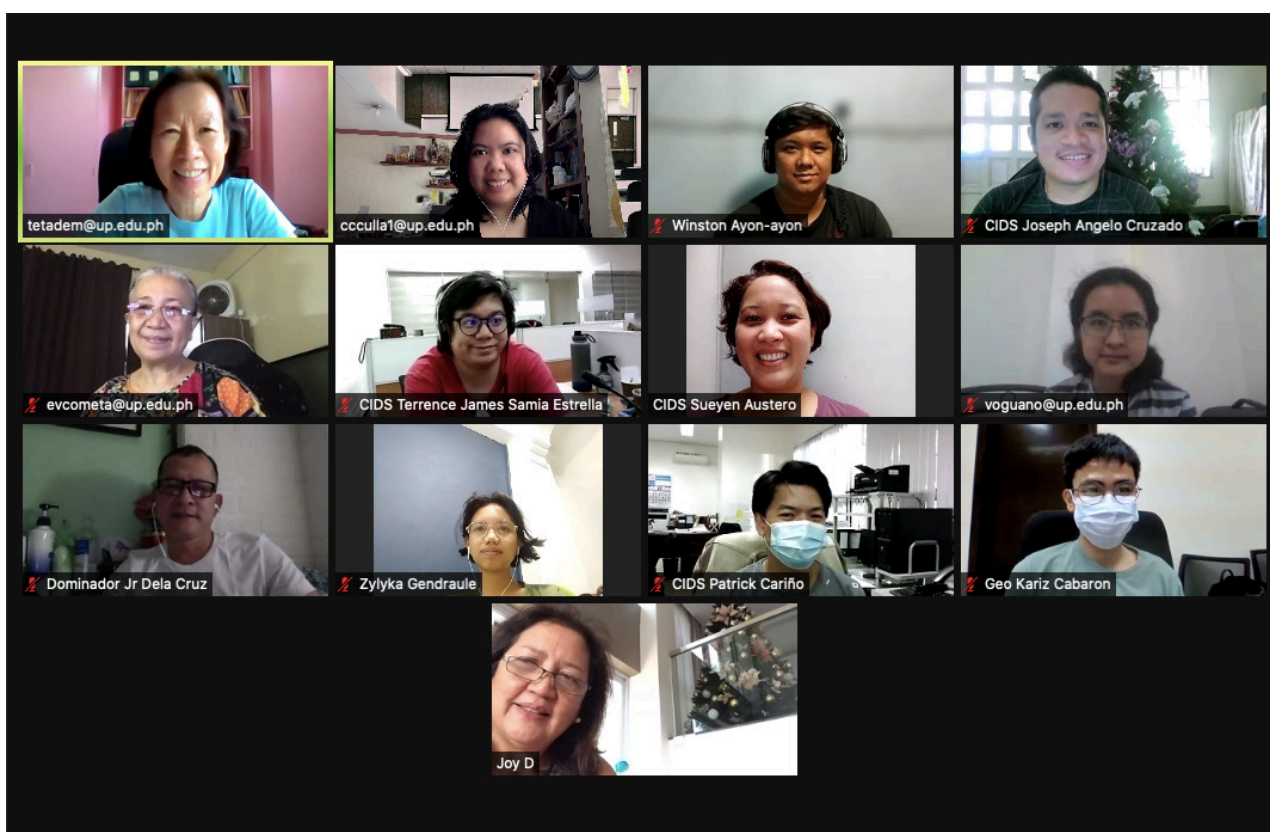
Consistent with its integrative and collaborative approach, UP CIDS also provides opportunities and venues for the various Research Programs to work on common themes and on emerging international and national policy concerns.

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

- **Education and Capacity Building Cluster**
 - Education Research Program (ERP)
 - Program on Higher Education Research and Policy Reform (HERPRP)
 - Assessment, Curriculum, and Technology Research Program (ACTRP)



Convenors' Meeting



October Core Staff Meeting

- Program on Data Science for Public Policy (DSPPP)
- **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.

POLICY RESEARCH AND NATION-BUILDING IN A TIME OF PANDEMIC

UP CIDS pursued its commitment to producing relevant policy research amid the pandemic. The examination of COVID-19-related issues and concerns continued to be undertaken in the Center's Program research endeavors and other activities. These studies were also embedded in previous policy research the Programs embarked on based on their respective mandates. In relation to this, the last installment of its "Philippine Public Policy in a Time of Pandemic: Confronting the COVID-19 Challenge" webinar series, "Making Our Way Back to the Classroom," was held last September 8, 2021. This was sponsored by the following UP CIDS Programs: Education Research Program (ERP), the Higher Education and Policy Reform Program (HERPRP), and the Assessment, Curriculum, and Technology Research Program (ACTRP).

Given the upcoming May 2022 elections, UP CIDS is a cosponsor of the initiative of the Office of the Chancellor, UP Diliman: the "#PILipiLUNAS2022: *Pabangon at Pagsulong Tungo sa Magandang Buhay Bukas*" webinar series. The Center's Program on Political Economy (PEP) assisted in establishing the secretariat for its Task Force on a Blueprint for Building the Nation. This endeavor has two major activities: (1) agenda-building consisting of a series of roundtable discussions; and a (2) one-day policy dialogue with national political candidates, which will present a "Governance Agenda for a Sustainable, Inclusive, and Innovation-Driven National Development" emanating from the policy recommendations from the roundtable discussions (RTDs).¹

In relation to this, these UP CIDS Programs organized the following #PILipiLUNAS webinars in partnership with the UP Diliman's Office of the Chancellor, Task Force Nation-Building.

1. "Balota at Pulitika sa 2022: May Bago Ba?" Co-organized by the Program on Social and Political Change (PSPC) (November 5, 2021);
2. "Is More Power to Local Governments More Power to the People? Elections, Devolution, and the Local Government Code Three Decades After" – Co-organized by PSPC (November 26, 2021); and
3. "Strategic Philippine Foreign Relations: Challenges and Prospects for 2022 and Beyond" – Co-organized by the Strategic Studies Program (SSP) (December 7, 2021)

UP CIDS also continued to pursue its digitization project. In partnership with the UP Diliman Main Library, the digitization of UP CIDS research collection began in the last quarter of 2021. This is targeted to be completed by 2022, coinciding with the launch of the Center's revamped website. Once done, this project will complete the full digitization of the Center's outputs since its establishment in 1985.

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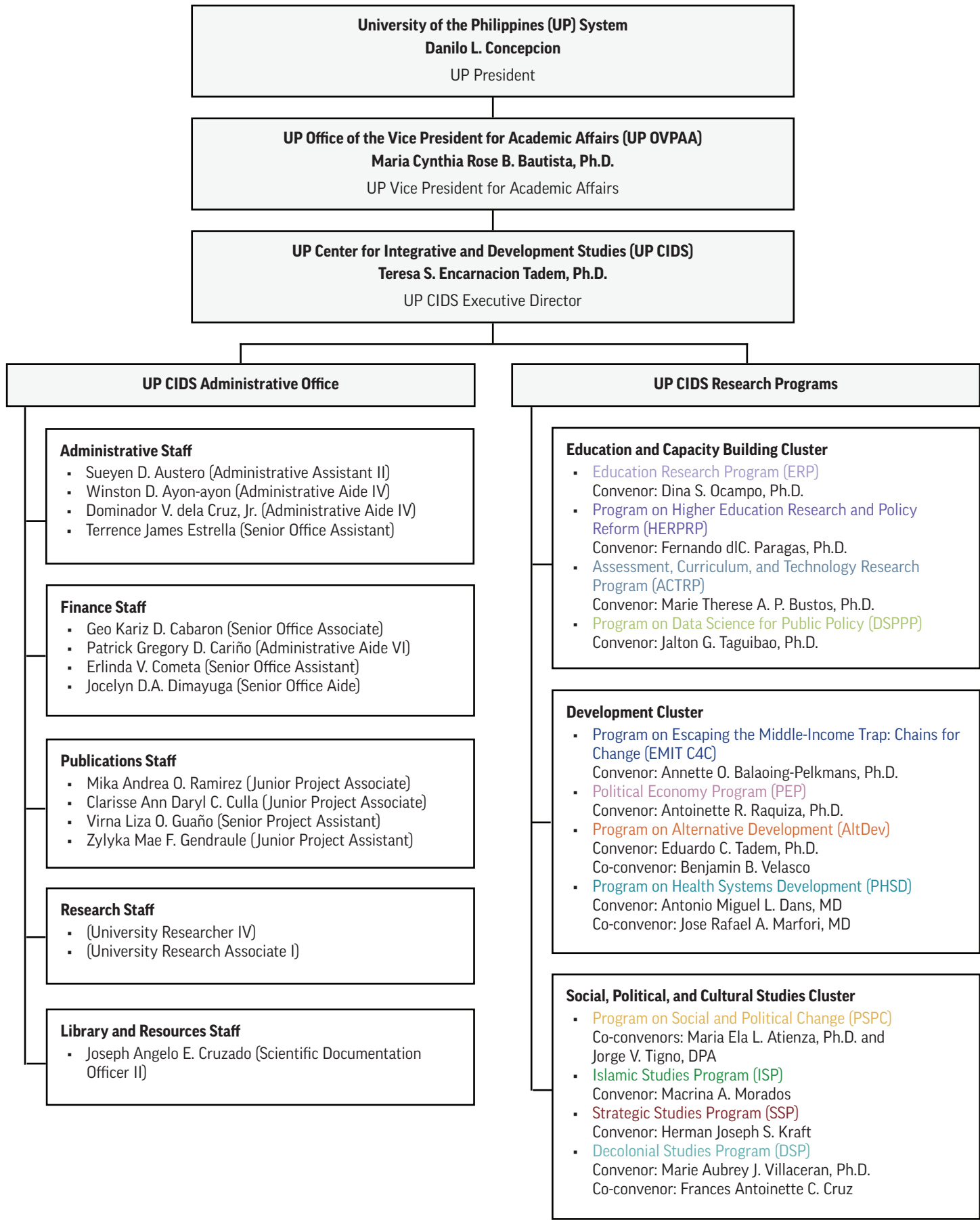
¹ Based on the concept note for the "#PILipiLUNAS: *Pagbangon at Pagsulong Tungo sa Magandang Buhay at Bukas*" webinar series, Task Force Nation-Building, University of the Philippines Diliman.

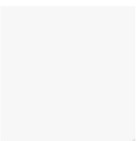
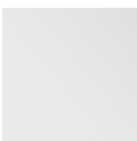
the full digitization of the Center's outputs since its establishment in 1985.

Alongside this, UP CIDS has also focused on other indexing and archiving matters of its publications. Last September 2021, the Center's in-house journal, the Philippine Journal of Public Policy: Interdisciplinary Development Perspectives (PJPP), has been given a digital object identifier (DOI). With this, all past, present, and forthcoming articles for PJPP are now more easily accessible online.

The Center also continued managing its administrative, financial, and legal records to comply with the proper records management practices in government offices. This was done by digitizing and archiving its office records. At present, UP CIDS has scanned and archived most of its inactive records, with some inactive records hailing from the 1990s and some semiactive records from 2013–2017. For 2022, UP CIDS aims to finish the remaining inactive and semiactive records and continue the archiving of the current active records from August 2017–present under the current UP CIDS Executive Director.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART





EDUCATION RESEARCH PROGRAM

The Education Research Program (ERP) conducts research based on its agenda, “Policy Investigations in Support of the Filipino Learner 2019–2024.” The areas of inquiry articulated in the agenda fall under three broad categories, namely Curriculum and Assessment, Instruction and Teacher Development and Governance, and Finance and School Improvement. Drawn from an analysis of education studies, as well as multiple stakeholder consultations, the agenda guides the work and investigations that ERP conducts as it aims to contribute to a deeper understanding of education delivery and implementation. Furthermore, ERP seeks to nurture a community of scholars researching education.

Program Convenor:	Dina Joana Ocampo, Ph.D. <i>Professor College of Education University of the Philippines Diliman</i>
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Resource Person	Samuel Soliven
Research Associate	Margaret Mary Rosary Carmel Fua
Research Assistants	Rizza Mae Baligad Karen Angela Hernandez Mariah Erika Manlangit

ACTIVITIES FROM JULY TO DECEMBER 2021

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Child-Directed Print Corpora: Understanding the Resource

June 30–July 2, 2021

A virtual roundtable, organized by the TalkTogether team, was conducted from June 30 to July 2, 2021. ERP's convenor, Dr. Dina Ocampo, served as co-chair, together with Dr. Sonali Nag of the University of Oxford and Dr. Jelena Mirkovic of York St. John University. ERP Research Fellows Prof. Margaret Mary Rosary Carmel Fua and Dr. Portia Padilla and Research Associates Junette Fatima Gonzales and Kathrina Lorraine Lucasan also provided technical support for four studies shared during the three-day event. Prof. Fua, Dr. Padilla, and Ms. Lucasan were also among the presenters.

FORUM

Loud and Clear: Effective Language of Instruction Policies for Learning

July 14, 2021

This forum is a high-level virtual roundtable discussing the “Loud and Clear: Effective Language of Instruction Policies for Learning” paper launched by the World Bank. The report articulates strategies and policy formulations hastening the learning of literacy and foundational learning.

CONFERENCE

7th Reading Association of the Philippines International Conference

July 22–24, 2021

ERP Convenor Dr. Dina Ocampo, Research Fellows Prof. Margaret Mary Rosary Carmel Fua and Dr. Portia Padilla, and Senior Research Associate Kathrina Lorraine Lucasan, together with faculty from UP Diliman's College of Education, presented the TalkTogether corpus and age of acquisition studies in the plenary panel titled, “*UsapTayo, Para sa Bata: A Closer*

Look at Children's Books.” In the presentation, activities were conducted with the participants, which allowed them to try out the tools and processes used in the studies.

WEBINAR

Making Our Way Back to the Classroom

September 8, 2021

UP CIDS' education cluster, which is composed of the Higher Education Research and Policy Reform Program (HERPRP), the Assessment, Curriculum, and Technology Research Program (ACTRP), and ERP, organized a roundtable discussion entitled “Making Our Way Back to the Classroom.”

Speakers from the Department of Education (DepEd), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), and Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) discussed updates and strategies to ensure continuity of quality education programs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

FORUM

Forum for Reading Education Graduate Students: Developing the Multiliteracy Assessments for Filipino (MLAF) Children

September 24, 2021

Research Fellows Margaret Mary Rosary Carmel Fua and Research Associate Kathrina Lorraine Lucasan were invited to discuss the processes in the Multiliteracy Assessments for Filipino (MLAF) Children development and describe the tests that composed the battery. The forum was attended by students of the Reading Department.

FORUM

Manila Ecclesiastical Province Schools Systems Association Forum

October 08, 2021

This event gathered over 1,000 online participants for a conference on Keeping the Lights On in the Age of Disruptions: Sustaining the Flame of Evangelization and Excellence



Participants of the 7th Reading Association of the Philippines International Conference including Dr. Dina Ocampo, Prof. Margaret Mary Rosary Carmel Fua, and Dr. Portia Padilla | PHOTO BY: Dr. Dina Ocampo

in Catholic Education. Research on school improvement for literacy was shared, touching on current theories and practices in school leadership and literacy programs.

Validation and Finalization of the MLAF Children

October 27, November 9, 16, 26, December 6, and 13, 2021

From October to November, sessions were conducted with UP Diliman's College of Education professors to discuss test items flagged by item analysis. ERP then used the December sessions to start the revision of the manuals and tests and discuss the MLAF's next steps.

FORUM

Sipat Edukasyon

November 26, 2021

Sipat Edukasyon, ERP's annual research dissemination forum, was conducted last November 26 via Zoom and streamed live through the UP CIDS Facebook page. Its primary

aim is to share ERP's education research outputs with various stakeholders. ERP's presentations included its research on fighting disinformation online, Information and Communications Technology for Education (ICT4E) in UP system education research, and on SukatWika, an analysis software for linguistic properties of texts.

CONFERENCE

Early Grade Learning Conference: Pursuing High-Quality Literacy Education and Reading in the New Normal

December 8, 2021

DepEd, National Educators' Academy, United States Agency for International Development (USAID), and Research Triangle International organized an online conference, "Pursuing High-Quality Literacy Education and Reading in the New Normal." In this conference, the Program's research was presented by ERP Convenor Dr. Dina Ocampo, who was also the event's keynote speaker. The paper focused on strong leadership literacy.

OUTPUTS FROM JULY TO DECEMBER 2021

Book Chapter

- Participatory Policy Formulation on Indigenous Peoples Education in the K to 12 Basic Education Program in the Philippines

Dina Joana Ocampo, Rozanno Rufino, and Junette Fatima Gonzales

(In Lalas. J.W. and Strikwerda, H.L. (eds.). 2021. *Minding the Marginalized Studies Through Inclusion, Justice, and Hope* [International Perspectives on Inclusive Education, Vol. 16], 211-242. Bingley: Emerald Publishing Limited.)

Academic Blog

- Under the Lens of a Bookworm: A Dissection of Children's Materials

Donna Pamella Gonzales-Romero

(In [UK Research and Innovation-Global Challenges Research Fund TalkTogether website: TalkTogether Blog](#), September 07, 2021)

Journal Article

- Education during the COVID-19 Emergency: Policy Analysis on Flexible Learning Options (FLOs) for Senior High School (SHS) in the Philippines

Naomi Fontanos, Junette Fatima Gonzales, Kathrina Lorraine Lucasan, and Dina Ocampo

(2021. Philippine Journal of Public Policy: Interdisciplinary Development Perspectives. doi: <https://doi.org/10.54096/LYWM4472>)

Technical Report

- "The TalkTogether Book Levelling Tool Technical Report"

Portia Padilla, Sanjana Nagendra, Sunila John, Katrina May Dulay, Marie Yvette Concepcion-Alcazar, Leonor Diaz, Maria Hazelle Preclaro-Ongtengco, Marie Grace Reoperez, and Sonali Nag

(In [UK Research and Innovation-Global Challenges Research Fund TalkTogether website: TalkTogether Blog](#), September 2021)

- "TalkTogether Child-Directed Print Corpus: Filipino" (Draft)

Mary Ann Bacolod, Jem Javier, Kathrina Lorraine Lucasan, Dina Ocampo, Portia Padilla, and Sonali Nag

- "TalkTogether Age of Acquisition Technical Report" (Draft)

Eva Haydee Alipustain, Margaret Mary Rosary Carmel Fua, Dina Ocampo, Marie Grace Reoperez, Ana Maria Margarita Salvador



Co-chairs with some of the presenters at the virtual roundtable hosted by the University of Oxford | PHOTO BY: TalkTogether

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND OUTPUTS FOR JANUARY TO JUNE 2022

ERP will continue pursuing its research agenda for 2022. Ongoing projects will be continued either by continuing ongoing activities or initiating into the next phases of the research plans. The areas for continuation are in the following strands: language and literacy studies, disinformation studies, and ICT for education research.

To commence are the language capture and ethnography research as well as the co-production research which are both components of the *UsapTayo* extension/iteration of the TalkTogether project. Hopefully, there will be opportunities to cooperate with lower-income communities so that the research can be conducted collaboratively with select members. School Snapshots will be further conceptualized and articulated so that partner schools can participate in progressive and developmental research on school operations during the time of transition from remote learning to blended learning delivery/modalities. Another research that will require community engagement is collaborative research agenda-setting for selected IP communities. This is in response to the interest among IP leaders to sustain the partnership with ERP on education research, particularly in relation to Mother Tongue-Based Multilingual Education (MTB-MLE).

Finally, ERP will continue to produce scholarly publications based on data that are ready for analysis and writing up. These include teacher development, early literacy performance, and the assessment of literacy.

ACTIVITIES

1. Language and Literacy Studies

a. *SukatWika* 2.0

The design for a study on text complexity assessment is being finalized. The study

aims to establish text parameters per grade level based not only on its textual properties but also on the reading comprehension of target readers. The parameters drawn from this step will then be used to analyze existing learner resources.

The current version of *SukatWika* will be used extensively in determining psycholinguistic properties of text per grade level. The experience gained from its use in the study will further inform the improvements and additional features slated for *SukatWika* 2.0.

b. MLAF Continuation (Literacy Assessments)

In the hope of reaching more learners, the development of versions of the MLAF for remote administration (online and phone-based) will be explored and undertaken. This will prove to be useful even post-pandemic for learners in hard-to-reach areas with low technology. The current version will undergo further field-testing with a more diverse sample of learners (from private and public schools) once the health situation eases and protocols/guidelines are clearer. The development of tests for the next key stage (Grades 4 to 6) will also begin.

c. *UsapTayo*

UsapTayo is the extension of the TalkTogether project. Work on oral language development as it supports literacy development among young learners will be the focus of this project. Specifically, for 2022, the development of programs for parent-teacher intervention on activities with young children will be done. The research design for the qualitative research to accompany this inquiry is also underway.

2. Disinformation Studies

As the production and distribution of false and malicious information online

have become more prevalent and sophisticated, ERP will conduct a free workshop for teachers titled, “Spotting Fake News Online.” This will be held via Zoom on January 29, 2022. Based on the curriculum on civic reasoning formed by Stanford History Education Group, the workshop provides tools and activities to help teachers in spotting fake news online. Data gathered from this workshop will also serve as data for disinformation studies research.

3. *Sipat Edukasyon* 2022

The ERP will hold its 3rd *Sipat Edukasyon* forum in November 2022 via Zoom so that participants near and far can participate. Research papers from the various research strands of the ERP will be presented by the Research Fellows of the Program. The presentations intend to stimulate critical discussion and engage with fellow researchers on education.

4. ICT for Education (ICT4E) Studies

ERP aims to present ICT4E implementation in basic and higher education as reflected in UP System’s research, and ways to develop ICT4E research frameworks that can lead to national policies. The journal article which examines multiple education research for directions and future legislation is being finalized.

5. School Snapshots: What’s Going on in Schools Now

This area of research will focus on the transition from remote learning to blended learning delivery. There will be special emphasis on the assessment of learning.

6. Research Co-Production with IP Communities

Initial explorations on the possibility of collaborative research with select IP schools will be conducted. Research topic/s will stem from the community

with the objective of improving the quality of instruction in their schools. Once decided on the research questions, research protocols will be developed together with community members. It is because of the continuing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the remoteness of IP communities that activities for the next year are projected to be mainly exploratory in nature.

OUTPUTS

1. Scholarly articles on:
 - a. Teacher professional development on content knowledge
 - b. Oral language assessment in early childhood: Insights from a corpus of children’s literature in two languages
 - c. Papers from the Age of Acquisition research
 - d. Papers from the MLAF Children research
2. *SukatWika* Version 2.0 includes a user’s manual and initial findings about its functions and uses
3. Educating Beyond Employability: The Case of Philippine Seafarers

UP CIDS, through HERPRP and ERP, will conduct an online webinar titled, “Educating Beyond Employability: The Case of Philippine Seafarers” via Zoom on March 30, 2022. Topics such as globalization, international labor, migration, and the regulation of Philippine maritime education will be presented and discussed by representatives from the academe, government, and private industry sectors.



HIGHER EDUCATION RESEARCH AND POLICY REFORM PROGRAM

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

Program Convenor	Fernando Paragas, Ph.D. <i>Professor</i> <i>Department of Communication Research, College of</i> <i>Mass Communication, University of the Philippines (UP)</i> <i>Diliman</i>
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Office Aide	Raisa Kirstie Aquino
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Research Consultants	Agnes Kristine Arban-Quilinguing, Dr. Allen Espinosa Genevere Dominguez, Kathlee Mai Cardoz Iva Melissa Magsalin, Lorenzo Ereñata

ACTIVITIES FROM JULY TO DECEMBER 2021

WEBINAR

Making Our Way Back to the Classroom

September 8, 2021

As part of the UP CIDS webinar series, the Center's Education Cluster (i.e., ERP¹, ACTRP², and HERPRP) launched the webinar "Making Our Way Back to the Classroom" last September 8, 2021.

The online event showcased presentations from DepEd Undersecretary Diosdado San Antonio, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Executive Director David Bungallon, Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and Chairman J. Prospero de Vera III from CHED. These involved plans in preparation for the return to face-to-face learning.

Led by Dr. Jan Carlo Punongbayan as moderator, Executive Director Bungallon and DepEd Director Samuel Soliven participated in the open forum. UP's Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs Evangeline Amor delivered the closing remarks.

VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Higher Education in EDCOM: Going Global?

November 8, 2021

HERPRP held a virtual roundtable discussion entitled "Higher Education in EDCOM: Going Global?" last November 8, 2021. Opening remarks were delivered by UP Vice President for Academic Affairs Ma. Cynthia Rose Bautista, whereas Sen. Sherwin "Win" Gatchalian offered his insights through a keynote speech. Perspectives from both the public and private education sectors were explored through panel presentations: Dr. Alyssa M. Peleo-Alampay from

UP, Dr. Ester Albano-Garcia from University of the East (UE), Dr. Tirso Ronquillo from the Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges (PASUC), and Atty. Joseph Noel Estrada from Coordinating Council of Private Educational Associations of the Philippines (COCOPEA). All speakers participated in the open forum, led by the moderator, Mr. Karol Mark Yee.

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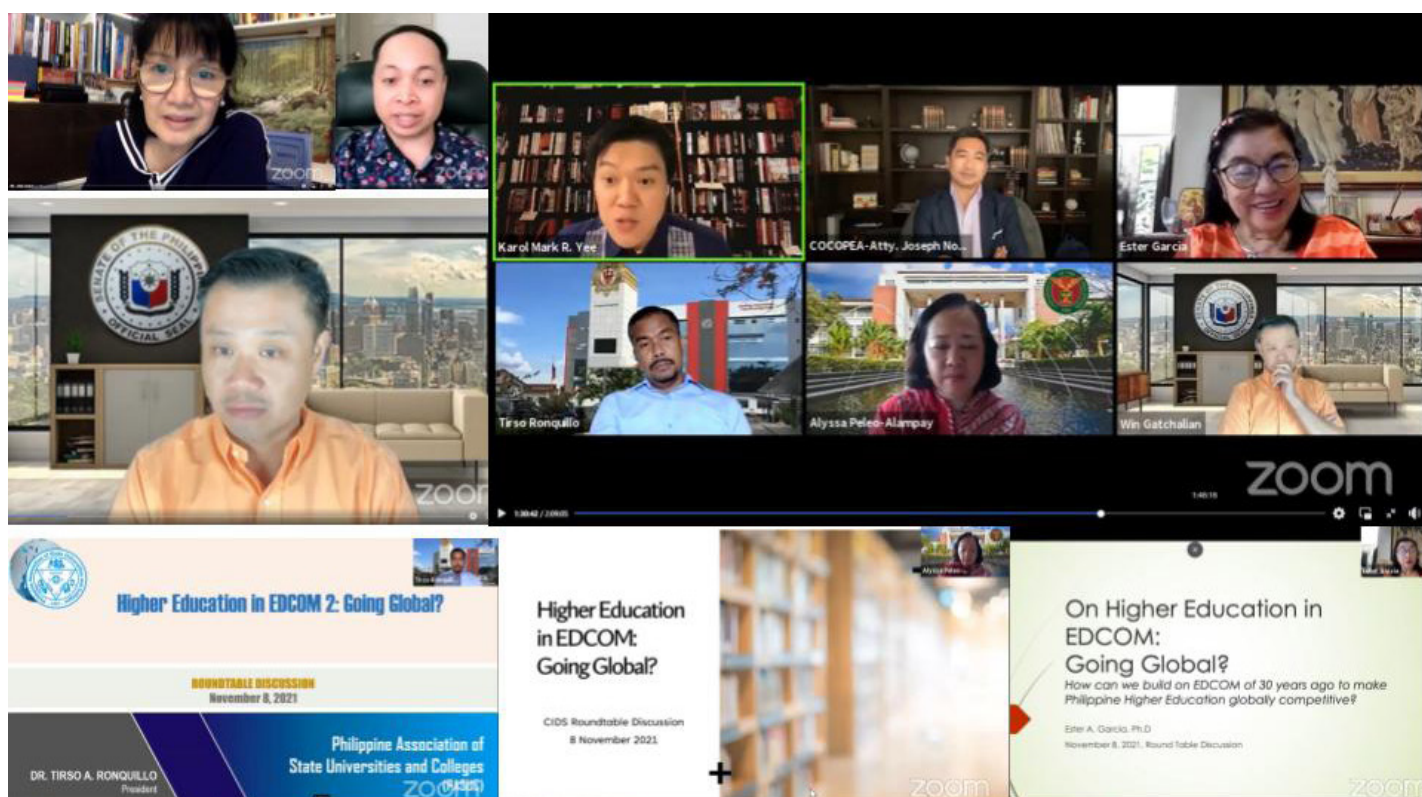
HERPRP Research Consultants

August–December 2021

Starting August 2021, hired consultants from the call last June 2021 were finally onboarded to the program. The research consultants are expected to produce one paper on a higher education topic of their choice and to assist in the program in one of its six ongoing activities. Their outputs will be released in 2022.

- a. **Ms. Agnes Kristine Arban-Quilinguing** served as one of the liaisons to the speakers of the "Making Our Way Back to the Classroom" webinar and prepared the initial drafts for the event's proceedings and press release. She also authored a policy paper titled, "Improving Education Service Delivery in the Philippines: An Assessment of Key Education Policies in the New Normal."
- b. **Dr. Allen Espinosa** hosted the online roundtable discussion, "Higher Education in EDCOM: Going Global?" He also wrote the initial draft for the event's proceedings. As a researcher from Philippine Normal University, he intended to produce a piece on teacher education, thus producing "Accountability in Preservice Teacher Education: Do Professional Standards Respond to a Quality Assurance Mechanism That Would Increase Public Confidence in Teaching?"

1 Education Research Program
2 Assessment, Curriculum, and Technology Research Program



Higher Education in EDCOM: Going Global? | PHOTO BY: HERPRP

- c. **Ms. Genevere Dominguez** oversaw the proceedings for two HERPRP events from 2019: “In, Out, and UP: A Forum on UP Admissions” and “Intersections in Higher Education: A Symposium.” She also authored a policy paper, tentatively titled, “Exploring Rural-Urban Divergence in Higher Education Trajectories of Students with Disabilities”.
- d. **Ms. Iva Magsalin** was one of the coordinators for HERPRP’s upcoming Academic Freedom Monograph. She also authored a policy paper, titled, “*Paano Na ang ‘Org Culture’*: A Micro-Level Study on Reframing Ateneo de Manila University’s Student Organization Culture in the Next Normal.”
- e. **Mr. Lorenzo Ereñata** oversaw HERPRP’s media paper. His policy paper is titled “Understanding the Self Under Lockdown, Literally and Figuratively (Observations and Suggestions from De La Salle-College of St. Benilde).”

- f. **Ms. Kai Cardoz** oversaw the HERPRP’s UP Pandemic Monograph. She also wrote a policy paper, “Stack Up: Micro-credentials and the Future of Higher Education”.

PARTICIPATION OF CONVENOR AS JURY MEMBER

PBSP –REX Publishing Edukampyon 2021 Awards

August 2, 2021

Last August 2, 2021, Dr. Paragas joined the initial meeting of evaluators and virtual orientation for the PBSP–REX Publishing *Edukampyon* 2021 Awards as one of its jury members. The awards aim to recognize outstanding initiatives of Philippine higher education institutions (HEI) amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The jury was tasked to evaluate entries for this year’s awards for potential finalists.

OFFER OF PARTNERSHIP

Supporting Holistic and Actionable Research in Education (SHARE)

November 2021

The UP CIDS Education Cluster, consisting of HERPRP, ERP, and ACTRP, was offered a partnership from Pulte Institute of Global Development for the Supporting Holistic and Actionable Research in Education (SHARE). The proposal involved two multicountry studies on (1) Language of Instruction Transition in Education Systems (LITES) and (2) Higher Education. Countries to be included in the study include the Philippines, Kenya, Senegal, and Mozambique.

OUTPUTS FROM JULY TO DECEMBER 2021

PJPP 2022 Article

“Teacher Education in the Philippines: Are we meeting the demand for quality?”

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND OUTPUTS FOR JANUARY TO JUNE 2022

For the first part of 2022, HERPRP will focus on two activities. First, the Program will organize a webinar entitled “Higher Education in the Next Normal: Harmonizing Towards Complementarity, Continuity, and competitiveness,” as part of its collaboration with the UP Diliman Office of the Chancellor-Task Force on a Blueprint for Building the Nation. Representatives from UP will also deliver their insights on higher education policy, learning in the next normal, and continuity from basic to higher education. Expected reactors will be from various government agencies and the private sector. Second, HERPRP will launch another call for research consultants to encourage a new set of researchers to author papers on higher education.

ACTIVITIES

WEBINAR

Higher Education in the Next Normal: Harmonizing Towards Complementarity, Continuity, and Competitiveness

February 3, 2022

As part of the #PILipiLUNAS2022 webinar series, HERPRP, in collaboration with UP Diliman Office of the Chancellor-Task Force on a Blueprint for Building the Nation, will launch webinar titled “Higher Education in the Next Normal: Harmonizing Towards Complementarity, Continuity, and Competitiveness.” This event will showcase insights on the concerns of Philippine higher education, especially the changes brought by the pandemic.

CALL FOR RESEARCH CONSULTANTS

March 2022

Following the success of the previous call, HERPRP is planning to start another call for researchers to write papers on higher education. Similar to the previous call, six research consultants will also be hired.

OUTPUTS

Three (3) Monographs

- Contemporary Issues in Philippine Higher Education
- Academic Freedom
- Higher Ed Pandemic Policy and the Media

Twelve (12) Policy Papers

- Six, from current Research Consultants (RC)
- Six, from new batch of RCs

Three (3) Proceedings

- Higher Education in the Next Normal: Harmonizing Towards Complementarity, Continuity, and Competitiveness
- Making Our Way Back to the Classroom
- Higher Education in EDCOM: Going Global?



ASSESSMENT, CURRICULUM, AND TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH PROGRAM

As a joint research program between the University of the Philippines and the Assessment Research Centre (ARC), University of Melbourne, the Assessment, Curriculum and Technology Research Program (ACTRP) advises and informs the Philippine system of education through curriculum, teaching, and assessment research based on empirical studies of curriculum innovation and implementation. ACTRP officially became part of the Center for Integrative and Development Studies in 2019.

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ACTIVITIES FROM JULY TO DECEMBER 2021

With the completion of the K to 12 curriculum review, ACTRP's work during the second half of 2021 focused on disseminating curriculum review findings and providing technical assistance to the Department of Education (DepEd) for the development of learning area shaping papers. These learning areas shaping papers will guide the crafting of the 2022 K-12 curriculum.

July to December 2021 was also dedicated to the development of modules and videos for the Professional Development (PD) Program for Junior High School teachers entitled "Building basic assessment competence of teachers" and the conduct of the PD training for Science and Mathematics teachers via synchronous and asynchronous sessions on Qualtrics and YouTube Live.

The research on the feasibility study on the use of microcertification for the learners of the Alternative Learning System (ALS) was completed with recommendations on its potential for describing learners' knowledge and skills for employment.

PILOT STUDY DATA COLLECTION

Feasibility Study on Microcertification for the ALS in the Philippines

May 28–September 24, 2021

Data collection for the pilot study consisted of the following process: registration of participants, production and distribution of pilot study materials, assessment period, and collection of pilot study materials. Registration and assessment forms were made available both online and in paper form. In July 2021, assessment forms and support materials were printed and sent to four DepEd divisions, namely, NCR–Manila, Region IV–Batangas Province, Region XI–Davao City, and Region XII–South Cotabato. Four weeks were given to participants for the assessment period, and another week was allotted for the collection of accomplished forms. Data collected were sorted, scanned, and cleaned by ACTRP.



Preparation of kits for pilot study participants from the four research sites. | PHOTO BY: Lalaine Bagui

ADVISORY GROUP MEETINGS

Feasibility Study on Microcertification for the ALS in the Philippines

July 22, August 19, September 2 and 23, October 21, November 4, and December 1, 2021

Meetings with the advisory group were conducted to provide pilot study implementation updates to the panel, to seek advice on how to address issues encountered in the conduct of the pilot study, to solicit suggestions on the refinement of post-pilot study consultation questions for the research participants, to report preliminary data analyses results, and to consult about the costed road map and dissemination

fora. The advisory group is composed of members of the DepEd Bureau of Alternative Education, and ALS experts/advocates from the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization – Regional Center for Educational Innovation and Technology (SEAMEO INNOTECH) and UP College of Education. ACTRP's Australian and Philippine directors are also members of the panel.

POST-PILOT STUDY CONSULTATIONS

Feasibility Study on Microcertification for ALS in the Philippines

September 30, October 1, 4, and 5, 2021

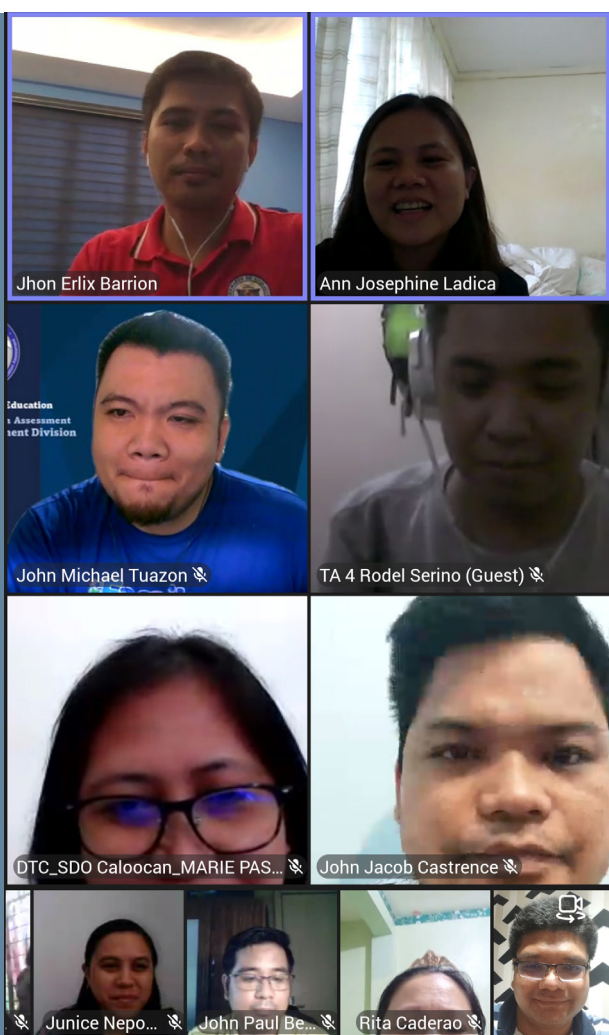
Focus group discussions were conducted with selected pilot study participants: (1) Division ALS Focal Persons and Education Program Specialists for ALS, (2) ALS teachers, (3) ALS learners, and (4) raters nominated by learners. The consultations aimed to get feedback from the participants about the implementation of the pilot study from registration up to the collection of the materials. Questions were asked about the perception of participants regarding microcertification and the possibility of implementing it on a larger scale. Challenges encountered by the participants in using the assessment forms and the usefulness of the instruction guides were also explored.

MODULE DEVELOPMENT AND ONLINE TRAINING

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

July to December 2021

ACTRP attended meetings with the DepEd Bureau of Learning Delivery-Teaching and Learning Division (BLD-TLD) to finalize Parts 2 and 3 of the Self-Learning Module (SLM) Guides and Worksheets. The finalized materials were forwarded to DepEd and were used for the online training of SLM writers conducted in October 2021. The training aimed to enhance the teachers' ability to write formative assessment tasks and to improve the quality of formative assessment within the SLMs. This activity was facilitated by DepEd BLD-TLD.



The ACTRP Research Officers with the Bureau of Education Assessment staff and examiners in debriefing session on Computer-based National Achievement Test (CB-NAT) Field Trial in Caloocan City last December 13, 2021 | PHOTO BY: Kevin Carl Santos

ADDRESSING THE CHALLENGE OF EDUCATION QUALITY:
An Educ Forum Series

ACTRC Curriculum Review Structure

Intended Curriculum	Implemented Curriculum	Tested Curriculum	Attained Curriculum
Learning Competencies within the Curriculum Guide	Teacher survey: Learning competencies taught & influence of factors	Contents of National Tests (ELLNA, G6 NAT, G10 NAT, BEEA)	Achievement on National Tests
K-3 learner materials & key competencies	Teacher FGDs		Suitability of Graduates

Application of Research Findings to DepEd Policy/Procedures

K to 12 Curriculum Review Episode 1: Curriculum Review Results AUGUST 26, 2021 9:00AM - 12:00PM

Marie Therese Busto...

DepEd SULONG EdKALIDAD Department of Education Educ Forum

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Dr. Therese Bustos explained the K to 12 curriculum review process at the Educ Forum. | PHOTO BY: Therese Bustos

Assessment Professional Development on Building Basic Assessment Competence of Teachers

November 3–20, 2021 (Grade 8 and 9 Science Teachers)
November 29–December 18, 2021 (Grade 8 and 9 Math Teachers)

ACTRP is part of a consortium organized by the DepEd to deliver a PD Program on Assessment and Emerging Literacies with a focus on the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA). The target participants of the program are Math, Science, and English teachers in 9,344 Junior High Schools (JHS) nationwide. ACTRP delivered the module entitled “Building Basic Assessment Competence of Teachers,” which includes 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 has asynchronous and synchronous sessions that run for a total of 18 hours over three weeks. The training for the Science and Math teachers was delivered in November to December 2021.

FORUM

DepEd Education Forum

August 26, 2021

The K–12 Curriculum Review results were presented to education stakeholders at the Educ Forum. Presenters included DepEd Undersecretary for Curriculum and Instruction Diosdado San Antonio, Assistant Secretary Alma Ruby Torio, Bureau of Curriculum Development Director Jocelyn Andrada, Bureau of Learning Delivery Director Leila Areola and Bureau of Education Assessment Director Nelia Benito for DepEd, and Dr. Marie Therese A. P. Bustos and Dr. Pam Robertson for ACTRP. Dr.

Christopher Bernido, President of the Central Visayan Institute Foundation, and Dr. Bert Tuga, President of the Philippine Normal University, served as the reactors. DepEd Regional Director Ramir Uytico moderated the open forum.

WORKSHOP

Workshop on DepEd's 21st Century Skills Framework: Review of the K-12 Curriculum and the Development of Learning Area Shaping Papers

September to November 2021

ACTRP collaborated with representatives from the DepEd's Bureau of Learning Delivery, Bureau of Curriculum Development, Bureau of Education Assessment, and Bureau of Learning Resources to develop the 21st Century Skills Framework. The drafted framework was presented to the department's Curriculum and Instruction Pillars for approval. This framework will be used by DepEd to guide all

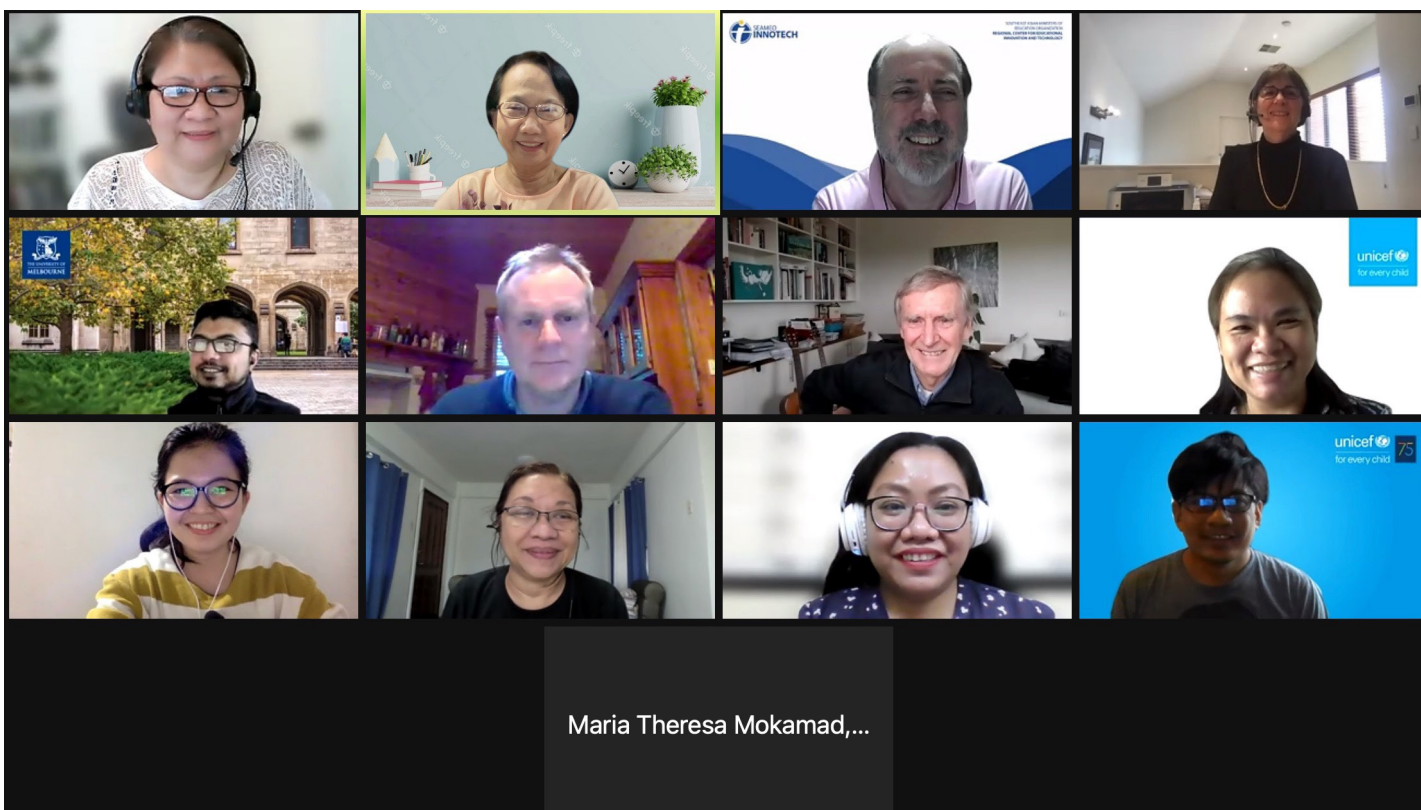
its governance levels as they work together to enhance the development of the enumerated and described 21st Century Skills among all Filipino learners. Specifically, the framework aims to achieve a shared understanding of such skills within DepEd to ensure clear and consistent communication and implementation.

MEETING ON CURRICULAR FRAMEWORKS

Review of the K-12 Curriculum and the Development of Learning Area Shaping Papers

December 3, 2021

The meeting was held to update DepEd on the work of ACTRP and DepEd specialists on the different frameworks (Literacy, STEM, and 21st Century Skills). Dr. Pam Robertson and Dr. Carmel Sandiford from the University of Melbourne presented documents to guide DepEd Bureau of Curriculum Development (DepEd-BCD) specialists in the development of the frameworks. Director Jocelyn Andaya

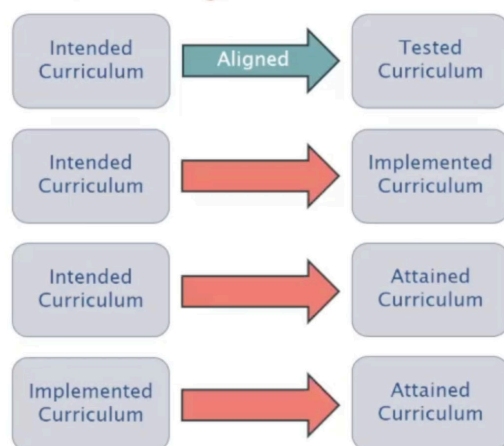


Members of the Advisory Panel and the research team from ACTRP and ARC University of Melbourne for the Feasibility Study on Microcertification in the Alternative Learning System (ALS) during its meeting last July 21, 2021. | PHOTO BY: Marlene Ferido

ADDRESSING THE CHALLENGE OF EDUCATION QUALITY:

An Educ Forum Series

Alignment Findings



Pam Robertson



K to 12 Curriculum Review Episode 1: Curriculum Review Results

AUGUST 26, 2021
9:00AM - 12:00PM



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Dr. Pam Robertson presented the alignment of concurrent curricula at the Education Forum. | PHOTO BY: Therese Bustos

and Chief Education Program Specialist Isabel Victorino were present in the meeting along with the specialists from English, Filipino, Science, Mathematics, TLE, and those who were part of the workshops on 21st Century Skills. Timeliness and ways forward were discussed after the presentations.

WORKSHOP

STEM Framework Workshop

December 15, 2021

The workshop aimed to produce a consistent design cycle to be used across the Science, Mathematics, and Technology and Livelihood Education (TLE) learning areas. DepEd Bureau of Curriculum Development (DepEd-BCD) Chief Education Program Specialist Isabel Victorino and specialists from the three learning areas attended the workshop. The ACTRP team and consultants from the University of Melbourne, Dr. Ann Osman and Dr. Catherine Pearn, also participated in the activity. At the end

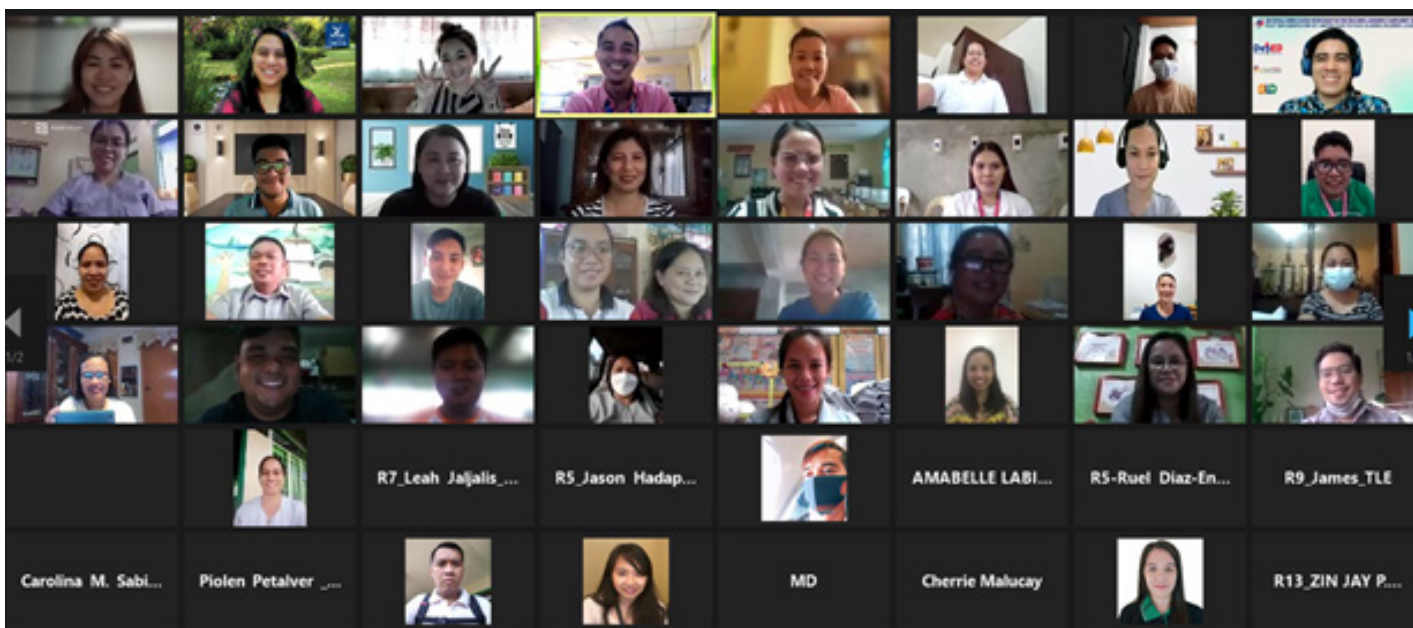
of the workshop, representatives from the three learning areas were able to agree on a common cycle. The development of the STEM framework will follow by early January.

STUDY

Learning Loss Study

August 20, 2021-ongoing

ACTRP has been tapped by the Bureau of Education Assessment (BEA) to assist in conducting DepEd's study on learning loss due to COVID-19. Particularly, ACTRP provided guidance on the research design and sample and in the review of test items to be included in the computer-based National Achievement Test (CB-NAT). ACTRP analyzed previous NAT Grades 6 and 10 data to determine which items could be used as linking items for the CB-NAT 2021. The study will be completed by the end of the first quarter of 2022.



The ACTRP produced modules for Self-Learning Module (SLM) writers and attended the online training conducted by the DepEd Bureau of Learning Delivery-Teaching and Learning Division (BLD-TLD) last October 13, 20, and 27, 2021. | PHOTO BY: Junice Nepomuceno

TRAINING

Introduction to Rasch Analysis Training

October 28–December 16, 2021

To capacitate the BEA staff in conducting psychometric analysis of their assessment data, ACTRP organized a 10-session training on Introduction to Rasch Analysis. Dr. Margaret Wu, one of the experts in the field of psychometrics in Australia, served as the resource person for the entire training. This training was organized for the BEA staff to understand and appreciate the psychometric analysis that will be conducted in the learning loss study.

FIELD TRIAL

Computer-based National Achievement Test Field Trial

December 1–13, 2021

ACTRP was invited by BEA to observe the CB-NAT 2021 field trial. Research officers of ACTRP observed the selected Grade 7 students from Cebu Province and Grade 11 students

from Caloocan City. The research officers also attended the debriefing sessions where several issues were raised by the examiners. ACTRP also submitted comments and recommendations to improve the implementation of CB-NAT 2021.

OUTPUTS FROM JULY TO DECEMBER 2021

Journal article

- Language Mapping Through Semantic Fluency Testing: Towards an Empirical Means for Determining Children's MTs

Module

- How to Enhance Formative Assessment in Self-Learning Modules: A Guide for Writers (Part 2: Formative Assessment Basics)
- How to Enhance Formative Assessment in Self-Learning Modules: A Guide for Writers (Part 3: Eliciting Extensions)

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND OUTPUTS FOR JANUARY TO JUNE 2022

ACTRP will focus on the following projects from January-June 2022: the provision of technical assistance to the DepEd in connection with the 2022 K-12 Curriculum, the learning loss Study, capacity building of Bureau of Education Assessment personnel, capacity building of Junior High School and Sustaining Education Reform Gains (SERG) Project teachers in assessment, and the wider dissemination of the Feasibility Study on Microcertification for the ALS.

ACTIVITIES

ASSESSMENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Building Basic Assessment Competence of Teachers

January 10-29, 2022 (Grade 8 and 9 English Teachers)
March-June 2022 (SERG Schools)

ACTRP will train the last batch of participants, Grades 8 and 9 English teachers, in January 2022. Schools under the SERG project of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) will also receive training in assessment, involving elementary school teachers.

LEARNING LOSS STUDY

Technical Assistance to Bureau of Education Assessment

First Quarter of 2022

BEA will implement the CB-NAT 2021 during the first quarter of 2022. Once the assessment has been administered, ACTRP will assist them in analyzing both the previous NAT and CB-NAT 2021 for Grades 6 and 10 to measure learning loss due to COVID-19.

Capacity Building for BEA Personnel

January-May 2022

Training on the applications of item response theory (IRT) to international large-scale assessments (ILSAs) and the proper way to conduct secondary analysis of ILSA data will be conducted for BEA staff in the summer of 2022.

Facilitation of K to 12 Curriculum Development Workshops

January-June 2022

ACTRP will provide technical input and facilitate curriculum development processes with DepEd curriculum specialists. Following the results of the curriculum review, DepEd will prepare learning area shaping papers and streamline curricular frameworks across subject areas and grade levels.

Wider Dissemination of the Feasibility Study on Microcertification

January-June 2022

ACTRP will present the findings and recommendations of the Feasibility Study on Microcertification for ALS in the Philippines at the Educ Forum as well as in various forums for DepEd Officials, ALS Implementers, and external partners.

OUTPUTS

1. "Principles of Success in Mother Tongue-Based Primary Education in the Philippines" (Journal article)
2. Documentation of the Curriculum Review and Curriculum Development Processes (Technical report)

PROGRAM ON DATA SCIENCE FOR PUBLIC POLICY

The Program on Data Science for Public Policy (DSPPP) has three objectives. First, it aims to build the capacity of University of the Philippines (UP) faculty in data science and apply this learned skill to public policy and governance. Second, it strives to engage a community of researchers within the university and encourage the pursuit of interdisciplinary problem-oriented research using high-level quantitative analyses. Finally, it seeks to convene multidisciplinary teams of social scientists, humanists, and scientists to research issues in the public sector.

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Junior Research Analyst	Joyce Marie P. Lagac
Senior Project Assistant	Julius Paolo C. Basa

ACTIVITIES FROM JULY TO DECEMBER 2021

CONSULTATIVE STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

Data Science Working Group

July 14–December 10, 2021 (recurring meetings)

DSPPP continued to convene the Data Science Working Group and participated in the continued review of the inter-constituent unit (inter-CU) program proposals in the field of data science, in particular:

- Ph.D. in Data Science (College of Science, School of Statistics, and College of Engineering; UP Diliman);
- BSc in Data Science (UP Mindanao);
- MSc in Data Science for Development (UP Open University); and
- MSc/Ph.D. in Bioinformatics (College of Science, UP Diliman; and the Philippine Genome Center)

The Working Group also serves as an avenue to discuss the efforts of different UP units in addressing the COVID-19 pandemic's impacts. Various academic heads are also part of the meeting to integrate all data science efforts and setting up a facility to cater to UP researchers' needs in terms of big data analytics (BDA) and cloud computing, among others (e.g., installment of supercomputers for researchers and the launch of UP Data Commons).

CONSULTATIVE STAKEHOLDERS MEETING

Digital Public Pulse Project

October 2021

DSPPP and the Department of Communications Research from the College of Mass Communication (CMC), UP Diliman held a meeting to present and discuss the Digital Public Pulse, a media-monitoring project by UP CMC that traces maps, and analyzes public discourses in the Philippine digital public sphere. It investigates the intersection of the digital public, social networks, and media



The group met to discuss the Digital Public Pulse project, a media-monitoring project that traces, maps, and analyzes public discourses in the Philippine digital public sphere. | PHOTO BY: Joyce Marie Lagac

convergence in shaping Philippine politics, culture, and society.

CAPACITY-BUILDING ACTIVITY

Text Mining in Career Studies: Generating Insights from Unstructured Textual Data

July 23, 2021

The lecture explained the process of text mining as it is applied to the study of careers, starting with text preprocessing and ending with the application of analytical techniques.

Both conventional techniques, such as latent semantic and principal components analysis, and more novel text analytical techniques, such as word embeddings, are discussed. The lecture also hopes to inspire careers researchers to further embrace text analysis to answer novel research questions.

RESEARCH ACTIVITY

Analysis of Education-to-Labor-Market and Job-to-Job Transitions

September 24, 2021–Present

The research project aims to visualize transitions and create a model that can predict probable job transitions in a person's career using historical data of education-to-labor market transitions and job-to-job transitions. The project will build a model using sequence prediction algorithms, such as recurrent neural network and conditional random fields, among others.

OUTPUTS FROM JULY TO DECEMBER 2021

Proceedings

- “Proceedings of Text Mining in Career Studies: Generating Insights from Unstructured Textual Data”

Working papers

- “The Role of Data in Post-Pandemic World”
- “Information System Capacity Asymmetries across various LGUs”

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND OUTPUTS FOR JANUARY TO JUNE 2022

DSPP will continue pursuing activities related to its internal research agenda, particularly on the governance of information systems. It will also look into labor market analytics and health data science. The outputs of these research activities will be submitted to UP CIDS for publication. Different capacity-building programs will also be pursued as part of DSPP's two-pronged thrust—the proceedings of which shall be compiled and submitted for publication to the Center.

ACTIVITIES

- **Continuation of the labor analytics research activities**

The project is conducting two labor analytics research activities. The first aims to use historical data of education-to-labor market transitions and job-to-job transitions, to create a model that can predict probable job transitions in a person's career. The second research project will create an algorithm that automatically detects and sorts job type information in vacancies. These job information may include worker attributes (skills, competencies, education), job activities, description of the business organization, benefits, and compensation. Consequently, the project will create the first skill taxonomy of Filipino workers in the Philippines.

- **Research activities related to the Innovations in the Operationalization of Whole-of-Society Approaches in Pandemic-Related Information Systems**

The research project aims to look at the experience of select local government units (LGUs) in improving their information

DSPPP Research Fellow Dr. Vladimer Kobayashi teaches participants text analysis using the program R | PHOTO BY: Joyce Marie Lagac

system capacities in addressing the COVID-19 pandemic by gathering textual data from the discussions with LGUs and utilizing the data available from different social media pages of these LGUs to conduct quantitative analysis.

- **Analyzing skill demand and taxonomies in the Mindanao region**

Mindanao offers great potential in terms of manpower; however, many young workers cannot find suitable jobs because either they are not aware of the opportunities or there are mismatches in their education and available jobs in the labor market. The task is to develop profiles of skills and competencies required by companies operating in the Mindanao region. The result will be used to write a policy brief that makes recommendations on what skills education institutions should focus on developing for their students.

OUTPUTS

1. Policy briefs
2. Discussion papers (Analysis of Education-to-Labor-Market & Job-to-Job Transitions)
3. DSPP Lecture Series

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PROGRAM ON ESCAPING THE MIDDLE-INCOME TRAP: CHAINS FOR CHANGE

The Program on Escaping the Middle-Income Trap: Chains for Change (EMIT C4C) focuses on inclusiveness and competitiveness in its research and societal efforts. It undertakes three projects through team science: big data analytics (BDA) on manufacturing and exports, action research on agriculture and fisheries value chains, and action research on business for peace. Inclusive science provides learning spaces for EMIT C4C and its partners to reflect on wicked societal problems and co-create approaches to address them.

Program Convenor	Annette Balaoing-Pelkmans, Ph.D. <i>Senior Research Associate</i> <i>Partnerships Resource Centre, Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University</i>
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Junior Research Analyst	Allan Albert Lalisán
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ACTIVITIES FROM JULY TO DECEMBER 2021

REPORT LAUNCHING

Exploring Opportunities for Economic Diversification and Productive Employment in the Philippines

August 5, 2021

The report, which discussed COVID-19-related challenges on employment and diversification in the Philippines, was authored by EMIT C4C convenor, Dr. Annette Balaoing-Pelkmans and Dr. Adrian Mendoza. In the report's launch, the International Labour Organization (ILO) shared the paper's main findings. Discussants who gave comments included Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Undersecretary Rafaelita Aldaba, Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry Secretary-General Ruben Pascual, and World Bank Country Director for Philippines, Malaysia, Thailand, and Brunei, Dr. Ndiame Diop.

VALIDATION WORKSHOP

Validation Workshop on the Islamic Community Plan

September 7, 2021

The validation workshop, held in Kura Kura, Lanao del Norte, is the second undertaken in the Business-for-Peace project to help key MILF communities build their own blueprint of a model Islamic community. The attendees include members of the MILF's Northwestern Mindanao Front (NWMF). EMIT C4C Convenor Dr. Annette Balaoing-Pelkmans helped organize and actively participated in the workshop.

WORKSHOPS

Capacity Enhancement Workshops

November 22, 2021

The first workshop was for the officers of the Bangsamoro Islamic Women Auxiliary Brigade (BIWAB) in the six camps of Camp Bilal, whereas the second was for NMWF leaders, particularly those directly supporting the legislative work of member of parliament (MP)

Abdullah Macapaar. The workshops surfaced community members' needs, as well as the knowledge, skills, and technology needed to meet their needs. Among the workshops' outputs of the workshops include the emphasis on securing and managing livelihood opportunities.

FORUM

Industrial Policy Forum

December 9, 2021

EMIT C4C Convenor Dr. Annette Balaoing-Pelkmans served as one of the speakers in the forum organized by the International Trade Centre (ITC) of Geneva which was meant to discuss international experts' ideas and research findings on industrial policies. Other speakers included DTI Undersecretary and Board of Investments Governor Ceferino Rodolfo.

PRESENTATION

#PEFTalks: Examining the Value Chains for Area Development and Collaboration

December 16, 2021

EMIT C4C presented its action research findings on *Kapunungan sa Gagmayng Mangingisda sa Concepcion*, which was headed by the 2021 Ramon Magsaysay Awardee, Roberto Baylon. The Program also shared its preliminary findings on Global Organic Wellness Corporation (GlowCorp), Hacienda Malaga Cuenca Agrarian Reform Cooperative (MACARBEN), and Laak Multipurpose Cooperative (LAMPCO). #PEFTalks are online knowledge events aimed to gather fresh perspectives and expert advice on social development issues.

OUTPUTS FROM JULY TO DECEMBER 2021

Journal Manuscript

- Bridging the Agriculture Credit Gap: A Case Study on the Farmer Entrepreneurship Program of Jollibee Group Foundation

Monograph

- Going Against the Grain: Case Study on the *Kapunungan sa Gagmayng Mangingisda sa Concepcion*

Policy Insight

- A Technical Analysis on the Manila Bay Dolomite Beach Reclamation Project

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND OUTPUTS FOR JANUARY TO JUNE 2022

Efforts will be undertaken to finish the action research case studies on Global Organic Wellness Corporation (GlowCorp), Hacienda Malaga Cuenca Agrarian Reform Cooperative (MACARBEN), and Laak Multipurpose Cooperative (LAMPCO), share these to Peace and Equity Foundation (PEF) for comments, and eventually submit knowledge products to UP CIDS. The research process also includes

validation sessions from leaders of GlowCorp, MACARBEN, and LAMPCO. If it is possible, some of these validation sessions will be held face-to-face to enable a richer discussion. By the second quarter of 2022, EMIT C4C intends to share these papers' findings in an online Anchor Themes Workshop in partnership with PEF.

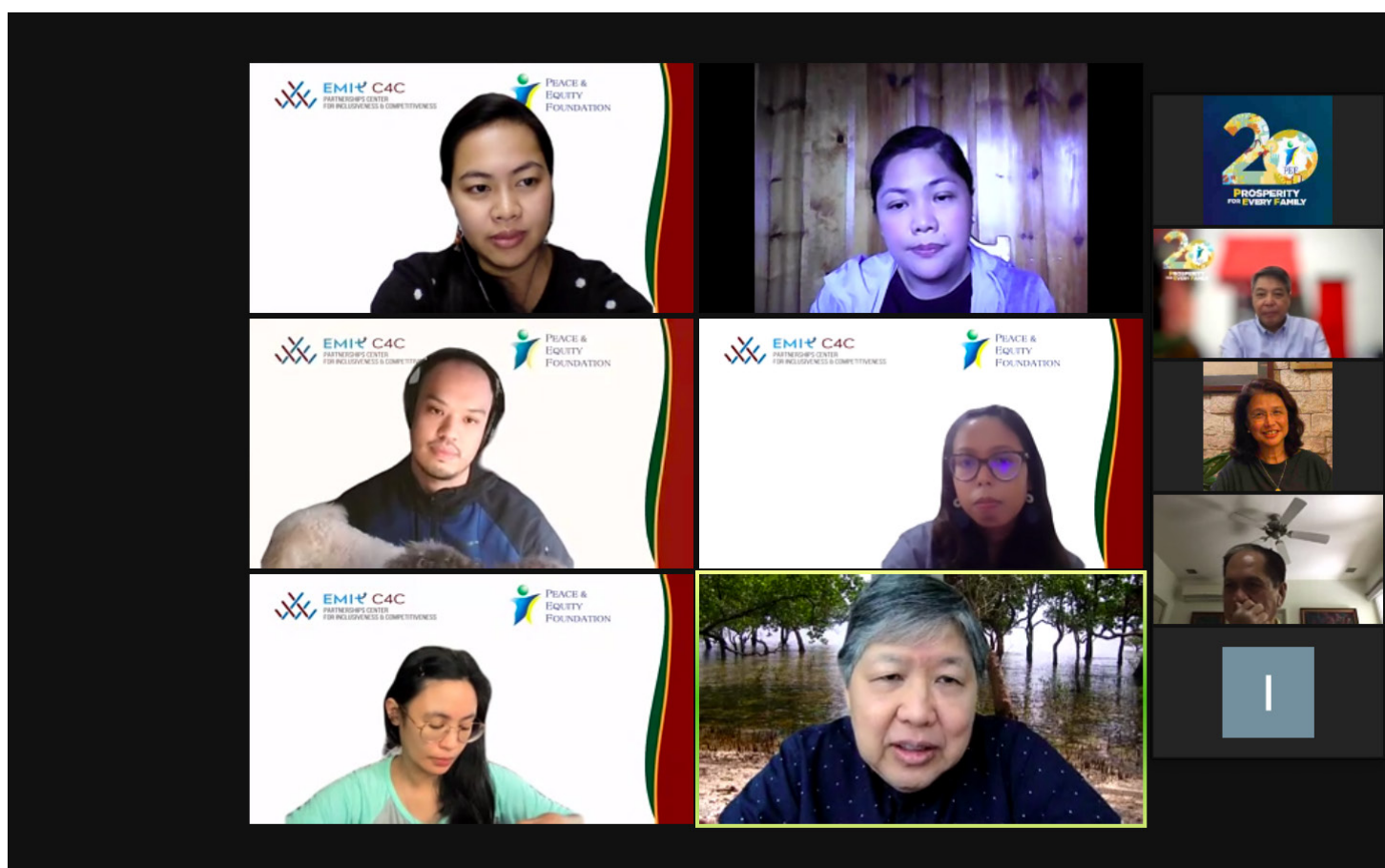
The Program also intends to submit a systematic literature review on the middle-income trap to UP CIDS, particularly to the Philippine Journal of Public Policy (PJPP). In the first half of the year, Dr. Pelkmans-Balaoing will also undertake fieldwork in Mindanao to join EMIT C4C's partners in the face-to-face trainings and workshops with MILF's key leaders and members.

ACTIVITIES

Two field research studies in Mindanao, particularly in Lanao del Sur, will be undertaken by EMIT C4C. One will involve workshops with the NWMF on capacity enhancement. To



Photo taken by the EMIT C4C convenor while on fieldwork. | PHOTO BY: Annette Balaoing-Pelkmans, Ph.D.



Presentation of EMIT C4C of its action research cases to the PEF board of trustees. | PHOTO BY: PEF

maximize the trip, discussions with Unifrutti and the Hineleban Foundation in Davao City and Bukidnon will also be conducted, which will center on the continuation of the action research on inclusive and competitive agriculture value chains and apply prior lessons to new enterprises.

Three validation workshops with key partners of PEF will be undertaken during the period. One workshop will discuss the findings of the draft action research reports on GlowCorp, MACARBEN, and LAMPCO with the board of trustees, management, and select members of farmers' cooperatives. After new drafts are formed from the validation sessions, a discussion with the management and PEF's

board of trustees will ensue. Toward the end of the period, an Anchor Themes Workshop will then discuss the reports with the wider public. This final workshop will be hosted by UP CIDS, in partnership with PEF.

OUTPUTS

- **Three (3) monographs or discussion papers on the action research case studies with PEF.** These will form part of the Going Against the Grain series that EMIT C4C is developing. The intention is to cull findings and eventually develop these into a book.
- One (1) PJPP manuscript showing the results of the systematic literature review on the middle-income trap



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.

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ACTIVITIES FROM JULY TO DECEMBER 2021

PRESENTATION

University Council Meeting

July 19, 2021

During the University Council Meeting held last July 19, 2021, PEP Convenor Dr. Antoinette Raquiza presented a proposed statement opposing the following Senate bills which seek to ease foreign ownership restrictions in vital industries, which were under deliberations at that time: (i) Senate Bill 2094, amending the Public Service Act; (ii) Senate Bill 1156, amending the Foreign Investments Act of 1991; and (iii) Senate Bill 1840, amending the Retail Trade Liberalization Act of 2000. The proposed statement, "Rebuild the Philippine Economy by Strengthening Filipino Capabilities," was put through a vote through a referendum in September 2021 and adopted by the UPD University Council and released on October 6, 2021.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

#PILiPiLUNAS2022: Kumustahin ang Bayan

August 6, 2021

Coorganized with the Office for the Advancement of Teaching, the *Kumustahin ang Bayan* webinar was the first in the series of discussions titled #PILiPiLUNAS2022: *Pagbangon at Pangsulong Tungo sa Magandang Buhay at Bukas*, conducted under the UP Diliman Office of the Chancellor. The webinar focused on where the country is in terms of the government's *Ambisyon 2040* Program, as well as people's perceptions of their quality of life amid the pandemic and upcoming national elections. It featured presentations from the Social Weather Stations (SWS), Pulse Asia Research, Inc, and the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA).

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

#PILiPiLUNAS2022: Public Utility Vehicle Modernization Program (PUVMP) of the Philippines: Updates, Issues, and Challenges

October 25, 2021

Also part of the #PILiPiLUNAS2022 series, this webinar focused on the challenges and issues on public transportation and the implementation of the government's Public Utility Vehical Modernization Program (PUVMP). Faculty researchers from the UP School of Urban and Regional Planning, UP National College of Public Administration and Governance (NCPAG), and College of Engineering gave presentations on proposed improvements to local public transport services and alternative green energy for mass public transportation. The webinar was coorganized with the UP National Center for Transportation Studies (NCTS).

#PILiPiLUNAS2022: Pagbangon at Pagsulong sa Magandang Buhay at Bukas

Public Transportation under the Public Utility Vehicle Modernization Program (PUVMP) of the Philippines: Updates, Issues and Challenges

25 October 2021 1:30PM - 5:00PM via Zoom and Facebook Live

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DR. CRESENCIO MONTALBO, JR.
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U.P. National Center for Transportation Studies
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Faculty researchers from UP Diliman discussed proposed improvements to local public transport services during the webinar, "Public Utility Vehicle Modernization Program of the Philippines: Updates, Issues, and Challenges." | PHOTO BY: UPD Task Force Nation-Building

OUTPUTS FROM JULY TO DECEMBER 2021

Policy Briefs

- The informal labor carries the brunt of a COVID 19-induced economic recession: The need for stronger transition policies to formality (Dr. Emily Christi Cabegin)

- Waste Heat Recovery and Energy Efficiency for Small and Medium Power Users
- Small Vessels Retrofit for Range Extension and Emissions Reduction
- Role of Institutions on Foreign Investments and Investment Policies
- Policy brief on MSMEs

Discussion Papers

- Rebuilding MSMEs in the Time of the Pandemic and Beyond
Prof. Rolando Ramon Diaz
- Future-Proofing Philippine Agriculture and Food Systems: Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic
Darlene Dolly Alegado-Cruz

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND OUTPUTS FOR JANUARY TO JUNE 2022

For January–June 2022, PEP will conduct research projects on local transportation systems and its subsectors (e.g., e-trikes, jeepneys), as well as on industrial policy, where the Program will engage with relevant UP units, government agencies, civil society organizations, and sectoral representatives to examine pressing issues and propose corresponding recommendations.

PEP will also continue to work with the Task Force Nation-Building, especially with the culmination of the #PILipiLUNAS2022 webinar series in a dialogue with national candidates. In this dialogue, a governance agenda derived from the series's roundtable discussions will be presented.

<https://upd.edu.ph/statement-of-the-upd-university-studencouncil-on-senate-bills-2094-1156-and-1840/>

Statement of the UPD University Council on Senate Bills 2094, 1156, and 1840

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February 28, 2022 | Statements > UPDate Online

Rebuild the Philippine Economy by Strengthening Filipino Capabilities

When the Philippine Congress convened its regular session in July, Congressional leaders vowed to fast-track the enactment of laws that will have a long-lasting and wide-ranging impact. Certified as urgent by President Rodrigo Duterte, these bills will now allow 100-percent foreign ownership and management of vital public services and small retail businesses.

Specifically, three Senate bills are on the table:

Senate Bill Number (SBN) 2094 will reclassify key strategic sectors, previously considered public utilities under Commonwealth Act of 146 (or the Public Service Law) as “public services,” which may result in 100-percent foreign ownership in the country’s telecommunications and transportation sectors.

SBN 1156 will do away with the Foreign Investments Act of 1991 provision that reserves small and medium enterprises (i.e., valued at less than USD 200,000) to Filipinos, as it will allow foreigners to set up and wholly own businesses with a minimum of USD 100,000 under some conditions.

SBN 1840, complementing SBN 1156, will amend the Retail Trade Liberalization Act of 2000 by

The UPD University Council adopted the statement, entitled “Rebuild the Philippine Economy by Strengthening Filipino Capabilities,” to raise awareness on how easing foreign ownership restrictions on public services and small businesses could be detrimental to Filipinos. | PHOTO BY: UP Diliman Website

UP Diliman Office of the Chancellor
Task Force on a Blueprint for Building the Nation

#PILipiLUNAS2022: Kumustahin ang Bayan

06 August 2021 9:30–11:30 AM

via Zoom and Facebook Live



Mahar Mangahas, Ph.D.
President, Social Weather Stations
Speaker



Ronald Holmes, Ph.D.
President, Pulse Asia Research, Inc.
Speaker



USEC. Rosemarie Edillon
Policy and Planning
National Economic and Development Authority
Speaker



Walden Bello, Ph.D.
Co-Chair
Focus on the Global South
Speaker



Moderated by:

Ms. Kara David

Multi-awarded Journalist and Host
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UP Diliman

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#PILipiLUNAS2022

Resource speakers from SWS; Pulse Asia, Inc.; Focus on the Global South; and the National Economic and Development Authority discuss Filipinos' perceptions on their quality of life during the webinar, #PILipiLUNAS2022: *Kumustahin ang Bayan*. | PHOTO BY: UPD Task Force Nation-Building

ACTIVITIES

Roundtable Discussions on the following:

- **Industrial Policy and Nation-Building.** The activity will focus on the different aspects of Philippine industrial policy and on the University's contribution toward making it inclusive and innovation-driven. The webinar is cosponsored by the College of Engineering under the #PILipiLUNAS2022 series of the Task Force and will include presenters from the College of Science, College of Engineering, and Institute for Small-Scale Industries.
- **Economic Recovery and Transformation.** The activity will tackle topics such as trade, macroeconomics and labor, and the role of institutions in investment policies. It is also under the #PILipiLUNAS2022 webinar series and is coorganized with the UP School of Economics and the Task Force Nation-Building.
- **Retrofitting of Small Vessels.** The roundtable discussion will be a venue

to present the findings of the 2021 PEP project on the shipbuilding industry, particularly on retrofitting small vessels to improve fuel efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The activity also aims to gather further inputs from government and other maritime stakeholders.

OUTPUTS

Policy briefs under the theme, "Promoting Inclusive Modernization of the Philippine Public Transportation Sector"

1. Local Governance Best Practice: General Santos Case Study
2. Public Vehicles: Opportunities and Electric Tricycles

Presentation on Manufacturing Matters (from the webinar on Industrial Policy and Nation-Building)

Proceedings of the webinar on Industrial Policy and Nation-Building

PROGRAM ON ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT

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

Program Convenor	Eduardo C. Tadem, Ph.D. <i>Professorial Lecturer Asian Center, University of the Philippines Diliman</i>
Co-Convenor	Benjamin B. Velasco <i>Assistant Professor School of Labor and Industrial Relations University of the Philippines Diliman</i>
Project Leader	Jose Monfred C. Sy
Senior Research Analyst	Ananeza P. Aban
Junior Research Analysts	Honey B. Tabiola, Rafael Vicente V. Dimalanta
Senior Project Assistants	Micah Hanah S. Orlino , Ryan Joseph C. Martinez

ACTIVITIES FROM JULY TO DECEMBER 2021

CONFERENCE

Building Alternative Livelihoods in Times of Ecological and Political Crisis

July 5–8, 2021

AltDev researchers Honey Tabiola, Jose Monfred Sy, and Ananeza Aban presented papers in “Building Alternative Livelihoods in the Times of Ecological and Political Crisis” conference, the international online joint conference of the International Degrowth Research Networks, the International Society for Ecological Economics (ISEE), and the European Society for Ecological Economics (ESEE), hosted by the University of Manchester. They discussed the cases of alternative practices in Vietnam, the Philippines, Timor-Leste, and Indonesia.

WEBINAR

Rethinking LGBTIQ Advocacy in ASEAN

July 11, 2021

The ASEAN¹ SOGIE Caucus (ASC) organized the ASEAN Advocacy Week 2021 and held a webinar entitled, “Rethinking LGBTIQ Advocacy in ASEAN.” AltDev Senior Research Analyst Ananeza Aban discussed “Alternative Regionalism: Theory and Practice,” highlighting that LGBTIQ+² and SOGIESC-based³ activism must be grounded on solidarity and people-to-people interactions and support the struggles of other marginalized sectors.

CONFERENCE

26th Young Scholars Conference on Philippine Studies

July 17, 2021

Asst. Prof. Benjamin Velasco, AltDev Co-convenor, spoke at the online keynote session of the 26th Young Scholars Conference on

Philippine Studies in Japan hosted by Kanazawa University. In this two-day conference, he presented the main findings of the AltDev report on the COVID-19 responses of the Nagkaisa Labor Coalition, the farm workers organizations *Asosasyon sang mga Mamu mungon sa Nolan* (AMANO) and Nakalang Padilla Farm Workers Association (NAFWA), the women social enterprise Igting, and the Ayta Mag-indi community in Pampanga. He also discussed how organized communities exercise agency in the face of the Duterte administration’s failed authoritarian response.

WEBINAR

State of the People Address 2021: *Kumperensya para sa Pagbangon ng Ekonomiya at ng Bayan*

July 20, 2021

AltDev Convenor Dr. Eduardo Tadem discussed the need to legislate a wealth tax to counter massive inequality in the Philippines and fund the country’s pandemic response. His lecture was part of the in-person and online State of the People Address yearly organized by the Freedom from Debt Coalition and its partners, parallel to the annual State of the Nation Address (SONA). Dr. Tadem also discussed the rise of wealth inequality at record levels during the pandemic, highlighting that wealth inequality has been a fundamental feature of capitalism with human costs, leading to social and economic instabilities.

CONFERENCE

Caring Communities for Radical Change

August 25, 2021

AltDev Senior Research Analyst Ananeza Aban showcased nine cases of community strategies during COVID-19 times throughout Southeast Asia at the 8th International Degrowth Conference organized online and in The Hague, Netherlands by Ontgroei (the Dutch Degrowth

1 Association of Southeast Asian Nations

2 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex or Questioning

3 Sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, and sex characteristics-based



Field documentation with PATAMABA in Zambales for the launching of the Lila Stores featured by Lawan last December 8, 2021 Lawan: Alternative Grassroots Narratives in Southeast Asia

Platform) and the International Institute of Social Studies (ISS). Aban explained that the pandemic's regional context underscored the moral bankruptcy of governments and ASEAN as an intergovernmental body to effectively respond to a global health emergency. She added that the pandemic has also solidified many authoritarian regimes to consolidate their power over their citizens and bolster their neoliberal policies.

WEBINAR

Walang Golden Age sa Ekonomiya

September 23, 2021

Walang Golden Age sa Ekonomiya was part of the *Dambana ng Gunita: Mga Batayang Katotohanan at Aral ng Batas Militar*, organized by the University of the Philippines Office of the President and the Department of History of College of Social Sciences and Philosophy

(CSSP), University of the Philippines Diliman, to mark the 49th year of the Martial Law declaration. The webinar tackled the state of the economy during Martial Law, debunking claims that it was the country's Golden Age. AltDev Convenor Dr. Eduardo Tadem gave his lecture, "How Marcos Undermined Philippine Agriculture and Further Marginalized the Peasantry."

WEBINAR

Alternatibong Pulitika? Posible! Tungo sa Pagtatagumpay ng Alternatibong Pulitika sa Pilipinas

September 25, 2021

For this voters' education seminar aimed at young voters organized by a newly organized progressive party list, Alternatiba ng Masa, together with civil society organizations and labor unions, AltDev Convenor Dr. Eduardo Tadem spoke on the outlines of a socialist electoral platform.

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Capacity Building of Social Economy Ecosystem of Asian Countries Program

October 4-15, 2021

The Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), Capacity Improvement and Advancement for Tomorrow with the Global Civic Sharing, organized its 2021 fellowship program with the theme “Capacity Building of Social Economy Ecosystem of Asian Countries.”

Through the Asian Solidarity Economy Council, AltDev Senior Project Officer Ryan Joseph Martinez attended this course, which focused on sharing the concepts of social solidarity economy (SSE) based on the United Nations (UN) Research Institute for Social Development Guidelines and the South Korean experience. As a result, AltDev provided the Philippine SSE Action Plan, which has been submitted to KOICA for approval.

CONFERENCE

Advancing and Realizing Alternative Regionalism: Southeast Asian Peoples’ Solidarity and Resistance in COVID-19 Times

November 11-13, 2021

AltDev and 16 organizations and institutions from Southeast Asia and beyond came together to organize the 3rd Southeast Asian Conference on Alternatives, “Advancing and Realizing Alternative Regionalism: Southeast Asian Peoples’ Solidarity and Resistance in COVID-19 Times.” To facilitate knowledge sharing and discussions between grassroots partners, sessions on different themes crucial during the pandemic were held simultaneously: education/pedagogy, local food movements, healthcare practices, forms of cross-border solidarity, and climate emergency responses. These allowed potential allies to deeper understand on-ground cross-cutting issues, emphasizing the necessity of solidarity among organizations and networks from different marginalized sectors in creating stronger movements.

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Preparations for the 3rd Southeast Asian Conference on Alternatives

August 16, 2021; September 7, 2021; October 5, 2021; October 20, 2021; November 5, 2021

In the months leading to the 3rd Southeast Asian Conference on Alternatives, members of the newly formed steering committee for the conference and the emergent movement for Alternative Regionalism regularly met to plan the event and define objectives, program designs, and technical concerns. The meetings also tackled the movement’s general direction, creating a stronger bond among participating organizations. One of the results of these meetings was the logo for the emerging movement.

WEBINAR

Is More Power to Local Governments More Power to the People?: Elections, Devolution, and the Local Government Code Three Decades After

November 26, 2021

This webinar is part of the “#PILipiLUNAS 2022: *Pagbangon at Pagsulong sa Magandang Buhay at Bukas*” series, organized by the Office of the Chancellor, University of the Philippines Diliman, and in coordination with the UP CIDS Program on Social and Political Change to contribute to the discussion on policy issues relevant to the upcoming 2022 elections. It aims to review the 30 years under the Local Government Code and its impact on local politics and local service delivery. AltDev Convener Dr. Eduardo Tadem, as a reactor, spoke on the water privatization experience of Metro Manila and its relation to decentralization.

WEBINAR

Overcoming the Multiple Crises of Capitalism

December 5, 2021

Held on two weekends (November 27-28 and December 4-5), the theme of the Socialism

2021 Conference was “Overcoming the Multiple Crises of Capitalism.” It was organized by socialist parties and workers’ organizations in Southeast Asia. On December 5, 2021, AltDev Convener Dr. Eduardo Tadem spoke on “The Agrarian Situation and an Outline for a Socialist Transition.”

CONFERENCE

Building Back Better Towards Resilient, Inclusive and Sustainable Rural Development

December 9, 2021

AltDev participated in the annual Knowledge Learning Market and Policy Engagement (KLMPE). AltDev Convener Dr. Eduardo Tadem delivered a solidarity message extending his support for the endeavors of KLMPE toward rural development. His message stressed the “pandemics” experienced by the Filipino farmer, namely plummeting prices of their produce, intensified dumping of cheap imports, failed agrarian reform, continued incursion of big commercial companies in municipal waters, the threat of development aggression in ancestral lands, and the intensification of liberalization. AltDev Junior Research Analyst Honey Tabiola’s presentation underscored the devastating impact of the pandemic on smallholder farmers, fishers, and upland dwellers.

WEBINAR

Demystifying ASEAN: Building Solidarity Among LGBTIQ Activists in Southeast Asia

December 9, 2021

AltDev, represented by Project Leader Jose Monfred Sy, joined the ASC in its OutSummit 2021 panel session on “Demystifying ASEAN: Building Solidarity Among LGBTQ+ Activists in Southeast Asia.” The overarching theme of the speeches involve a critique toward the global north organizing and development model and radical ideas on strengthening regional south-south solidarity. Sy presented numerous provocations on mainstream LGBTQ+ activism to surface an alternative based on solidarity instead of solely identity and human rights and

also critiqued the ASEAN Way and its neoliberal framework, which ensures that profit trumps queer experiences.

MEETING

Global Tapestry of Alternatives General Assembly

September 11, 2021; December 10, 2021

For the 1st and 2nd Global Tapestry of Alternatives (GTA) General Assembly, objectives and other issues about the group were discussed. One collaboration explored is the development of the “meta-maps of alternatives.” AltDev Senior Research Analyst Ananeza Aban and Junior Research Analysts Honey Tabiola and Rafael Dimalanta represented AltDev in these meetings.

WEBINAR

Southeast Asian Civil Society Engagement with the ASEAN Process: Challenges and Alternatives

December 11, 2021

The “Power to the People: Democracy, Civil Society and Resistance in Southeast Asia” webinar series encourages participants to gain a deep insight into the issues of democracy, civil society, and resistance in Southeast Asia and to be able to critically examine civil society engagement with the ASEAN process. This is part of a series of masterclasses organized by Kini Academy of Malaysia.

In its 7th webinar, “Power to the People: Democracy, Civil Society and Resistance in Southeast Asia”, AltDev Convenor Dr. Eduardo Tadem spoke on “Southeast Asian Civil Society Engagement with the ASEAN Process: Challenges and Alternatives.”

WEBINAR

Mondragon Cooperatives in the Time of Pandemic: A Model for Workers Empowerment

December 14, 2021

The webinar on Mondragon served both as an introduction to the basic principles of the

MONDRAGON COOPERATIVES IN THE TIME OF PANDEMIC: A MODEL FOR WORKERS EMPOWERMENT
 Tuesday, 14 December 2021
 6:00 – 8:00 pm (GMT +08:00)
 Register via Zoom: tinyurl.com/MondragonCoopWebinar

SPEAKERS

- Fred Freundlich PhD**
Mondragon University
- Ander Etxeberria-Otadui**
Mondragon Corporation

REACTORS

- Alyssa dela Fuente**
School of Labor and Industrial Relations (Graduate), UP Diliman
- Benjamin Velasco**
Center for Labor and Grassroots Initiatives, School of Labor and Industrial Relations, UP Diliman
- Eduardo Tadem PhD**
Program on Alternative Development, Center for Integrative and Development Studies, UP System
- Eri Trinurini-Adhi PhD**
Asian Solidarity Economy Council

"Mondragon Cooperatives in the Time of Pandemic: A Model for Workers Empowerment" co-organized with ASEC, SOLAIR, and Mondragon University
 | photo by: ASEAN Solidarity Economy Forum

successful Basque cooperatives and explored their experience during the pandemic. These were explained by a faculty of the Mondragon University and an officer of the Mondragon cooperative. Panel reactors came from UP School of Labor and Industrial Relations (SOLAIR), Asian Solidarity Economy Council, and AltDev (represented by Convenor Dr. Eduardo Tadem and Co-convenor Benjamin Velasco). They discussed agricultural and labor union coops in the Philippines and the possibility of workers' control of the defunct Bataan shipyard of Hanjin Corporation.

WEBINAR

Celebrating Fidel's Long-Lasting Legacy of Anti-US Imperialism: Toward an Independent Foreign Policy Through Platform-Based Politics in 2022

November 25, 2021

With AltDev, the Philippines-Cuba Cultural and Friendship Association (PhilCuba) organized the

webinar, "Celebrating Fidel's Long-lasting Legacy of Anti-U.S. Imperialism: Toward an Independent Philippine Foreign Policy Through Platform-based Politics in 2022," to raise awareness of Cuba's socialist alternative to capitalism's systemic poverty and to foster support and solidarity for Cuba's chosen socialist path. The speakers of this event include Dr. George Aseniero, President of AMISTAD⁴; Dr. Ma. Teresa R. Melgar, Chair of the Department of Sociology, University of the Philippines Diliman; and Dr. Walden Bello, *Laban ng Masa* Chairperson and Vice Presidential Aspirant for the 2022 elections.

SOCIAL MEDIA ACTIVITIES

Lawan and Alternative Regionalism in Southeast Asia Platform

July–December 2021

For the latter part of the year, *Lawan* produced six audiovisual features, four podcasts, three conference videos, three photo essays, and

4 Philippines-Cuba Friendship Association

Celebrating Fidel's Long-lasting Legacy of Anti-US Imperialism
Toward an Independent Foreign Policy Through Platform-based Politics in 2022

November 25, 3:00 - 6:00PM
Register via: <http://bit.ly/FidelLegacyCulminating>

PANEL 1: The Contributions of Fidel Castro's Legacy on Anti-US Imperialism Globally

TERESA MELGAR
Chair, UP Diliman
Department of Sociology

GEORGE ASENIERO
Amistad Filipino-Cuban
Friendship Association

FOCUS SPEAKER:
WALDEN BELLO National Chair, Laban ng Masa
on "The Importance of Having an Independent
Philippine Foreign Policy"

"Celebrating Fidel's Long-lasting Legacy of Anti-US Imperialism: Toward an Independent Foreign Policy through Platform-based Politics" co-organized with PhilCuba last November 25, 2021. PHOTO BY: PhilCuba

one video explainer. This 2021, it experienced growth in its Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube platforms because of the continued release of content and various engagements from webinars it helped livestream. This year, *Lawan* also utilized alongside the Alternative Regionalism in Southeast Asia Facebook page to popularize the Conference on Alternatives. Partner organizations, such as ASC, Democratic Youth Council, Konfederasi Pergerakan Rakyat Indonesia (KPRI), and Milk Tea Alliance (MTA), also consistently boosted the materials, allowing for a wider online audience.

OUTPUTS FROM JULY TO DECEMBER 2021

Proceedings

- Mindanao: Fractured Promises, Continuing Challenges

- Southeast Asian Peoples' Alternatives in Pandemic Times
- Solidarity for Burma/Myanmar: Uphold Democracy! No to Military Rule!
- Converging Alternatives from Asia and Europe: Towards Alternative Regionalism and People-to-People Solidarity

Monographs

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

PJPP 2022 Policy Insight

- How Marcos Undermined Philippine Agriculture and Further Marginalized the Peasantry
Dr. Eduardo Tadem

Journal Article

- Using Marx to Understand the Working Class in the Philippines
Benjamin Velasco
- Queering Solidarity: Civil Society at the Fringes of ASEAN Regionalism and Alternatives for the LGBTQ+
Ananeza Aban, and Jose Monfred Sy

Discussion Paper

- Contentious Migrants: Transnational Migrants and the Making of the Filipino Diaspora
Dr. Sharon Quinsaat
- Special Economic Zones and Indigenous Communities: The Clark Economic Zone and the Sacobia Aytas
Dr. Eduardo Tadem

Policy Brief

- Examining Ancestral Domain Rights within the context of the Indigenous Peoples Republic Act
Jose Monfred Sy and Ryan Martinez

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

Benjamin Velasco and Ryan Martinez

Book Reviews

- “In Search of New Social Democracy: Insights from the South—Implications for the North,” authored by Olle Törnquist

Honey Tabiola

- “Empire of the Seas: Thinking About Asia,” authored by Takashi Shiraishi

Dr. Eduardo Tadem

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND OUTPUTS FOR JANUARY TO JUNE 2022

One major task at the start of the year 2022 is for the Steering Committee to convene again, review the results of the 3rd Southeast Asian Conference and plan the succeeding tasks in building the movement for alternative regionalism. Activities within the frame of people-to-people exchanges will still have to adjust to the current COVID-19 setup. Unless mobility restriction will be relaxed in the succeeding months, there will still be limited face-to-face interactions depending on the research partners' respective countries. Nevertheless, the digital space's strength will continue to be maximized.

The hybrid type of grassroots participation will still be encouraged and supported during online conferences and webinars. The language translation component and other technical concerns must be thoroughly discussed for effective exchanges. As such, the role of the Communications Committee, managed mostly by young people, will have to be expanded as core support to the Steering Committee. AltDev will continue to maximize its existing social

media platforms (i.e., *Lawan* and Alternative Regionalism in Southeast Asia) to disseminate grassroots and community responses to COVID-19 and case studies of alternatives.

Online exchanges and linkages with other alternative practitioners will be possibly held in partnership with GTA. Within GTA, there is already an expression of interest to hold an online sharing of alternative cases of grassroots communities between Southeast Asia and South Asia, and Latin America.

If the situation already allows, AltDev will continue its field research and workshops in the Philippines and its pending case study development on the Alternatives in Southeast Asia monograph series. The Program's research writing and publication component will also prevail as this remains the backbone for the conduct of public lectures, online events, and people-to-people interactions related to the monograph series. The second volume of the Alternatives monograph series is intended to be published in 2022.

AltDev will also take opportunities to co-organize study conferences or lectures to highlight the Alternatives series through the academic track. Likewise, this can be a strategy to disseminate the published research's arguments and findings and expand linkages with other like-minded scholars.

ACTIVITIES

Social Media Project 2022

The *Lawan* social media platform remains a vital tool for dissemination and awareness-raising of community alternatives. For 2022, AltDev expects to expand its reach by collaborating with grassroots groups to produce content focusing on relevant issues in the region. The Program also aims to produce a research output detailing the methodology of community-led participatory action research using digital

platforms. Finally, AltDev is considering replicating *Lawan's* success in its other digital platform, Alternative Regionalism in Southeast Asia, to extend the emerging movement's efforts in linking practitioners of alternative development in the region and beyond.

Documentation of Alternatives

For the past two years, AltDev has focused on researching COVID-19's impacts on vulnerable populations, as well as grassroots initiatives that started as a response to the pandemic. The Program did this to bring these to the attention of policymakers and the general public. This year, AltDev will resume its efforts to document different alternatives already being done in the grassroots that are not solely as pandemic responses but more so, initiatives to assert and defend their rights. The Program will also continue co-producing monographs covering the struggle and emergent alternative practices of people's organizations and marginalized communities in the Philippines and Southeast Asia.

Collaborative Project on Gender and Environment

AltDev and the Network for Transformative Social Protection (NTSP) are embarking on a collaborative research project on "Climate Justice and Adaptive Social Protection" for workers in the information technology and the informal sectors in the Philippines. This is funded by INSPIR Asia and the We Social Movements (WSM) of Indonesia under their "Gender and Environment Program." In addition, NTSP-AltDev will integrate the case studies from Bangladesh, Indonesia, India, and the Philippines and compile them in one project document output. The project timeline is from December 2021 to April 2022.

4th Regional Conference on Alternatives

The fourth installment of the conference will build on the achievements of the previous ones and assess the strategic direction of building the regional movement of alternatives in Southeast

Asia. It will be a forum to evaluate the conduct and impact of online and offline activities and campaigns jointly organized by the network in 2022, as well as a platform to present additional alternative cases. This installment will aim to sustain and fortify the concrete efforts of building the regional movement of alternatives in Southeast Asia as a challenge to the dominant model of regionalism.

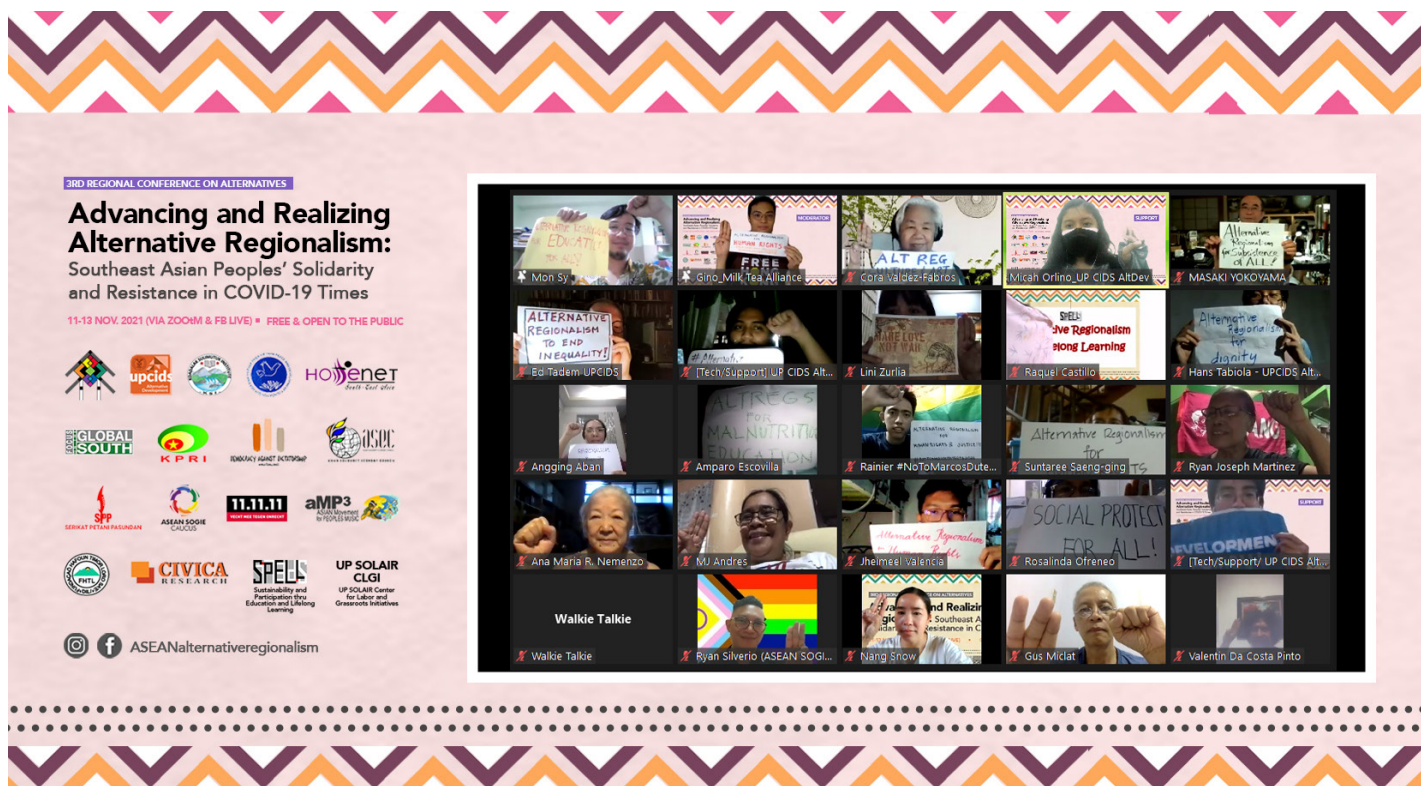
Movement Building for Southeast Asia Alternatives

After the formation of the movement for alternatives in Southeast Asia, AltDev will continue its engagement with its fellows and partners to harness and refine the results of the recent regional conference. It will also build on its past years of building the movement into concrete action steps toward creating stronger networks of solidarity and realizing the vision for an alternative regionalism. In 2022, the movement will design more structure and organization for the necessary mechanisms of alternative regionalism to be created. Further, collaborative undertakings centering on alternatives shall be jointly identified and undertaken by fellows and the movement's members.

OUTPUTS

Four (4) Documentation Report/Webinar Proceedings

- Documentation Report on People-to-People Exchange in Indonesia
- Documentation Report on the ACSC /APF 2020 Convergence Space on Alternative Regionalism
- Webinar Proceedings on the Community Pantry Podcast
- Updated and Expanded Report on COVID-19 Responses by Grassroots Communities



Protest program held after the cultural program for the 3rd Regional Conference on Alternatives held last November 13, 2021 | PHOTO BY: *Lawan: Alternative Grassroots Narratives in Southeast Asia*

Six (6) Discussion Papers

- “Community Governance Based on Indigenous Knowledge, Practices, and Systems” by Venarica Papa and the Ayta Mag-indi Community
- “Pasadang Pandemic: The Impact of COVID-19 on Transport Workers” by Mikhail Aggabao
- Discussion Paper on the Impact of COVID-19 to Education Workers by Benjamin Velasco and Josephine Prudente
- Discussion Paper on the Community Pantry Movement by Herbie Docena
- Discussion Paper on “Gender, Climate Justice, and Adaptive Social Protection in the Philippines”
- Discussion Paper on “Gender, Climate Justice, and Adaptive Social Protection in Indonesia, Philippines, Bangladesh and India”

1 Book Project

- *Cases of Alternative Practices in Southeast Asia*

3 Monographs

- Marx Monograph Vol. 3
- Monograph on *Alternative Practices in the Philippines* Volume 2
- Monograph on *Alternative Practices in Southeast Asia* Volume 2

PROGRAM ON HEALTH SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT

The Program on Health Systems Development (PHSD) houses work that investigates problems and innovates solutions for health systems. Although 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 ultimate outcomes. Its flagship project is the Philippine Primary Care Studies (PPCS) with three sites: UP Health Service (UPHS), the Rural Health Unit (RHU) in Samal, Bataan and the RHU in Bulusan, Sorsogon.

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ACTIVITIES FROM JULY TO DECEMBER 2021

WEBINAR

COVID-19 *sa Hangin*

July 10, 2021

PHSD Convenor Dr. Antonio Dans, in coordination with the UP CIDS Decolonial Studies Program (DSP) and UP Center for Women and Gender Studies, gave a lecture on how COVID-19 can be transmitted. He shared important guidelines to follow to avoid contracting and tips to avoid spreading COVID-19 to one's household and community. Emphasis was placed on the basic rule "*APAT DAPAT*," which are the following: (1) proper air circulation; (2) physical distancing; (3) always wearing masks and face shields; and (4) 30 minutes of interaction or less. The webinar was attended by the UP CIDS personnel and program staff.

WEBINAR

Telemedicine and Digital Connectivity

August 12, 2021

PPCS data were presented to the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) headed by Secretary Gregorio Honasan. Other attendees were Senator Pia Cayetano and health professionals. Dr. Antonio Dans highlighted the importance of interconnectivity in achieving primary care in the Philippines, especially in the remote areas. With interconnectivity, people are able to access their primary care check-up even without going to the RHU. He pointed out how vital it is to have the whole country interconnected especially in this time of the pandemic.

WEBINAR

Philippines Data-Driven Development (PH3D) Online Learning Series

September 9, 2021

This webinar focused on the experiences of different local government units and how they successfully uplifted the healthcare system

in their own province. PHSD Convenor Dr. Antonio Dans presented the PPCS data collected from the three study sites: urban (UP Health Service), rural (Samal, Bataan) and remote (Bulusan, Sorsogon). He emphasized the need for collaboration between the public and private sector in order for the government to succeed in achieving universal health are. This meeting was also attended by the Action for Economic Reform group and representatives of the European Council.

PPCS IN-HOUSE TRAINING (ONLINE)

Identifying Bugs in Electronic Health Record (EHR) and How to Report Them

September 10, 2021

This training was done as part of the online training series for the PPCS site staff. PHSD Information Officer Ms. Cara Galingana discussed the steps in troubleshooting the electronic health record (EHR) system currently being used by the three sites. She showed examples of the situations that were usually encountered by the staff when using the system. She gave the definition of a bug and discussed in detail the types of bugs that were seen in the program. Steps in proper documentation and reporting of the identified bugs in the system were also tackled.

PPCS IN-HOUSE TRAINING (ONLINE)

Community Engagement

September 16, 2021

Dr. Lei Camiling Alfonso gave a primer on community engagement. She discussed what community engagement means in medicine versus public health. She stressed the importance of understanding the principles of communication for development wherein there is a need to support two-way communication systems that allow dialogue and that allow communities to speak out, express their aspirations and concerns, and participate in the decisions that relate to their development.

WEBINAR

COVID-19 Proper Sanitation Guidelines

September 18, 2021

PHSD Convenor Dr. Antonio Dans discussed the proper sanitation guidelines for the prevention of COVID-19. He emphasized the need to follow “APAT DAPAT,” air circulation and ventilation, physical distancing and avoid crowding, always use face mask and time of interaction should be less as much as possible.

ONLINE MEETING WITH SPONSOR/FUNDING AGENCY (PCHRD)

PCHRD Governing Council Meeting

September 20, 2021

Year 2 results of PPCS were presented to the governing council of the Philippine Council of Health Research and Development (PCHRD). Dr. Antonio Dans highlighted the importance of connecting all the barangays to be able to access health care. He cited as an example

the utilization of consults in Samal, Bataan, which tripled since PPCS started. Even when the pandemic hit, they were able to recover because they have an internet connection. Because of connectivity, we were able to set up telemedicine within 4-8 weeks, which has proven useful during the pandemic. Year 3 plans were also presented for approval of the funding.

ZOOM MEETING

Meeting with Bulusan Mayor

11 October 2021

Dr. Antonio Dans discussed the importance of telemedicine, especially during the pandemic. The hiring of additional doctors was proposed since there is only 1 MD in the RHU who is also the Municipal Health Officer (MHO). At the end of the meeting the Mayor stated that he will look for a budget to hire another doctor for the RHU.

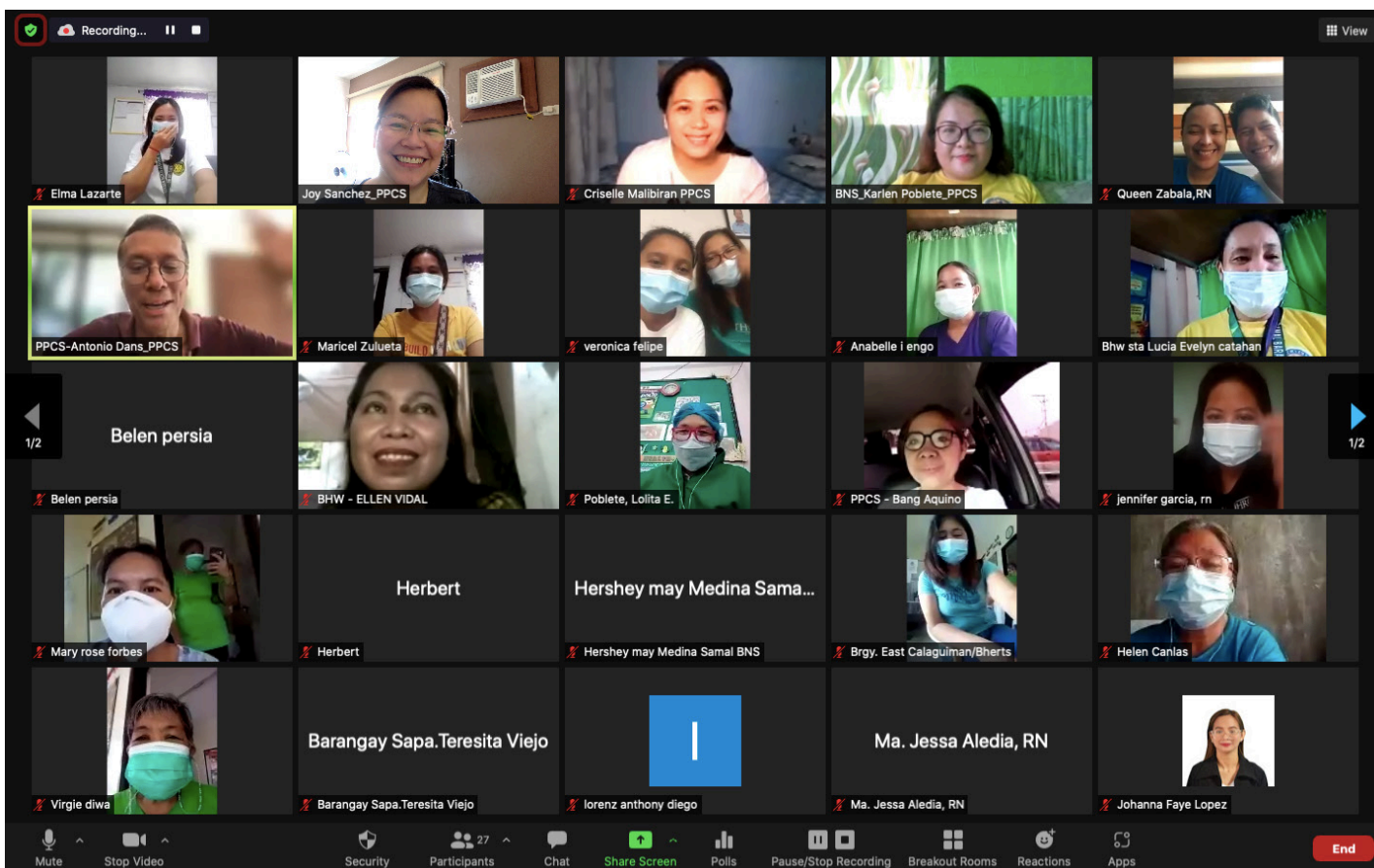


Photo op with Samal doctors and PPCS staff | PHOTO BY: Josephine T. Sanchez

ZOOM MEETING WITH PHILHEALTH AND DOH

Linking Mechanisms for Financing Primary Health Care and Governing Policies of Community Outpatient Benefit

October 14, 2021

Dr. Antonio Dans discussed the importance of linking the Rural Health Units (RHUs) to the service delivery network (pharmacies, laboratories, and transportation system). This can only be done by having mobile and internet access in all areas of the Philippines to make primary care accessible to all. He stressed the important role that the government plays in making this possible. That without the policies governing the healthcare system, health system reforms would not be made possible.

WEBINAR

5th National Cardiovascular Summit–Digital Health Solutions for Universal Health Care–Philippine Primary Care Studies

October 14, 2021

Dr. Antonio Dans discussed UHC and the importance of the health information systems in making primary care accessible to all. He presented the PPCS results and enumerated the impact it has on the pilot sites. He pointed out the seven potential impacts, which are: increased utilization of primary care, increased pandemic resilience, increased spending capacity, reduced out-of-pocket expenses by the patients, increased patient satisfaction, and lastly detection of misuse, overuse, and fraud.

WEBINAR

Philippine Primary Care Studies for the Philippine Society of General Internal Medicine

October 18, 2021

Dr. Antonio Dans discussed the importance of inter-connectivity in the Philippines. He pointed out that better healthcare access up to the level of the barangay will only be possible if there is mobile and internet connection even in the farthest and most remote areas in the country. Connectivity will give the doctors the ability

to do telemedicine consults, thus more people will have access to health care. More access to health care will then improve the quality of care.

PPCS IN-HOUSE TRAINING (ONLINE)

PPCS Strategy Calibration Series (1–3)

October 21, 2021, October 28, 2021, and November 25, 2021

The strategy-calibration series was facilitated by Dr. Lei Camiling Alfonso. She discussed why we need to calibrate; the previous year was hard for everyone and many things did and did not happen. For PPCS, our goals may be outdated or ineffective. The activity was held to help us organize our plans and goals for PPCS for the coming year. PHSD discussed what impact it want to have for PPCS and what actions are necessary to support that. Assessment of our objectives and action planning were also done so that at the end of the day all that we do in this project is for the good of all Filipinos.

VIRTUAL EHR TRAINING FOR ONE HOSPITAL COMMAND CENTER

Training Orientation on a Primary Care-Oriented EHR for Use in Hospital Coordination

October 22, 2021

Dr. Jose Rafael Marfori co-presented in a training session directed at end-users and managers of the One Hospital Command Center (OHCC), which was promptly set up after the pandemic began for coordinating inpatient demand across hospitals. That function is a core part of health provider network coordination, which is expected of primary care under the Universal Healthcare Act (UHC) Act. Hence, it is appropriate to maximize the clinical functionality that is already built into the e-Med Primary Care Health Information System, a PPCS research product now being codeveloped and deployed through a partnership between UP Manila and E-Med Healthcare Solutions, Inc. It was designed for UHC and is being marketed with a focus on local government implementation of health systems integration in pursuit of the UHC Act.

ONLINE MEETING WITH SPONSOR/FUNDING AGENCY

Presentation of PPCS Year 2 Technical Report

November 4, 2021

Year 2 results of PPCS were presented to the Health Policy Development & Planning Bureau of Department of Health (DOH). He discussed the interventions that were developed to strengthen primary care, the outcomes, and the recommendations. Recommendations given were the following: (1) increasing the workforce, training them, and retaining them; (2) involving the private sector in the healthcare provider network; (3) developing and finance a true comprehensive outpatient benefit package; (4) engaging the community; (5) addressing connectivity in all areas of the country; and (6) looking at performance measures. The most important of all the recommendations is workforce development.

WEBINAR

DOH Regional Research Forum: “Primary Health Care Resiliency Amidst Emerging and Reemerging Diseases”

November 5, 2021

PPCS data was presented to healthcare workers who attended the forum. Dr. Antonio Dans presented the results of Samal, Bataan and how they were able to continue primary care even during the pandemic. He highlighted the importance of connectivity in achieving primary health care in the Philippines especially in remote areas.

WEBINAR

Department of Science and Technology–PhilHealth (DOST-PHIC) Virtual Forum: “Reexamining Health Systems Towards a New Normal”

November 10, 2021

Dr. Antonio Dans discussed transforming primary healthcare and identifying the imperative steps for addressing inequities in healthcare access.

He described the interventions that were developed by PPCS to strengthen primary care at the three study sites (UPHS, Samal, and Bulusan). He pointed out the importance of having enough doctors, nurses, and midwives in all the RHUs around the country. He also discussed workforce development through motivation, training, continuing professional development through the use of UpToDate, and task shifting to the barangay health workers.

ONLINE PRESENTATION

Monthly Meeting of the Provincial Health Officers Association of the Philippines (PHOAP)

November 12, 2021

Dr. Jose Rafael Marfori copresented the e-Med Primary Care Health Information System, a PPCS research product now being co-developed by UP Manila in partnership with E-Med Healthcare Solutions, Inc. This system was designed for UHC and is being marketed with a focus on local government implementation of health systems integration in pursuit of the UHC Act. UP Manila Chancellor Dr. Carmencita D. Padilla also gave an informative message.

WEBINAR

Post-Graduate Medical Education: DOH/Philippine Primary Care Studies Phase 1 and 2

November 23, 2021

PPCS survey results for Years 1 and 2 were presented during this activity. Dr. Antonio Dans pointed out the differences between the rural and remote sites, where primary care was more accessible for the rural site because there were more healthcare workers attending to the patients. Survey results also showed that patients at the rural site had better quality of care and, therefore, were more satisfied.

PPCS IN HOUSE TRAINING (ONLINE)

Submission Guidelines for Project Proposals & Filling up of Forms

December 9, 2021

Ms. Joy Sanchez discussed the guidelines in submitting proposals for ethical and technical review of the different institutional review boards. The different forms to be used and how to properly fill them out were also explained. A question-and-answer portion was held after the lecture where the PPCS staff were asked to answer a sample form for “submission”. The different types of letters accompanying the forms were also enumerated.

WEBINAR

Alternative Class Learning Experience (ACLE) on Public Health & Community-Led Health Responses

December 10, 2021

Ms. Regine de Mesa shared her experiences of healthcare from the Philippine grassroots which is an overview of PPCS. The focus of her discussion was strengthening health systems through primary care, which she explained by clarifying the roles played by doctors and community health workers. Ms. de Mesa heads the research committee of PPCS.

ONLINE STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

Sixth-Month Feedback Session on EHR System Pilot with Pasig City UHC Implementers

December 21, 2021

Dr. Jose Rafael Marfori cofacilitated a meeting with health officials and health personnel end-users from Pasig City, where the e-Med Primary Care Health Information System was being piloted since July 2021. This system is a PPCS research product now being co-developed and deployed through a partnership between UP Manila and E-Med Healthcare Solutions, Inc. The system was designed for UHC and is being marketed with a focus on local government implementation of health systems integration in pursuit of the UHC Act.

OUTPUTS FROM JULY TO DECEMBER 2021

Progress Report

- PPCS 3rd and 4th Quarter Progress Report

Annual Technical Report

- PPCS Year 2 Technical Report

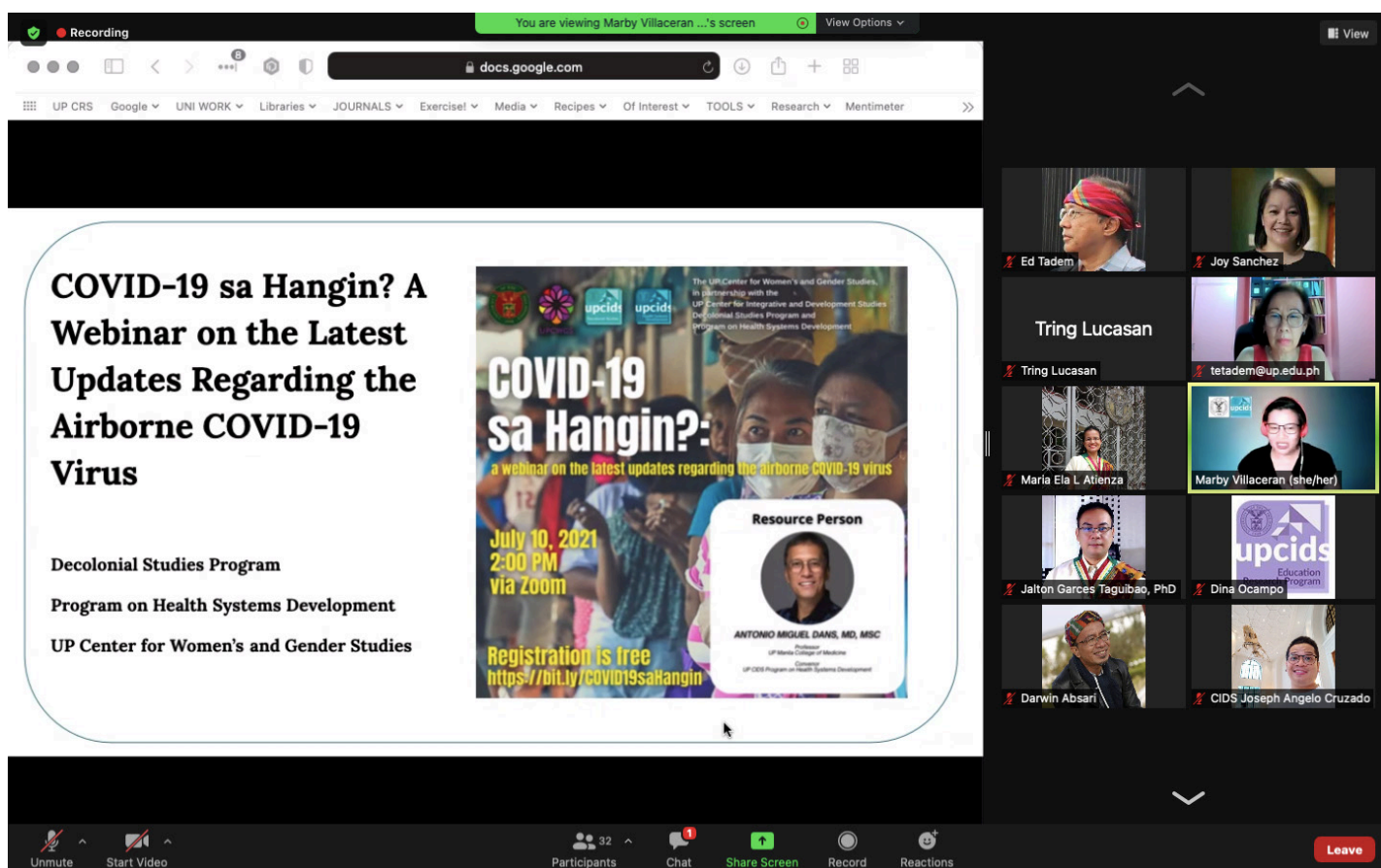
Manuscript

- Governance in Primary Care Systems

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND OUTPUTS FOR JANUARY TO JUNE 2022

The Program's plans for the next six months are to (1) continue monitoring the eight primary care outcome areas through quantitative and qualitative research methods across sites; (2) prepare for and conduct Year 3 assessment/surveys; (3) clean up data and analyze Year 3 surveys 4) submit progress reports to stakeholders; (5) conduct in-house writing and research workshops; (6) continue developing manuscripts for journal publication; (7) improve the capacity of the existing electronic health record system; and (8) engage communities through evidence-based strategies.

Site monitoring will still be limited to telephone and online platforms to prevent COVID-19 transmission and ensure staff safety. Likewise, Year 3 assessment surveys and training sessions will be conducted primarily through telephone or online methods. The electronic health records will continuously be improved 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). Regular updating of the primary care website will be done to showcase the programs' achievements.



UP CIDS attendees | PHOTO BY: Josephine T. Sanchez

ACTIVITIES

- Continuous monitoring of the primary care clinics at the three sites through telephone correspondence and online meetings.** The Program will continue to facilitate weekly team meetings to discuss program updates, funding, manuscript development, site-specific issues, survey progress monitoring, and service utilization throughout sites.
- Plan and train the site staff of the three sites to conduct the Year 3 survey.** Surveys to be conducted include: UpToDate usage, patient satisfaction survey, EHR acceptance and use survey, health care worker satisfaction survey, and outpatient and inpatient service utilization. Planning and retraining of the site staff will be done from January to February 2022. The target start of the surveys will be this coming March 2022.
- Submission of additional questions to be used in telemedicine to UP Manila Research Ethics Board.** Once approved, focus group discussions will be done this January to February 2022 to assess telemedicine usage and access at the rural and remote sites.
- Biweekly UpToDate Club for healthcare workers of the three sites.** Topics to be discussed will be based on the cases that will be encountered by the healthcare workers in their respective barangay health stations. There will also be discussions on what they have researched about the case in UpToDate.

5. **In-house training for PPCS site staff to be done at least once in every quarter.** Proposed topics for the training are the following: social sensitivity in research, basics of research writing and appraising literature, how to comment on papers, how to write reports.
6. **Retraining of the doctors on the use of EHR for telemedicine and face-to-face consults.** This will be conducted by our IT staff Ms. Cara Galingana to train the current and incoming doctors on how to use the EHR system for UP Health Service, Samal, and Bulusan sites.
7. **Launching of the community engagement material primarily through digital platforms** (e.g., PPCS website). PHSD is planning to launch the PPCS website this January 2022 to showcase what primary care is all about. The Program also planning to put a link to the published papers on the website.

OUTPUTS

1. **Manuscripts Under Development** (Original research articles; titles are still tentative)
 - EHR acceptance among Filipino primary care providers: adopting the unified theory of acceptance and use of technology (UTAUT) model
 - Impact of capacity building on healthcare worker knowledge
 - Feasibility, scceptability, and impact of UpToDate use in urban, rural, and geographically isolated sites in the Philippines
 - Quality of care in primary care systems in the pediatric population in the Philippines
 - Reducing inequities in health access through strengthened primary care: A comparative analysis of patient satisfaction in urban, rural, and remote settings
 - Assessment of healthcare worker knowledge in remote and rural sites across the Philippines



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 that form the basis for policy input and discussions at the local, national, and international levels.

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Co-Convenor	Jorge V. Tigno, DPA <i>Professor, Department of Political Science College of Social Sciences and Philosophy University of the Philippines Diliman</i>
Junior Research Associate	Alinia Jesam D. Jimenez

ACTIVITIES FROM JULY TO DECEMBER 2021

RESEARCH DISSEMINATION

International Political Science Association's (IPSA) 26th World Congress of Political Science

July 15, 2021

Dr. Maria Ela Atienza and UP CIDS Executive Director, Dr. Teresa Encarnacion Tadem, presented in the IPSA Virtual World Congress's panel on "Understanding Rodrigo Duterte's Governance in the Philippines." Dr. Atienza presented the political opportunities and constraints on local governance, devolution, and local autonomy reforms that emerged during the Duterte administration. This presentation featured findings from the International IDEA Constitutional Performance Assessment and the Policy Studies for Political and Administrative Reform (PSPAR) Projects.

On the other hand, Dr. Tadem's presentation emanated from her paper on water privatization from the NCR Federalism Study.

RESEARCH DISSEMINATION

Knowledge Forum: Democracy in Pandemic Times

August 12, 2021

Dr. Maria Ela Atienza was invited as one of the speakers on a knowledge forum organized by the Jesse Robredo Institute of Governance in De La Salle University, which examined the state and future of Philippine democracy in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. In this forum, Dr. Atienza presented the updated key findings of the "Constitutional Performance Assessment in the Time of a Pandemic."

RESEARCH DISSEMINATION

Taking Stock of Southeast Asia's COVID-19 Pandemic Battle: Looking Back and Preparing Ahead

October 2, 2021

Dr. Maria Ela Atienza was invited to present in an online academic roundtable discussion organized by the O.P. Jindal Global University of India. Dr. Atienza presented the Philippines' experience with inputs from the "Constitutional Performance Assessment in the Time of a Pandemic."

WEBINAR

#PILiPiLUNAS2022: *Balota at Pulitika sa 2022: May Bago Ba?*

November 5, 2021

#PILiPiLUNAS2022 is a webinar series organized by the UP Diliman Task Force Nation-Building, in which researchers and experts from the university discuss the country's governance and development issues leading to the 2022 elections. The third webinar of the series was co-organized with the PSPC and focused on the Philippine party system. Political science experts, including PSPC Co-Convenor Dr. Jorge



Cover art of the Multilevel Crisis Governance podcasts featuring the presentations and discussions from the webinar. | PHOTO BY: UP CIDS

Tigno, talked about the current state and issues of the party and electoral system to which discussants from the academe, government, and civil society reacted.

WEBINAR

#PILlpiLUNAS2022: Is more power to local governments more power to the people? Elections, Devolution, and the Local Government Code Three Decades After

November 26, 2021

The fourth #PILlpiLUNAS2022 webinar, which was also co-organized with PSPC, reviewed the 1991 Local Government Code thirty years after its implementation. This webinar's speakers, including PSPC Co-Convenor Dr. Maria Ela Atienza, discussed the state of administration and delivery of public services at the local government level, the utilization of the internal revenue allotment (IRA) in local government financing, and the performance of local governments based on their constitutional and other legal mandates to promote democratization and development. Together with experts from civil society and government, participants also raised suggested reforms and courses of action to address challenges in promoting devolution, good local governance, and democratization.

OUTPUTS FROM JULY TO DECEMBER 2021

Proceedings

- Multilevel Crisis Governance Proceedings: International and Philippine Responses and Prospects in the Midst of Pandemic Challenges
- The Duterte Administration at Midterm: Insights from the President's State of the Nation Addresses

Podcast

- Multilevel Crisis Governance Proceedings: International and Philippine Responses

and Prospects in the Midst of Pandemic Challenges Podcast Episodes

- *Ugnayan Migrante* Podcast

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND OUTPUTS FOR JANUARY TO JUNE 2022

The first half of 2022 will see two major events happen in the country's political landscape: the national elections in May and the end of President Rodrigo Duterte's term. In line with this, PSPC's planned activities and outputs will revolve around these events. First, the Program will be making new *Ugnayang Migrante* episodes but this time focusing on what the Duterte administration has done for overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) and how these impact on their lives. The Program also plans to convene the CIDS Programs for a webinar assessing the performance of the Duterte administration. This will follow the format of the "*Mga Pahayag at Sabi-Sabi sa SONA 2019*" forum which looked at the first three years of the Duterte administration. A webinar series called "Philippines AD (After Duterte)" is also being conceptualized which will have social science experts assess how the Duterte administration has changed the country and what this means for our country's future. In relation to the national elections, PSPC, with its continuing partnership with the Department of Political Science's *UP sa Halalan*, will hold webinars discussing election-related topics such as national candidates' campaign styles, platforms, local elections, and many more.

Between January and June of 2022, PSPC will be completing the National Research Council of the Philippines (NRCP) Compendium Project and the publication of the PPAR and Constitutional Performance Assessment policy briefs. PSPC will also continue working with Palgrave Macmillan on the publication of the "A Better Metro Manila?" book.



(L to R) Dr. Jean Encinas-Franco, Luz Rimban, Dr. Paul Hutchcroft, Dr. Jorge Tigno, Dr. Antoinette Raquiza, former Commission on Elections (COMELEC) Commissioner Luie Tito Guia, Dr. Aries Arugay, and COMELEC Spokesperson James Jimenez | PHOTO BY: UP CIDS

ACTIVITIES

- Webinars on the following topics:
 - **2022 Elections.** A series of webinars will be organized by PSPC together with the Department of Political Science's *UP sa Halalan* approaching the national elections this May. Possible topics to be discussed in these webinars are the campaign styles of national candidates, local elections, and more.
 - **UP CIDS Assessment of the Duterte Administration.** In this webinar, PSPC hopes to convene the UP CIDS Programs to review Duterte's term as president and make an assessment on his administration's performance. This will follow the format of the 2019 forum entitled, "*Mga Pahayag at Sabi-Sabi sa SONA 2019*" where the CIDS Programs reviewed the first three years of the Duterte administration.
 - **Philippines AD (After Duterte) Webinar Series.** In this webinar series, experts from various social

science disciplines will look at the impact of the Duterte administration on the country. This webinar will also envision what a post-Duterte Philippines will look like.

- **Ugnayang Migrante Podcast:** In 2022, the *Ugnayang Migrante* podcast will look back on what the Duterte administration has done for OFWs. Specifically, the podcast episodes will talk about the creation of the Department of Migrant Workers, the OFW Bank, and the OFW Hospital. More than that, the podcast also seeks to examine these through a critical lens.

OUTPUTS

- 10 policy briefs from the Policy Studies on Political and Administrative Reform
- 11 policy briefs from the *Constitutional Performance Assessment of the 1987 Philippine Constitution*
- Proceedings of the "Why We Need Nuclear Energy" Public Forum



ISLAMIC STUDIES PROGRAM

The Islamic Studies Program (ISP) seeks to advance the critical and strategic roles of Islam in nation-building and determines to lead the Filipino communities to know Islam deeper and consequently deal with existing stereotypes against Muslims. The three-fold research component includes *Hikma*, the historical and Islamic knowledge for the modern age; Shari'a courts practices, implementations, and issues for revisions; and the Moro story, identifying key issues affecting the dynamics of Moro families locally and globally.

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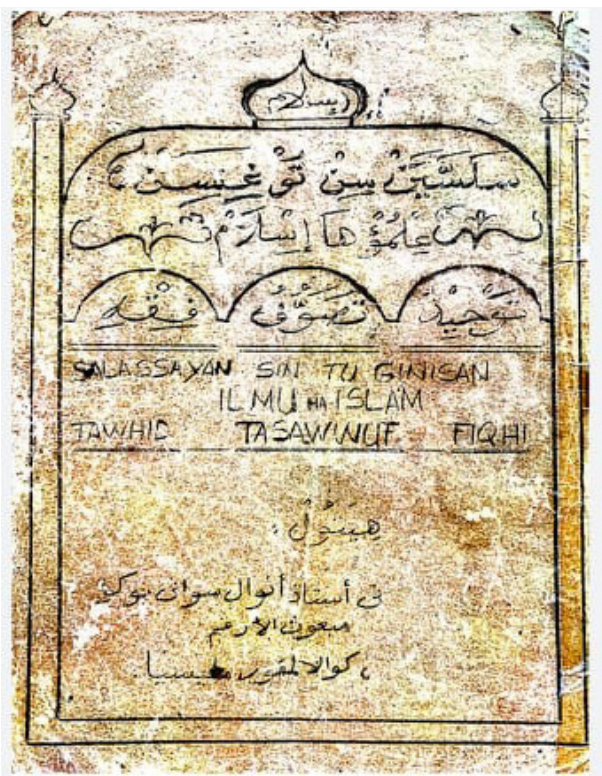
ACTIVITIES FROM JULY TO DECEMBER 2021

COLLECTION AND TRANSLATION OF JAWI MATERIALS FROM MINDANAO

Jawi Studies: Establishing the Intellectual Foundation of Philippine Muslim History

July 26, 2021–present

The Jawi Studies project is part of the ISP's recommendation for deeper research on the intellectual foundation of Philippine Muslim History (PMH). It aims to discover more of PMH's established traditional knowledge system and its sources and place within classical thought. It will also examine how Muslims in Mindanao and Sulu have internalized, localized, maintained, and integrated the Islamic teachings into their everyday lives. ISP Senior Project Assistant, Asst. Prof. Darwin Absari, gathered Jawi materials from networks in Mindanao, which are translated and annotated by him and other scholars on Jawi studies.



A resource on the classifications of knowledge in Islam.
PHOTO BY: Mujahid Imao taken through Benzar Ladja

WEBINAR

Essential Knowledge

November 24, 2021

ISP organized “Essential Knowledge,” a Muslim education webinar featuring presentations on Islamic epistemology and the classical Islamic sciences by members of the Philippine Ulama. Nur-ainee Tan-Lim, President of the Al-Husna Foundation, discussed the nature of knowledge in Islam according to the Qur’an and Sunnah. The succeeding presentation elaborated on Islamic conceptions of knowledge and the classical Islamic sciences curriculum. The webinar also involved an open forum in which attendees raised issues on epistemology and sciences in classical Islamic education and how they impact issues, research, and academic pursuit in the contemporary world.

WEBINAR

Muslim Institutional Development–Education

November 24, 2021

ISP organized a Muslim education webinar, “Muslim Institutional Development–Education,” which intended to inform the public about government-established basic and higher education programs for Muslims. Resource speakers were Ms. Mildred B. Zamar from the Department of Education (DepEd) Bureau of Curriculum Development and Dr. Nur N. Hussein of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Office of Program Standards Development (CHED-OPSD) Technical Committee on Islamic Studies. The lectures enabled participants to know and understand how DepEd and CHED conducted mainstreaming of the curriculum through the Arabic Language and Islamic Values Education (ALIVE) program and Bachelor of Arts in Islamic Studies Program, respectively.

OUTPUTS FROM JULY TO DECEMBER 2021

Proceedings

- Enhancing Madaris Teachers’ Support

System in the Municipality of Jolo, Sulu

- Philippine Halal Landscape

Policy Paper

- The Legal and Institutional Ecosystem of Halal in the Philippines

Book

- A Commentary of the Customary Law of the Sama Banguinguih of Simariki Island

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND OUTPUTS FOR JANUARY TO JUNE 2022

The ISP project plans for the first half of 2022 include two continuing PMH projects and two new initiatives on *Hikma* and Moro stories. These will be handled by Dr. Nefertari A. Arsad, Asst. Prof. Darwin J. Absari, and Dr. Cheery D. Orozco.

Continuing Research

Philippine Muslim History

Since the conduct of face-to-face capacity building for PMH teachers is still not possible, continuing development of social networks to strengthen linkages among Islamic Studies institutions will be pursued. The UP Institute of Islamic Studies (UP IIS) shall take the lead to update and share references on PMH to other Islamic Studies institutions in the country.

Meanwhile, the study on Jawi and other literary traditions, which Dr. Samuel Tan has started, will be continued to further establish PMH's intellectual foundation.

ACTIVITIES

Book Project

The Cesar Adib Majul Posthumous Book Project

The posthumous book project is intended to be a three-part project bringing forth unpublished writings of former IIS Dean Cesar Adib Majul. The original, unpublished manuscripts feature

his scholarly research and ruminations on Islamic civilization and PMH book project shall convene a select group of academics to act as reviewers and/or editors of 5-7 unpublished papers of Dean Majul. The review involves curating each paper and thereafter producing a reviewer's introduction of the paper, noting key theses, context, and other significant details. The project deliverable is a book manuscript of 5-7 Majul papers.

Field Research and Online Interviews

Cases of Handling COVID-19-Related Deaths among Muslims in Metro Manila from March 2020 to March 2022

Among the many challenges the Muslim communities in the Philippines face this pandemic is handling COVID-19 related deaths under the existing pandemic response policies by the government's Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF). A case study aims to look into the challenges, limitations, and good practices in the handling of COVID-19-related deaths among the Muslim population in Metro Manila in the implementation of the IATF guidelines in line with the inherent Islamic rights of every Muslim individual. A minimum of ten replicated cases will be taken into consideration and data will be gathered from the mosques, hospitals, and Muslim burial sites in Metro Manila.

Field Research and Online Interviews

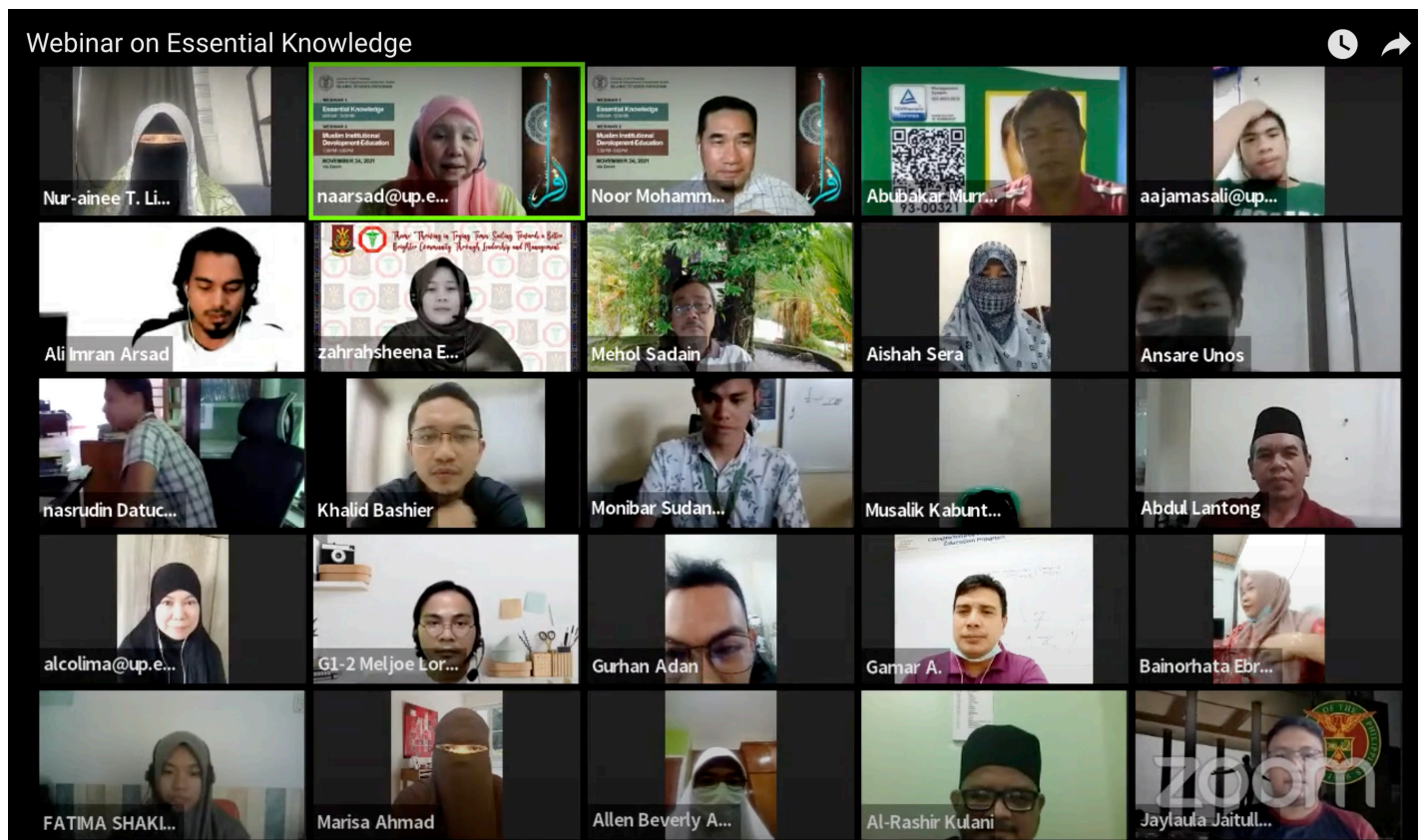
Jawi Studies: Establishing the Intellectual Foundation of PMH

Travel to Zamboanga and Sulu to access other Jawi manuscripts and literary traditions, such as, mystical poetry, will be part of the field research this season. Asst. Prof. Darwin Absari, program-in-charge of the PMH, will be conducting this field research. The output will be translated to English and annotation of one Jawi Manuscript and one Tarasul/Daman (mystical poetry).

OUTPUTS

Webinar Proceedings

- Muslim Education Webinar on Essential Knowledge



Mr. Noor M. Umug moderates the open forum of the webinar on Essential Knowledge. | PHOTO BY: ISP

- Muslim Institutional Development in Education

Discussion Papers

- “Muslim Institution Webinar on Essential Knowledge”
- “Issues and Concerns Encountered by the Balik-Islam in NCR”

Monograph Manuscripts

- An Annotation of a Jawi Manuscript: The Three Classification of Knowledge in Islam (Tawhid, Tassawuf, and Fiqh)

- An Annotation of Tarasul: Poetic Dialogue, Mystical Poetry, Proverbs, and Other Mystical Traditions and Manuscripts on Religious Discourses

Book Manuscript

- The Cesar Adib Majul Posthumous Book Project

Policy Brief

- “Cases of Handling COVID-19 Deaths Among Muslims in Metro Manila”

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.

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Junior Research Analysts	Maria Nikka U. Garriga Marvin Hamor Bernardo
Senior Project Assistant	Ronna Shane Belaro

ACTIVITIES FROM JULY TO DECEMBER 2021

MEDIA

Katipunan Dialogue Podcast Series

June–August 2021, release dates July–August 2021

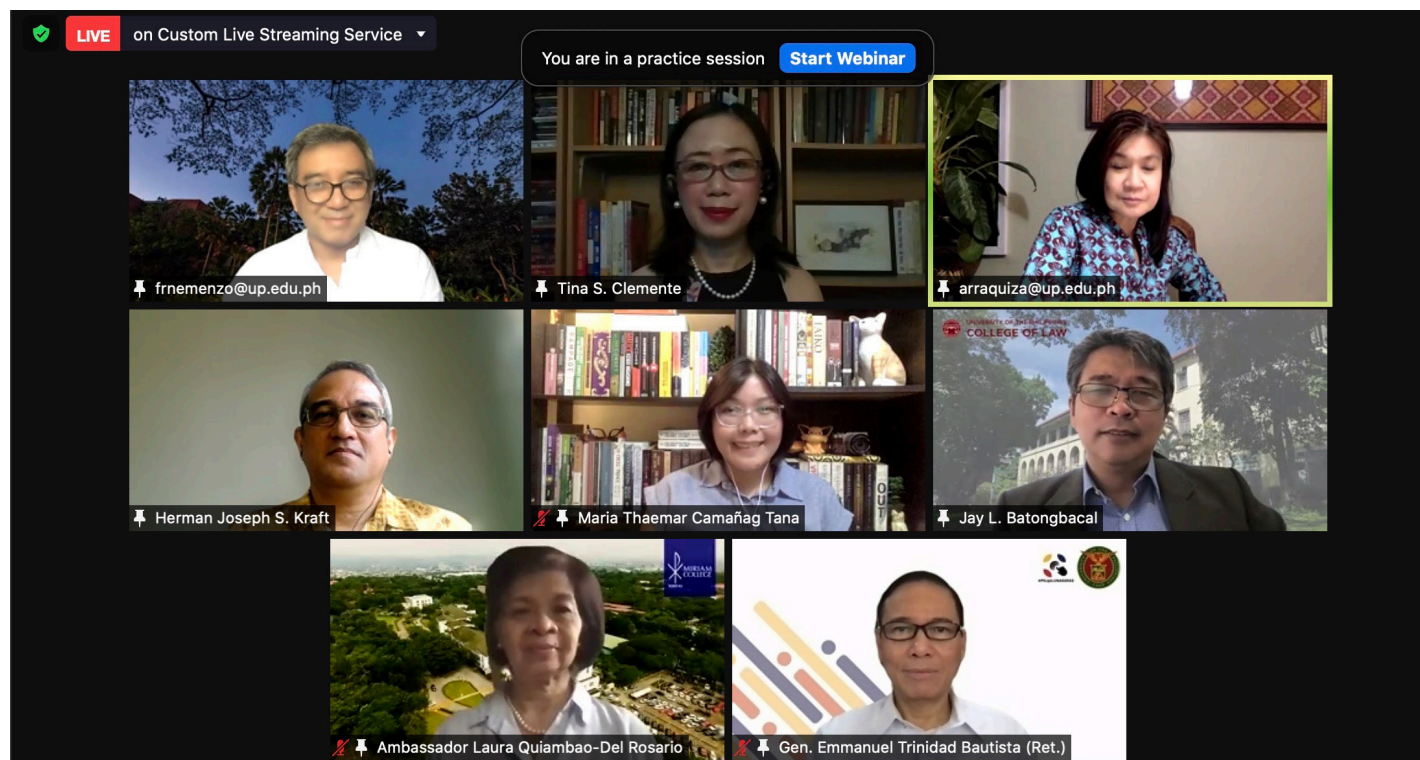
The *Katipunan* Dialogue Podcast series was released between July and August 2021 on multiple online platforms including Anchor, Spotify, and Google Podcasts. The purpose of the podcast and its predecessor, the *Katipunan* Conference, is to serve as a platform for discussing current and emerging security issues that impact Philippine foreign policy. The podcast is intended to make Philippine foreign policy discussions readily accessible to a wider domestic audience. The topics covered are: emerging economic and strategic environment; civil-military relations in Southeast Asia; regional crisis management: multilateralism; realignment of forces in the Indo-Pacific; gender and security; and energy security.

WEBINAR

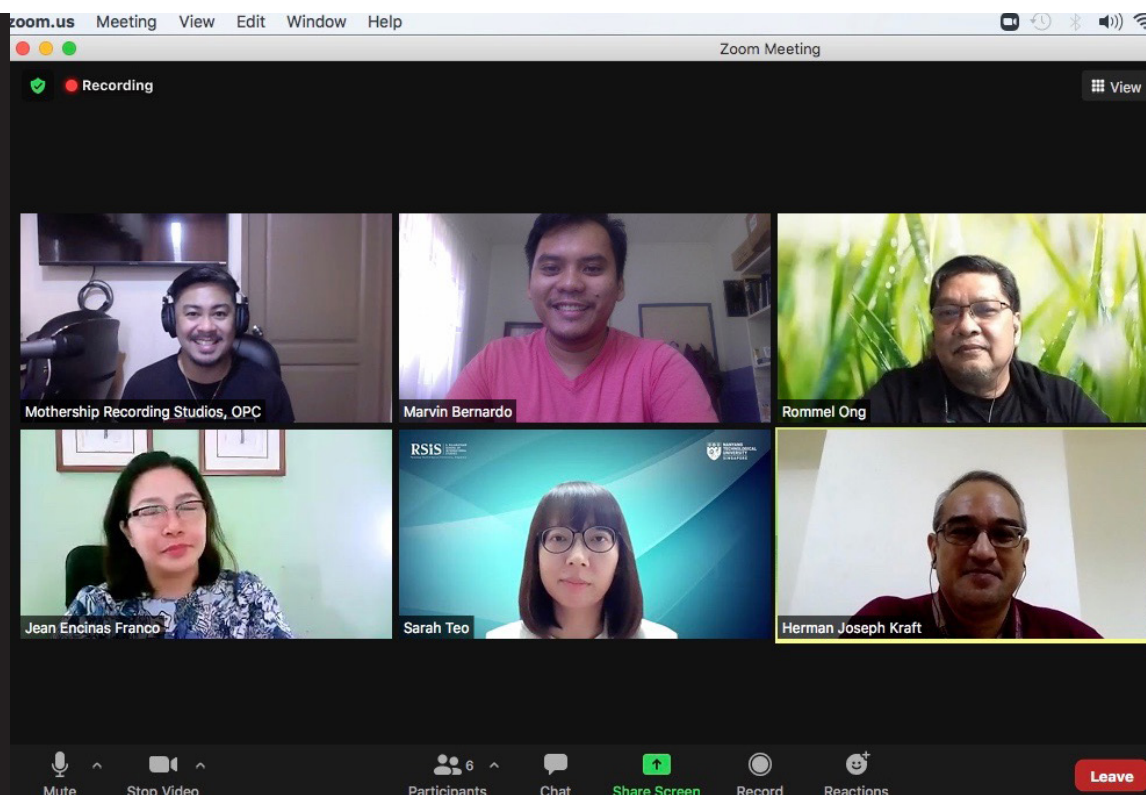
COVID-19 and the Indo-Pacific: Emerging Trends and Opportunities

July 28, 2021

As part and continuation of the conversation generated in the *Katipunan* Dialogue Podcast, the COVID-19 and the Indo-Pacific: Emerging Trends and Opportunities webinar was held to further examine the transformations that have taken place in the strategic environment as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The webinar was held on July 28, 2021 through Zoom and was livestreamed to Facebook. The panel comprised of Dr. Rajeswari Pillai Rajagopalan, Mr. Julio Amador III, Professor Tina Clemente, and Ambassador Laura Quiambao-Del Rosario, with Professor Herman Kraft as moderator.



Zoom Recording for *Strategic Philippine Foreign Relations: Challenges and Prospects for 2022 and Beyond* webinar, with Chancellor Fidel Nemenzo, Professor Tina Clemente, Prof. Antoinette Raquiza, Prof. Herman Joseph Kraft, Prof. Jay Batongbacal, Dr. Maria Thaemar Tana, Amb. Laura Quiambao-Del Rosario, and Gen. Emmanuel T. Bautista AFP (ret.). | PHOTO BY: SSP



Zoom Recording for *Zoom Recording for Katipunan Dialogue Podcast*, Episode 4: Regional Crisis Management: Multilateralism, (L to R) Marvin Bernardo, Rear Admiral Rommel Jude Ong (ret.), Prof. Jean Franco, Ms. Sarah Teo, and Prof. Herman Joseph S. Kraft. | PHOTO BY: SSP

WEBINAR

Strategic Philippine Foreign Relations: Challenges and Prospects for 2022 and Beyond

December 7, 2021

SSP co-hosted Strategic Philippine Foreign Relations: Challenges and Prospects for 2022 and Beyond, as part of the #PILipiLUNAS2022 Webinar Series in collaboration with Task Force Nation-Building of UP Diliman. The panel comprised of Professor Herman Kraft, Professor Jay Batongbacal, and Assistant Professor Maria Tana, with Professor Tina Clemente as moderator. The webinar's focus was to promote interest and discourse on significant developments in Philippine foreign policy. In line with this objective, main questions were: "How should we appreciate the strategic external relations for national agenda setting?" and "How should the Philippine foreign policy contribute to nation-building?"

OUTPUTS FROM JULY TO DECEMBER 2021

Podcast

- *Katipunan Dialogue Podcast*

Discussion Paper

- "Capacitating ASEAN to Address Security Issues in Southeast Asia: ASEAN Minilateralism"

Policy Brief

- Minilateralism: The ASEAN Minus x Plus 1 Equation

Ongoing Book Project (Book Chapters)

- "The Philippines in Times of Crises"
Charmaine Misalucha-Willoughby, Ph.D.

- “Will Accidental Conflict Ruin Asia's Century?”
Brendan Taylor, Ph.D.
- “COVID-19 and Regional Order: Navigating Geopolitical Risks and Uncertainties”
Mely Caballero-Anthony, Ph.D.
- “The Strategic Environment and Regional Trends in Asia: COVID-19, US-China Competition, and Implications for Southeast Asia”
Andrew Yeo, Ph.D.
- “COVID-19 and Great Power Rivalry”
Mark Bryan Manantan
- “Organized Crime, Illicit Economics, and the PH-China Relations under COVID-19”
Marielle Marcaida

Proceedings

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

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND OUTPUTS FOR JANUARY TO JUNE 2022

SSP will continue to promote discourse on significant changes in Philippine foreign policy and develop capacity building for strategic studies in the country. The program is putting effort into analyzing the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic and the repercussions of Philippine government's response to the strategic options for the country. In response to the fact that 2022 is an election year, the Program plans to develop policy recommendations to strengthen the Philippine strategic position to the incoming presidential administration.

The program continues to view the country's 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 this purpose, the program plans to conduct on research on the effects of regional strategic competition between major and middle powers in the Indo-Pacific.

ACTIVITIES

1. **Katipunan Dialogue Podcast, 2022 Series.** The program will begin research and planning logistics for developing topics and scripts for the episodes of the podcast. Potential resource speakers will be initially contacted as well.
2. **Recommendations for Strategic Policy for the New Presidential Administration.** This is a policy research project geared towards developing recommendations for the new presidential administration taking office in June 2022. The main focus of the project is on Philippine foreign policy and strategic planning.
3. **Interdisciplinary Development Perspectives on Public Policy Book Series (InDePPP).** this project is to write a synoptic chapter on “Public Policy and Introduction to Philippine External Relations,” as part of the InDePPP book series.

OUTPUTS

- One (1) monograph from the Recommendations for Strategic Policy for the New Presidential Administration
- One (1) synoptic chapter and edited volume on “The Philippines External Relations” for the InDePPP book series

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.

Program Convenor	Marie Aubrey Villaceran, Ph.D. <i>Assistant Professor</i> <i>Department of English and Comparative Literature College of Arts and Letters University of the Philippines Diliman</i>
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Project Leader:	Nassef Manabilang Adiong, Ph.D. <i>Associate Professor</i> <i>Institute of Islamic Studies University of the Philippines</i>
Senior Research Associate	Laurent Raguindin
Staff/Coordinator:	Ilene de Jesus

ACTIVITIES FROM JULY TO DECEMBER 2021

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Identities of Muslim Minorities in the Pre-Dominant Christian Philippines

(July 5–9, 2021)

DSP held a virtual talk about the identities of Muslim minorities in the pre-dominant Christian Philippines at the International ILEM Summer School (IISS) in Istanbul, Turkey. IISS is an avenue for academicians, researchers, intellectuals, and scholars globally to interact and exchange knowledge pertaining to important issues in the Islamic world. This year's IISS event, formally titled "Muslim Identity in the Modern World: Facts, Threats, and Prospects," was held as a series of talks, lectures, and workshops. Some noteworthy speakers include Syed Farid al-Attas of the National University of Singapore, Imtiyaz Yusuf of the International Islamic University Malaysia, Azyumardi Arza of Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University of Jakarta, Fikret Karčić of the University of Sarajevo, Basma Adelgafar of Carleton University, and Dalia Fahmy of Long Island University.



Poster of the OPAPP Peace Research Conference 2021
PHOTO BY: DSP

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Kashmir Issue: Time is Up!

(July 31, 2021)

DSP discussed the Kashmiris' plight along the borders between India and Pakistan at the Ankara Center for Crisis and Policy Studies (ANKASAM). The ANKASAM is a nongovernment organization (NGO) founded by Turkey's leading academics, experts, media professionals, and intellectuals. This event, "Kashmir Issue: Time is Up! International Conference," is free-for-all event for any interested person to participate. It features a series of sessions, each containing at least three speakers discussing a theme; for instance, the Kashmir issue's background and historical process. DSP also participated in the 7th session, which is themed "The Kashmir Issue Within the Scope of International Actors."

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

FSI Lecture on Science Diplomacy

(September 9, 2021)

DSP held a lecture on the interrelatedness of diplomacy and developments of science in the conduct of foreign relations and their implications to Philippine national interests. This lecture was organized by the Foreign Service Institute (FSI)-Carlos P. Romulo School of Diplomacy and discussed "Science Diplomacy: Science Diplomacy in Islamic International Relations (IR)". The lecture was attended by those interested in the topic of or are in the practice of diplomacy. Alongside a lecture-discussion, DSP provided informative videos on the topic, related activities, exercises, and reading materials to supplement knowledge on the topic.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Afghanistan and Progressive Action

(September 11, 2021)

DSP discussed the Taliban, Sharia law, and women's rights in an event titled "Afghanistan and Progressive Action: Opportunities for Solidarity Amidst the Afghan Crisis," which was

organized by Akbayan Youth in partnership with the Young Progressives Hub. The event tackled the issues surrounding the Afghanistan crisis and the Afghan people's plight related to the Sharia law and women's rights in the region. Alongside Lan Mercado, the regional director for Asia of Oxfam International, an organization aiming to end poverty and injustice for a sustainable world, the history of the occupation crisis in Afghanistan and the implications of the Taliban rule on women's rights and peace and stability in the region were also discussed.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

OPAPP Peace Research Conference 2021

(September 21-23, 2021)

DSP presented a talk on decolonial Muslim governance at the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (OPAPP) Research Conference 2021. OPAPP is the official office mandated to oversee, coordinate, and integrate the implementation of the comprehensive peace process in the Philippines. The OPAPP Peace Research Conference is held via video-conference through Zoom, divided into a three-day event. Members of the public interested in the topics discussed were able to watch the proceedings, as the conference was broadcasted live on OPAPP's official Facebook page and is currently still archived on its website.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Halal, Culture, and Sustainability Issues in the Philippines

(October 11-12, 2021)

DSP provided a lecture at the 3rd International Conference on Halal, Policy, Culture, and Sustainability Issues, which was organized by the Universitas Muslim Indonesia. An annual conference of the Universitas Muslim Indonesia, it covers several topics including information, communication, and technology (ICT), disaster management, law and literacy, science and technology, and the environment. Noteworthy keynote speakers in this event include Prof. Dr. H. Mansyur Ramly, M.Si; Prof. Dr. Dato'

Mohammad. Ekhwan Hj. Toriman; Prof. Masato Takanokura,; Prof. Dr. Ir. Muhammad Hattah Fattah; H. Hamid Slimi, Ph.D.; Prof. Jesse Ribot; and H. Muhammad Amin Samad, MA.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Championing Holistic Transformation of Media Practice

(October 16, 2021)

In "Championing Holistic Transformation of Media Practice," an intensive capacity project for media practitioners organized by the German Development Cooperation-Civil Peace Service (GIZ-CPS), DSP discussed the Bangsamoro government's developments and how the media can support its peace agenda. This project aims to develop capacities on holistic and practicable methods, concepts, and principles of conflict-sensitive journalism. It is composed of an eight-week training course, a two-month mentorship program, and a reflection of media practice. The session was focused on the Bangsamoro's social realities and the indigenous peoples (IPs)' displacement in the region.



Poster of speakers, moderator, and foreign students for "The Leadership Roles of ASEAN Youth in Strengthening Multiculturalism and Diversity" | PHOTO BY: DSP

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

The Leadership Roles of ASEAN Youth in Strengthening Multiculturalism and Diversity

(November 11, 2021)

DSP provided a small session on the youth's leadership roles for multiculturalism and diversity in the region for the International Jogja Youth Camp 2021. The camp was organized by the Student Council of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Universitas Islam Negeri (UIN) Sunan Kalijaga Yogyakarta. It was held at the Yogyakarta University Hotel for prospecting youth, with a hybrid in-person for local presenters and attendees and an online session for international speakers and participants. Other presenters for the conference include Indra Dwi Prasetyo, staff to the Minister of State Secretary, and other foreign students, such as Henry Victor Boniface and Saifullah Al Mansur.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

2nd International Conference on Islamic History and Civilization (ICON-ISHIC) 2021

(November 23, 2021)

DSP provided a talk in the International Conference on Islamic History and Civilization (ICON-ISHIC), organized by the Walisongo State Islamic University (UIN Walisongo) in Semarang, Indonesia, about exploring Islamic perspectives and practices for a peaceful plural society. ICON-ISHIC provides a platform for researchers and academicians for major Muslim issues. Topics of interest included practices and approaches in Islamic history and civilization on peace mediation, Islam, interreligious relations and religious moderation, and contemporary developments on Islam in the national and global politics. Other noteworthy speakers are Prof. Dr. Imam Taufiq, M.Ag.; Prof. Dr. Etin Anwar; and Hans Abdiel Harmakaputra, Ph.D.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Isang ASEAN: Testing Unity in an Uncertain Global Politics

(November 27, 2021)

DSP provided a virtual lecture, "The Decolonized Perspective of ASEAN: Can It Realize the ASEAN Identity?" in an event organized by the International Studies Society (UE ISSo) of the University of the East Manila. The main two-day event, "Isang ASEAN: Testing Unity in an Uncertain Global Politics," tackled globalization in the ASEAN context. The discussion also involved reimagining the concept of ASEAN's "strong regional community" by decolonizing its perspectives and its members' identities. The event was held online through Zoom and broadcasted live publicly through Facebook. An archived version of the live broadcast is available on the UE ISSo's official Facebook page.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND OUTPUTS FOR JANUARY TO JUNE 2022

For the first half of 2022, DSP will orient its focus on decolonial legislation and curricula.

First, for decolonial legislation, existing policies by and for IPs have been lacking in several areas. Disputes over ancestral lands versus corporations, issues on indigenous education being unrecognized by the state, and sanctioned silencing of news about IP issues are only some examples of these deficiencies or the results of these deficiencies. With firmer and more culturally cognizant legislation to protect and uplift IPs and their culture, the harmful influence of colonial structures could be supplanted.



Lembaga Penelitian dan Pengabdian kepada Masyarakat
Universitas Islam Negeri Walisongo Semarang



THE 2nd INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ISLAMIC HISTORY AND CIVILIZATION (ICON-ISHIC) 2021

"Exploring Islamic Perspectives and Practices for Peaceful Plural Society"

Keynote Speaker

Welcoming Speech

INVITED SPEAKERS



Dr. H. M. Mukhsin Jamil, M.Ag.
Vice Rector I of UIN Walisongo Semarang



Dr. Akhmad Arif Junaidi, M.Ag.
Head of Institute for Research and Community Service,
UIN Walisongo Semarang



Prof. Dr. Etin Anwar
Robert University, USA



Hans Abdiel
Harmakaputra, Ph.D.
Hartford International University,
Connecticut, USA



Nassef Manabilang
Adiong, Ph.D.
Miriam College, Philippines

Semarang, November 23rd 2021
08.30 - 16.00 WIB



<http://uinws.link/zoomiconishic>
Meeting ID: 993 6080 4039
Passcode: walisongo

Poster of speakers for the 2nd International Conference on Islamic History and Civilization
PHOTO BY: DSP

Thus, DSP has decided to dedicate time and resources to aim for a Philippine legislative government arm that is sensitive to IP issues and is more knowledgeable about decolonial theory and practice in policy making.

Secondly, the Philippine education system relies heavily on a Western system, best seen with how most subjects are written and taught with English as the primary medium and with Western thinkers and pioneers in the spotlight. Relying on this system with mostly Western schools of thought has resulted in an academic environment not truly congruent with the plural cultures of the Philippines.

As such, knowledge from indigenous sources are routinely ignored, even by Philippine scholars, because of a colonial, and largely unconscious, bias. To help dismantle this bias, DSP aims to spark discussion again on decolonial education.

To fulfill these major directives and goals for the first half of 2022, DSP currently plans to hold

two major activities to facilitate these goals: (1) a two-day workshop on decolonial legislation with the BARMM Parliament and (2) a second roundtable discussion on a decolonial syllabus. The two-day workshop will tackle writing policies suitable for the Moro peoples, whereas the roundtable discussion with academics, professors, and/or workers collaborating on a decolonial syllabus will continue off from the previous roundtable and expound further on what has already been discussed. Discussion papers, proceedings, and policy briefs shall be produced after these activities. Furthermore, DSP also plans to begin establishing linkages with academics and academic institutions devoted to decolonizing their respective fields and partner with entities directly working for and with IPs in the Philippines.

Additionally, DSP also has a currently ongoing application for the VLIR-UOS Short Initiative for a project to research representations of Filipino Muslims in print media and social media. This project is related to digital archiving, multimedia literacies, and the tracing of coloniality in

these archived texts. It will also be linked to an ongoing project sponsored by the University of Antwerp, which investigates digitized newspapers from the Spanish, American, and post-World War II eras. Since archived texts such as these are linked to minority narratives and ethnic perspectives, it is pertinent to research these to rediscover and trace the representations of minority groups in the Philippines.

ACTIVITIES

1. Workshop on Decolonial Legislation (March 2022)

This workshop aims to explore, discuss, and elaborate on the usage of decolonial approaches in crafting legislative measures (i.e., bills, resolutions) in the Bangsamoro Parliament. It also strives to illustrate decoloniality's importance in the lived experiences and sociocultural realities of the Moro peoples vis-à-vis the world of policy making and implementation. It shall be conducted in either an online webinar format or a two-day workshop for a comprehensive and appropriately aligned lecture on decolonial theory and practice and its legislative application concerning the BARMM and the IPs within its jurisdiction.

2. Roundtable on Decolonial Syllabi (May 2022)

In December 2019, an earlier roundtable discussion has already been held, providing an in-depth discussion on creating a decolonial syllabus in a holistic sense and tackling how decolonizing syllabi in more specific fields (i.e., social sciences and medicine and public health). A second roundtable, tentatively scheduled for May 2022, aims to further expound how a decolonial syllabus could be structured. Specifically, discussions

on the syllabus's goals, ideas, learning outcomes or developed skills, readings or other appropriate resources to be included, activities, potential design of a decolonial course pack in module format, and other details would be conducted. There can also be discussions on a holistic and comprehensive decolonial syllabus or a decolonized version of syllabi in more specific fields. Various scholars and academics working on decolonizing their own curricula and professionals and volunteers working for and with IPs shall be invited to this roundtable.

OUTPUTS

1. Discussion paper on decolonial legislation
2. Proceedings for the March 2022 seminar-workshop
3. Policy brief

PUBLICATIONS

In line with UP CIDS' mandate to produce and contribute to knowledge production, the UP CIDS Publications Unit heads the production and dissemination of various publications, both for non-peer reviewed and peer-reviewed works. The Center's non-peer reviewed publications comprise of serials, which are the UP CIDS Policy Brief Series, Discussion Paper Series, and Public Policy Monograph Series; and standalone publications, which include proceedings. They are the products of the projects and activities of UP CIDS' research programs. UP CIDS also publishes a peer-reviewed journal, the *Philippine Journal of Public Policy: Interdisciplinary Development Perspectives (PJPP)*. All of these are available online on the Center's website and in print.

PHILIPPINE JOURNAL OF PUBLIC POLICY: INTERDISCIPLINARY DEVELOPMENT PERSPECTIVES (PJPP)

The Philippine Journal of Public Policy: Interdisciplinary Development Perspectives (PJPP) is the peer-reviewed journal annually released by UP CIDS. It publishes policy-related articles and essays addressing social, cultural, economic, and political issues in the Philippines, as well as in other Southeast Asian countries.

PJPP is led by its editor-in-chief Teresa S. Encarnacion Tadem, UP CIDS Executive Director, with Clarisse Culla, Mika Andrea Ramirez, Virna Liza Guaño, and Zylyka Mae Gendraule comprising its editorial staff. Its Editorial Board and Editorial Advisory Board come from diverse institutions and academic specializations, which adds to the interdisciplinary character of the Journal.

Articles

- "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

DOI: doi.org/10.54096/LYWM4472

- "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, and Rob van Tulder

DOI: doi.org/10.54096/AZCZ1645

- "Policy Landscape for Customary Forest Management in the Philippine Cordilleras"

Leah Abayao

DOI: doi.org/10.54096/UQAY7118

- "An Innovative Ambidexterity Typology of Filipino Agripreneurs and Its Implications for Regional Development Policies"

Melodee Marciana E. De Castro and Dinah Pura T. Depositario

DOI: doi.org/10.54096/CBBU8022

- "#MeToo: A Comparative Study of the #MeToo Movement in the United States and South Korea Using Collective Action Frames and Hashtag Feminism"

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Olle Tornquist	Political Science	University of Oslo
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Policy Insights

- “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
DOI: doi.org/10.54096/FRDJ1575
- “A Technical Analysis on the Manila Bay Dolomite Beach Reclamation Project”
Mark Angelo C. Bucay, Tara Alessandra S. Abrina, Jelaine L. Gan, and Maria Finesa Cosico
DOI: doi.org/10.54096/YOGV6309
- “Adopting Miller’s First Principles for Online Food Delivery Platforms’ Labor Regulation in the Philippines”
Jayvy R. Gamboa
DOI: doi.org/10.54096/DIHG6677

Book Review

- **Dark Academia: How Universities Die by Peter Fleming.** London: Pluto Press, 2021. Pp. 224. ISBN 9780745341064
Ramon Guillermo
DOI: doi.org/10.54096/KAJN3551

In December 2021, one (1) article and one (1) policy insight from the 2022 volume were also already released. These are the following:

Article

- “Teacher Education in the Philippines: Are We Meeting the Demand for Quality?”
Ian Nicole Generalao, Geoffrey Ducanes, Karol Mark Yee, and Clarissa C. David
DOI: doi.org/10.54096/IENE4805

Policy Insight

- “How Marcos Undermined Philippine Agriculture and Marginalized Further the Peasantry”
Eduardo C. Tadem
DOI: doi.org/10.54096/GOXE9779

UP CIDS DISCUSSION PAPER SERIES

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

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

2021-05	"Beyond Business as Usual: Philippine Labor Outmigration and the COVID-19 Pandemic" <i>Jorge V. Tigno</i>	PSPC
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UP CIDS PUBLIC POLICY MONOGRAPH SERIES

The UP CIDS Public Policy Monograph Series features full-length papers and/or volumes on themes relevant to Philippine public policy that aim to provide research-based advice and recommendations in addressing national issues and concerns. In 2021, UP CIDS was able to publish the following monographs:

2021-01	Marginalized Societies and the State in the Time of a Pandemic: The Philippine Case <i>Eduardo C. Tadem, et al.</i>	AltDev
2021-02	Going Against the Grain: A Case Study of Jollibee Group Foundation's Farmer Entrepreneurship Program <i>Jane Lynn D. Capacio</i>	EMIT C4C
2021-03	Higher Education Interventions During and Beyond the COVID-19 Pandemic <i>Editor: Fernando dLC. Paragas</i>	HERPRP

PROCEEDINGS

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

"Proceedings of the Focus Group Discussion on Philippine Muslim History"	ISP
"Mindanao: Fractured Promises, Continuing Challenges"	CIDS
"The Duterte Administration at Midterm: Insights from the President's State of the Nation Addresses"	CIDS
"Empowering Local Governance in the Philippines: Policy Studies for the National Capital Region"	CIDS

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES JULY TO DECEMBER 2021

JULY 2021	July–December	Social Media Activities	<i>Lawan</i> and Alternative Regionalism in Southeast Asia Platform	AltDev
	7 July	Online Podcast	<i>Katipunan</i> Dialogue Podcast Series, Episode 1: Emerging Economic & Strategic Environment	SSP
	5–8 July	Presentation	Building Alternative Livelihoods in Times of Ecological and Political Crisis	AltDev
	5–9 July	Speaking Engagement	Identities of Muslim Minorities in the Pre-Dominant Christian Philippines	DSP
	10 July	Webinar	COVID-19 sa Hangin	PHSD
	11 July	Presentation	Rethinking LGBTIQ ¹ Advocacy in ASEAN ²	AltDev
	14 July	Online Podcast	<i>Katipunan</i> Dialogue Podcast Series, Episode 2: Civil-Military Relation in Southeast Asia	SSP
	14 July	Forum	Loud and Clear: Effective Language of Instruction Policies for Learning	ERP
	14 July	Meeting	Data Science Working Group Meetings with Consultative Stakeholders	DSPP
	15 July	Presentation	International Political Science Association's (IPSA) 26th World Congress of Political Science	PSPC
	17 July	Presentation	26th Young Scholars Conference on Philippine Studies	AltDev
	19 July	Presentation	University Council Meeting	PEP
	20 July	Speaking Engagement	State of the People Address 2021: <i>Kumperensya para sa Pagbangon ng Ekonomiya at ng Bayan</i>	AltDev
	21 July	Online Podcast	<i>Katipunan</i> Dialogue Podcast Series, Episode 3: Regional Crisis Management: Multilateralism	SSP
	22 July	Conference	7th Reading Association of the Philippines International Conference	ERP
	22 July	Meeting	Advisory Group Meeting	ACTRP
	23 July	Capacity-Building Activity	Text Mining in Career Studies: Generating Insights from Unstructured Textual Data	DSPPP
	28 July	Meeting	Data Science Working Group Meetings with Consultative Stakeholders	DSPPP

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	28 July	Online Podcast	<i>Katipunan</i> Dialogue Podcast Series, Episode 4: Realignment of Forces in the Indo-Pacific	SSP
	28 July	Webinar	COVID-19 and the Indo-Pacific: Emerging Trends and Opportunities	SSP
	31 July	Speaking Engagement	Kashmir Issue: Time is Up!	DSP
AUGUST 2021	2 August	Participation of Convenor as Jury Member	PBSP ¹ -REX Publishing <i>Edukampyon</i> 2021 Awards	HERPRP
	5 August	Report Launching	Exploring Opportunities for Economic Diversification and Productive Employment in the Philippines	EMIT C4C
	6 August	Roundtable Discussion	#PILlpiLUNAS2022: <i>Kumustahin ang Bayan</i>	PEP
	12 August	Webinar	Telemedicine & Digital Connectivity	PHSD
	12 August	Presentation	Knowledge Forum: Democracy in Pandemic Times	PSPC
	13 August	Training	Research Consultants Onboarding	HERPRP
	16 August	Meeting	Preparations of Steering Committee for the 3rd Southeast Asian Conference on Alternatives	AltDev
	19 August	Meeting	Advisory Group Meeting	ACTRP
	20 August	Online Podcast	<i>Katipunan</i> Dialogue Podcast Series, Episode 5: Gender and Security	SSP
	20 August	Online Podcast	<i>Katipunan</i> Dialogue Podcast Series, Episode 6: Energy Security	SSP
	24 August	Online Podcast	<i>Lawan</i> Podcast: <i>Pasadang</i> Pandemic Filipino Transport Workers Amidst Health Crisis (Part 1)	AltDev
	25 August	Presentation	Caring Communities for Radical Change	AltDev
	26 August	Online Podcast	<i>Lawan</i> Podcast: <i>Pasadang</i> Pandemic Filipino Transport Workers Amidst Health Crisis (Part 2)	AltDev
	26 August	Presentation	Review of the K to 12 Curriculum and the Development of Learning Area Shaping Papers: Presentation of Curriculum Review Findings and Recommendations	ACTRP
	31 August	Audiovisual Feature	<i>Lawan</i> Features: <i>Hardin sa Kwarantín Ang Bungkalan sa Sitio San Roque</i> (Part 1)	AltDev

SEPTEMBER 2021

September-December	Workshop	Workshop on DepEd's 21st Century Skills Framework	ACTRP
2 Sept	Audiovisual feature	<i>Lawan Features: Hardin sa Kwarantín Ang Bungkalan sa Sitio San Roque (Part 2)</i>	AltDev
2 Sept	Meeting	Advisory Group Meeting	ACTRP
6 Sept	Audiovisual feature	<i>Lawan Features: Hardin sa Kwarantín Ang Bungkalan sa Sitio San Roque (Part 3)</i>	AltDev
7 Sept	Workshop	Validation Workshop on the Islamic Community Plan	EMIT C4C
7 Sept	Meeting	Preparations of Steering Committee for the 3rd Southeast Asian Conference on Alternatives	AltDev
8 Sept	Webinar	Making Our Way Back to the Classroom	HERPRP, ERP, ACTRP
23 Sept	Webinar	<i>Walang Golden Age sa Ekonomiya</i>	AltDev
23 Sept	Meeting	Advisory Group Meeting	ACTRP
24 Sept	Speaking Engagement	Forum for Reading Education Graduate Students: Developing the Multiliteracy Assessments for Filipino Children	ERP
25 Sept	Speaking Engagement	<i>Alternatibong Pulitika? Posible! Tungo sa Pagtatagumpay ng Alternatibong Pulitika sa Pilipinas</i>	AltDev
11 Sept	Meeting	Global Tapestry of Alternatives General Assembly	AltDev
9 Sept	Speaking Engagement	Foreign Service Institute (FSI) Lecture on Science Diplomacy	DSP
9 Sept	Webinar	Philippines Data- Driven Development (PH3D) Online Learning Series	PHSD
10 Sept	Training	Identifying Bugs in EHR and How to Report Them	PHSD
11 Sept	Speaking Engagement	Afghanistan and Progressive Action	DSP
16 Sept	Training	Community Engagement	PHSD
17 Sept	Meeting	Data Science Working Group Meetings with Consultative Stakeholders	DSPP
18 Sept	Webinar	COVID-19 Proper Sanitation Guidelines	PHSD
20 Sept	Online Meeting with Sponsor/ Funding Agency (PCHRD ¹)	PCHRD Governing Council Meeting	PHSD

	21-23 Sept	Presentation	OPAPP ¹ Peace Research Conference 2021	DSP
	27 Sept-1 Oct	Workshop	21st Century Skills Workshop	ACTRP
OCTOBER 2021	October	Meeting	Digital Public Pulse Project Meeting with Consultative Stakeholders	DSPPP
	2 Oct	Presentation	Taking Stock of Southeast Asia's COVID-19 Pandemic Battle: Looking Back and Preparing Ahead	PSPC
	4-15 Oct	Fellowship	Capacity Building of Social Economy Ecosystem of Asian Countries Program	AltDev
	5 Oct	Meeting	Preparations of Steering Committee for the 3rd Southeast Asian Conference on Alternatives	AltDev
	8 Oct	Forum	Manila Ecclesiastical Province Schools Systems Association Forum	ERP
	8 Oct	Online Podcast	<i>Lawan</i> Podcast: Community Pantries as Sites of People-to-People Solidarity (Part 1 and 2)	AltDev
	11 Oct	Meeting	Telemedicine Discussion with Michael G. Guysayko, mayor of Bulusan, Sorsogon	PHSD
	11-12 Oct	Lecture	Halal, Culture, and Sustainability Issues in the Philippines	DSP
	12 Oct	Workshop	21st Century Skills Workshop	ACTRP
	13 Oct	Meeting	Data Science Working Group Meetings with Consultative Stakeholders	DSPPP
	14 Oct	Meeting	Linking Mechanisms for Financing Primary Health Care and Governing Policies of Community Outpatient Benefit	PHSD
	14 Oct	Webinar	5th National Cardiovascular Summit – Digital Health Solutions for Universal Health Care & Philippine Primary Care	PHSD
	16 Oct	Speaking Engagement	Championing Holistic Transformation of Media Practice	DSP
	18 Oct	Webinar	Philippine Primary Care Studies (PPCS) for the Philippine Society of General Internal Medicine	PHSD
	19 Oct	Workshop	21st Century Skills Workshop	ACTRP
	20 Oct	Meeting	Preparations of Steering Committee for the 3rd Southeast Asian Conference on Alternatives	AltDev
	21 Oct	Meeting	Advisory Group Meeting	ACTRP

	21, 28 October and 25 November	Training	PPCS Strategy Calibration Series (1-3)	PHSD
	22 Oct	Training	Training Orientation on a Primary Care-Oriented EHR for Use in Hospital Coordination	PHSD
	25 Oct	Roundtable Discussion	Public Utility Vehicle Modernization Program (PUVMP) of the Philippines: Updates, Issues, and Challenges	PEP
	27 Oct; 9, 16, and 26 Nov; 6 and 13 Dec	Validation Sessions	Validation and Finalization of the Multiliteracy Assessments for Filipino Children	ERP
	28 Oct-16 Dec	Training	In Technical Assistance to Bureau of Education Assessment: Introduction to Rasch Analysis Training	ACTRP
NOVEMBER 2021	November	Offer of Partnership	Supporting Holistic and Actionable Research in Education (SHARE)	HERPRP
	3-20 Nov, 29 Nov-18 Dec	Training	Assessment of Professional Development on Building Basic Assessment Competence of Teachers	ACTRP
	4 Nov	Meeting	Presentation of PPCS Year 2 Technical Report to the Department of Health	PHSD
	4 Nov	Meeting	Advisory Group Meeting	ACTRP
	5 Nov	Webinar	DOH Regional Research Forum: Primary Health Care Resiliency Amidst Emerging and Reemerging Diseases	PHSD
	5 Nov	Webinar	#PILipiLUNAS2022: <i>Balota at Pulitika sa 2022: May Bago Ba?</i>	PSPC
	5 Nov	Meeting	Preparations of Steering Committee for the 3rd Southeast Asian Conference on Alternatives	AltDev
	8 Nov	Roundtable Discussion	Higher Education in EDCOM: Going Global?	HERPRP
	10 Nov	Webinar	DOH Regional Research Forum: Primary Health Care Resiliency Amidst Emerging and Reemerging Diseases	PHSD
	11 Nov	Speaking Engagement	The Leadership Roles of ASEAN Youth in Strengthening Multiculturalism and Diversity	DSP

	11-13 Nov	Conference	Advancing and Realizing Alternative Regionalism: Southeast Asian Peoples' Solidarity and Resistance in COVID-19 Times	AltDev
	12 Nov	Online Presentation	Monthly Meeting of the Provincial Health Officers Association of the Philippines (PHOAP)	PHSD
	16 Nov	Workshop	21st Century Skills Workshop	ACTRP
	19 Nov	Meeting	Data Science Working Group Meetings with Consultative Stakeholders	DSPPP
	22 Nov	Workshop	Capacity Enhancement Workshops	EMIT C4C
	23 Nov	Speaking Engagement	2nd International Conference on Islamic History and Civilization (ICON-ISHIC) 2021	DSP
	23 Nov	Webinar	Post-Graduate Medical Education – Department of Health/Philippine Primary Care Studies Phase 1 and 2	PHSD
	24 Nov	Webinar	Essential Knowledge	ISP
	24 Nov	Webinar	Muslim Institutional Development Education	ISP
	25 Nov	Webinar	Celebrating Fidel's Long-Lasting Legacy of Anti-US Imperialism: Toward an Independent Foreign Policy Through Platform-Based Politics in 2022	AltDev
	26 Nov	Speaking Engagement	#PILipiLUNAS: Is More Power to Local Governments More Power to the People?: Elections, Devolution, and the Local Government Code Three Decades After	PSPC
	26 Nov	Forum	<i>Sipat Edukasyon</i>	ERP
	27 Nov	Speaking Engagement	<i>Isang ASEAN: Testing Unity in an Uncertain Global Politics</i>	DSP
DECEMBER 2021	1-15 Dec	Field Trial	Computer-Based National Achievement Test Field Trial	ACTRP
	1 Dec	Meeting	Advisory Group Meeting	ACTRP
	3 Dec	Meeting	Review of the K to 12 Curriculum and the Development of Learning Area Shaping Papers: Meeting on Curricular Frameworks	ACTRP
	3 Dec	Workshop	21st Century Skills Workshop	ACTRP
	5 Dec	Speaking Engagement	Overcoming the Multiple Crises of Capitalism	AltDev
	7 Dec	Webinar	#PILipiLUNAS: Strategic Philippine Foreign Relations: Challenges and Prospects for 2022 and Beyond	SSP

8 Dec	Presentation	Early Grade Learning Conference: Pursuing High-Quality Literacy Education and Reading in the New Normal	ERP
9 Dec	Speaking Engagement and Presentation	Building Back Better Towards Resilient, Inclusive and Sustainable Rural Development	AltDev
9 Dec	Forum	Industrial Policy Forum	EMIT C4C
9 Dec	Presentation	Demystifying ASEAN: Building Solidarity Among LGBTIQ Activists in Southeast Asia	AltDev
9 Dec	Training	Submission Guidelines for Project Proposals & Filling up of Forms	PHSD
10 Dec	Meeting	Global Tapestry of Alternatives General Assembly	AltDev
10 Dec	Webinar	Alternative Class Learning Experience (ACLE) on Public Health & Community-led Health Responses	PHSD
10 Dec	Meeting	Data Science Working Group Meetings with Consultative Stakeholders	DSPPP
11 Dec	Webinar	Southeast Asian Civil Society Engagement with the ASEAN Process: Challenges and Alternatives	AltDev
14 Dec	Speaking Engagement	Mondragon Cooperatives in the Time of Pandemic: A Model for Workers Empowerment	AltDev
15 Dec	Workshop	STEM Framework Workshop	ACTRP
16 Dec	Audiovisual Feature	Featurette on Lila stores (co-produced with PATAMABA ¹)	AltDev
16 Dec	Presentation	#PEFTalks: Examining the Value Chains for Area Development and Collaboration	EMIT C4C
21 Dec	Consultation	Sixth-Month Feedback Session on EHR System Pilot with Pasig City UHC Implementers	PHSD

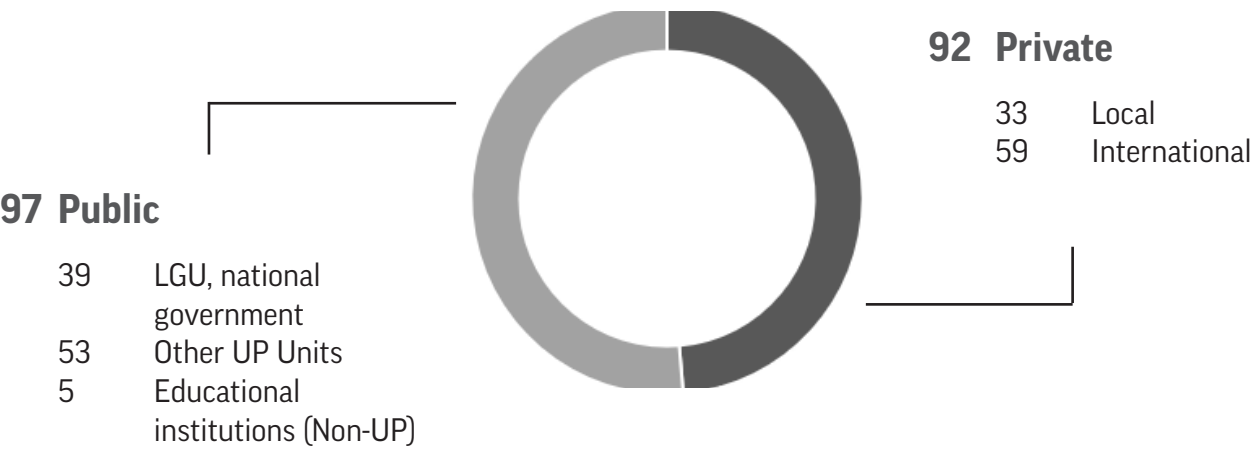
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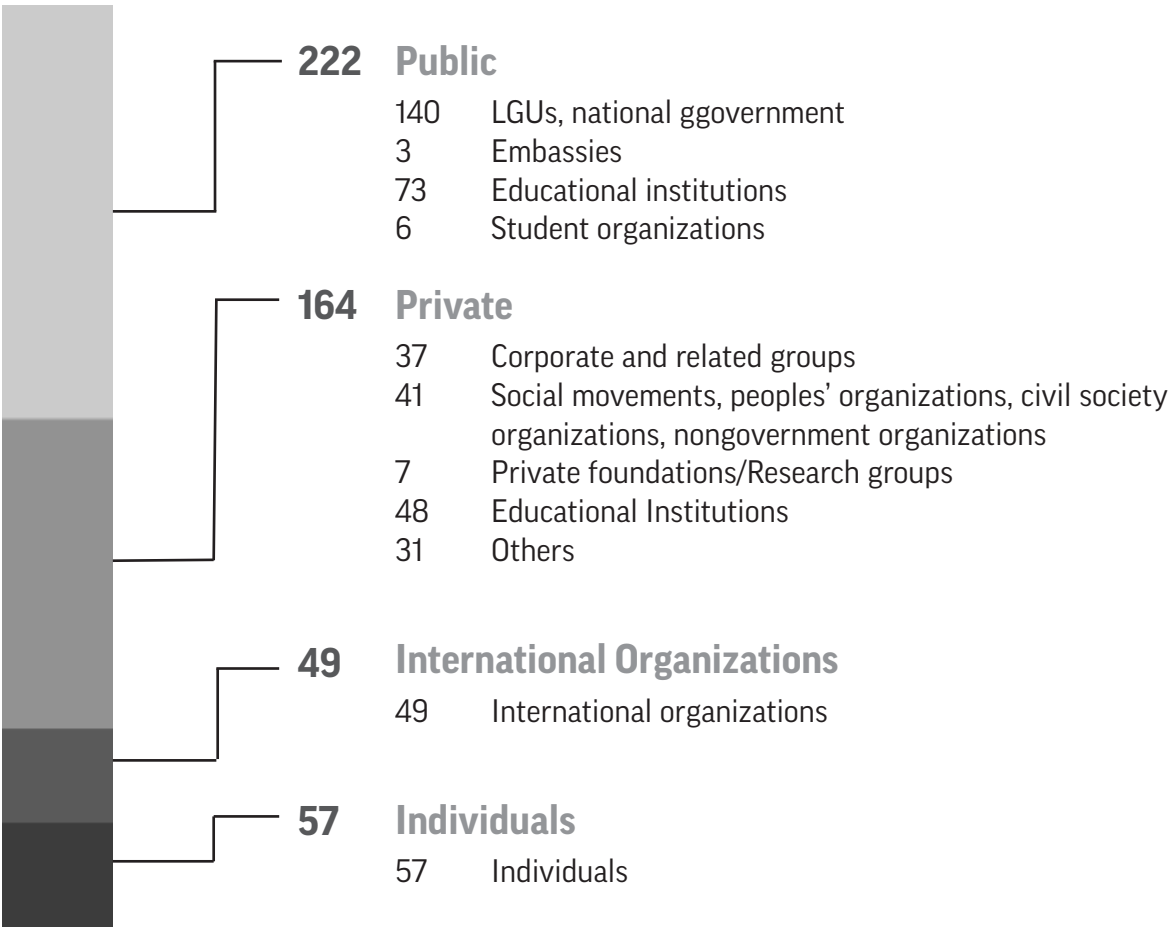
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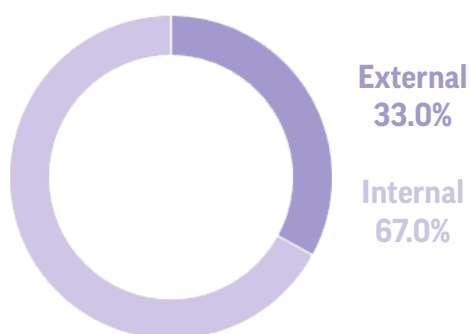
EXTERNAL FUNDING

The UP President Executive Order 9 of September 1985 includes UP CIDS' objective of the securing funds from public and private persons and agencies to support its policy research activities. In line with this objective, the Education Research Program (ERP), Assessment, Curriculum, and Technology Research Program (ACTRP), the Program on Alternative Development (AltDev), the Program on Health Systems Development (PHSD), the Program on Social and Political Change (PSPC), the Islamic Studies Program (ISP), and the Strategic Studies Program (SSP) were among the UP CIDS research programs that secured and utilized external funding in 2021.

The combined external funding of the aforementioned Programs comprised 54% of the Center's funds for 2021, whereas the Center's internal funding allocated for the Research Programs amounted to 46%. For 2021, external funding actually made up more of the total research program funds compared to internal funding from the University.

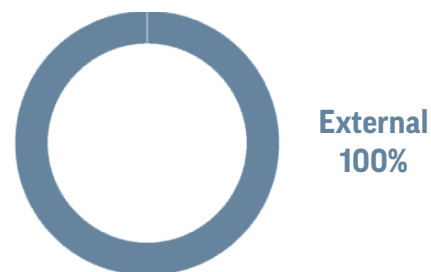
Education Research Program (ERP)

The Education Research Program (ERP) used external funding, amounting to 33.0% of its entire Program budget for 2021. The external fund was used primarily for its TalkTogether Project. The United Kingdom Research and Innovation-Global Challenges Research Fund (UKRI-GCRF) financed the Project, which later on published technical reports and finalized open data archiving.



Assessment Technology Curriculum and Research Program (ACTRP)

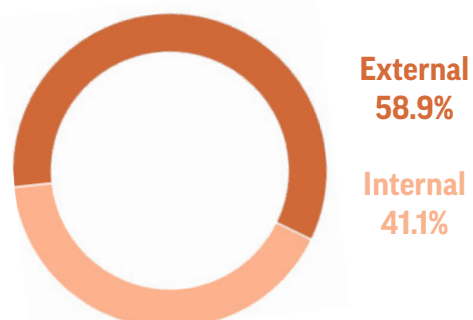
The Assessment Curriculum and Technology Research Program (ACTRP) is fully funded by the Assessment Research Centre (ARC) of the University of Melbourne (UoM) and the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT).



Program on Alternative Development (AltDev)

In 2021, the Program on Alternative Development (AltDev) was able to source external funds for its research activities. Its external funding comprised 58.9% of its total budget for 2021, whereas its internal UP CIDS funding made up the remaining 41.1%.

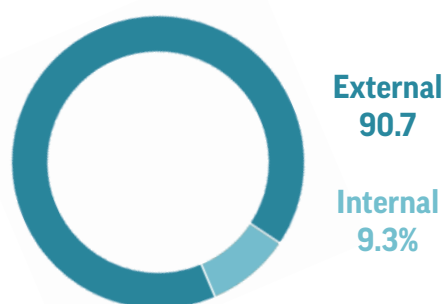
AltDev's external funding were sourced from the following: (1) Fostering Southeast Asian Peoples' Alternative Regionalism in Pandemic Times and Rising Authoritarianism Project (with 11.11.11 Coalition of the North-South Flemish Movement); and (2) the 2021 General Appropriations Act (GAA) for Comprehensive Release (FCR), which supported its "Policy Studies for Political and Administrative Reform" project.



Program of Health Systems Development (PHSD)

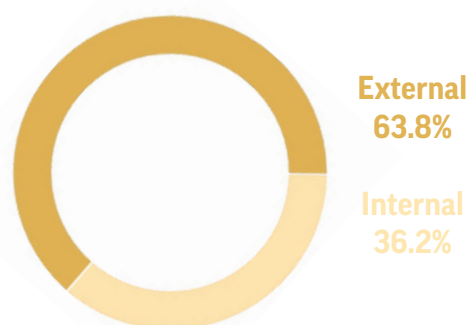
For the Program of Health Systems Development (PHSD), majority of its funding came from external sources (90.7%). PHSD's external funding sources include the following: (1) Department of Health-Advancing Health through Evidence-Assisted Decisions (AHEAD); (2) Philippine Council for Health Research and Development; and (3) PhilHealth.

PHSD's external funding was used to support its research budget, in terms of personnel services and indirect costs, and to provide healthcare benefits for patients in rural and Geographically Isolated and Disadvantaged Areas (GIDA) sites.



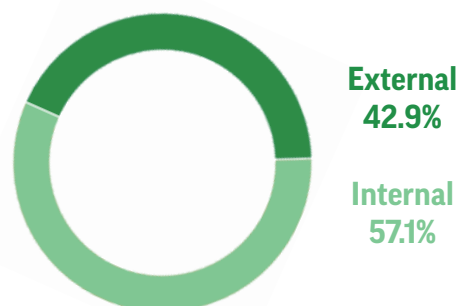
Program on Social and Political Change (PSPC)

In 2021, majority (63.8%) of the Program on Social and Political Change (PSPC)'s funding came from external sources, whereas 36.2% were from internal funds. Its two external funding sources are: (1) the 2021 General Appropriations Act (GAA) for Comprehensive Release (FCR), which supported its "Policy Studies for Political and Administrative Reform" project; and (2) the National Research Council of the Philippines (NRCP).



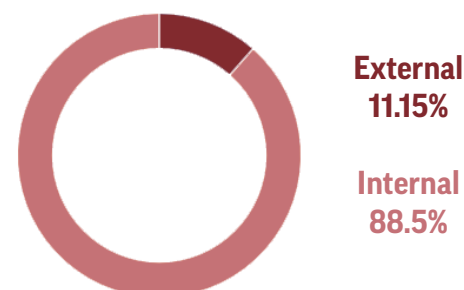
Islamic Studies Program (ISP)

Majority (57.1%) of the Islamic Studies Program's 2021 budget came from internal funding, but ISP was able to secure 42.9% in external funding from the Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF) through the Institute for Autonomy and Governance (IAG).



Strategic Studies Program (SSP)

Although majority (88.5%) of the Strategic Studies Program (SSP)'s funding came internally, SSP was also able to secure external funding (11.5%) from Konrad Adenauer Stiftung Philippines. SSP used this fund to finance speakers and moderators, transcribers, and documenters, among others for the podcasts/webinars it conducted, as well as the expenses that were incurred in the publication production of these.





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