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INTRODUCTION

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 24 September 1985, UP CIDS has the following objectives and functions:

- Develop, organize, and manage research issues of national significance, for 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.

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 sizable 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 emerging international and national policy concerns.

The Center currently supports 12 Research Programs grouped into three general clusters. UP CIDS' Research Programs of UP CIDS are:

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



The UP CIDS Staff was visited by the new UP Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Cubillan last April 24, 2023.

- **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 UP CIDS Core Staff facilitates and supports the administration, finance, documentation, and dissemination of the Center's Research Programs' projects and activities. It 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.

UP CIDS and the Transitioning of UP Administrations

This UP CIDS 2023 Midyear Report covers the Center's publications and activities amid the transition from the previous administration of former UP President Danilo L. Concepcion (9 February 2017–9 February 2023) to the new administration of UP President Angelo A. Jimenez (from 10 February 2023 onwards).

This UP CIDS 2023 Midyear Report takes off from the UP CIDS 2022 Year-End Report, which contained the accomplishment and achievements of the Center from 1 August 2017 to 31 December 2022 under former President Concepcion.

In relation to this, UP CIDS would like to take this opportunity again to thank his Administration, most especially, the Office of the Vice-President for Academic Affairs (OVPA) under Vice-President Ma. Cynthia Rose Banzon Bautista, for all the unwavering support it has given to UP CIDS as the UP System's policy research unit.

UP CIDS looks forward to continuing working with the Jimenez Administration, most especially with the new Vice President for Academic Affairs Leo D.P. Cubillan. On 24 April 2023, Vice President Cubillan met with the UP CIDS Executive Director, UP CIDS Program Convenors/Co-Convenors and personnel, as well as the UP CIDS Core Staff, i.e., administration, publications, and library units. In relation to this, the Center deeply appreciates his assurance of



UP Core Staff during its monthly Core Staff Meeting.

the valuable support, which OVPAA will continue to provide for UP CIDS research activities and publications.

During this meeting, VP Cubillan also expressed the need to assess the impact of UP CIDS on policy-making. Thus, UP CIDS has also integrated this assessment with the updated (from the 2023 UP CIDS Midyear Report) End-of-Term Report (ETR) of its Executive Director Teresa S. Encarnacion Tadem (1 August 2017–31 July 2023), together with the UP CIDS Programs and Administration, Publication, and Library units. This will be published in a separate document from the 2023 UP CIDS Midyear Report.

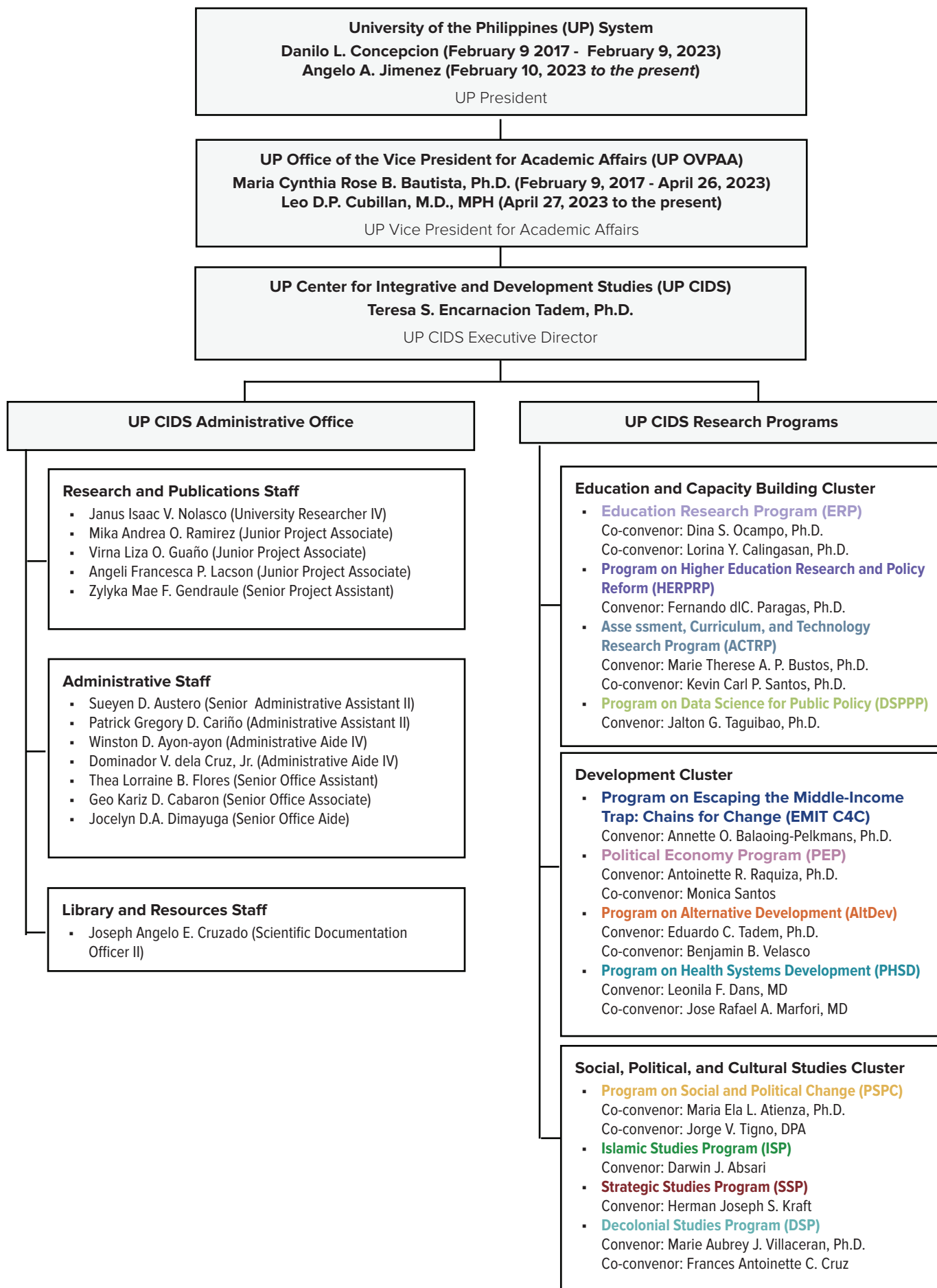
UP CIDS LIBRARY AND RESOURCES

The UP CIDS Library and Resources office continues to operate physically and online to cater to various clients with their research needs. Since the inventory of UP CIDS publications has been updated, the UP CIDS Library started to upload them to other databases.

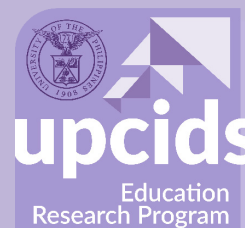
One of UP CIDS' partnerships is with the Socioeconomic Research Portal for the Philippines (SERP-P) of the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS). The library has uploaded a total of 343 UP CIDS publications, including policy papers, journal articles, monographs, and discussion papers.

The library has also given copies of UP CIDS publications to other libraries, such as the National Library of the Philippines and the Senate of the Philippines Legislative Library. Also achieved during these past months is the uploading of older publications to the UP CIDS website database.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART (AS OF JUNE 30, 2023)



EDUCATION RESEARCH PROGRAM



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Education Research Program (ERP) conducts research under three categories—Curriculum and Assessment, Instruction and Teacher Development and Governance, and Finance and School Improvement—based on its agenda, “Policy Investigations in Support of the Filipino Learner 2019–2024.” To guide the investigations that ERP conducts, analysis is drawn from statistics, education studies, and multiple stakeholder consultations. For the current year, the particular focus of ERP is literacy, information communications technology (ICT), and disinformation studies.

PROGRAM STAFF

Co-Convenors	Lorina Calingasan, Ph.D. <i>Associate Professor, College of Education University of the Philippines Diliman</i>	
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SukatWika Team Members	Angelina Aquino	Francis Paolo Santelices

ACTIVITIES FROM JANUARY TO JUNE 2023

PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS

Exploratory Meetings with Possible Partners

2, 16, and 22 February 2023

ERP Co-convenor Dr. Dina Ocampo and Senior Research Associates Margaret Mary Rosary Carmel Fua and Kathrina Lorraine Lucasan met with three groups to discuss possible collaboration/s to finalize the multimodal versions of the MLAF (Kindergarten–Grade 3). To discuss points for collaboration, ERP met with representatives from Ayala Foundation Inc., De La Salle Philippines, and Angat Pinas Foundation Inc. and presented research proposals developed with prospective partners' communities in mind. To prepare for the meetings, consultations on statistical treatments and analyses to be used were conducted with Dr. Teodora Salubayba, education research faculty of the UP College of Education.

CONFERENCE

Association for Reading and Writing International Conference 2023

23–24 February 2023

ERP Research Teams shared their research outputs at the 2023 Association for Reading and

Writing International Conference held online on 23 and 24 February 2023. The MLAF Team presented a poster with the title “Developing Multiliteracy Assessments for Kindergarten to Grade 3 Filipino Children (MLAF).” Meanwhile, the SukatWika Team, composed of Senior Research Associate Kathrina Lorraine Lucasan, ERP Partners Angelina Aquino and Francis Paolo Santelices, and Co-convenor Dr. Dina Ocampo presented the paper with the title “SukatWika: An Analysis Software for Linguistic Properties of Texts.”

CONFERENCE

Centers of Gravity (COG) Meeting: Strengthening Convergence of Pathways Teaching and Learning Initiatives

7 March 2023

ERP Co-convenor Dr. Dina Ocampo served as a resource person for an online meeting titled “What Works for K–3 Programming from a Systems-Based Perspective?” at the Centers of Gravity based in Cotabato City on 7 March 2023. She shared insights on improving early grade literacy programs to strengthen the Pathways initiative.

Developing Multi-literacy Assessments for Kindergarten to Grade 3 Filipino Children (MLAF)
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Philippine K to 12 Language and Literacy Curriculum — Mother Tongue-Based Multilingual Education

Inventory of Existing Assessments → Table of Specifications → Writing of Items → Content Validation & Trial Run → Final MLAF 1.0 → Field Testing 1.0 → Item Analysis & Selection → Final MLAF 2.0 → Field Testing 2.0

Components & Design

- FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS**
 - Oral Language
 - Book and Print Knowledge
 - Listening Comprehension
 - Phonological Awareness
 - Alphabet Knowledge
 - Vocabulary
 - Handwriting
- WORD & SENTENCE LEVEL SKILLS**
 - Word & Non-word Reading
 - Grammar Awareness
 - Spelling
 - Reading Comprehension
 - Fluency
 - Writing & Composing
- EXECUTIVE FUNCTION**
 - Logical Sequencing
 - Rapid Automatized Naming
 - Figure Copying

MLAF 1.0
Face to face

Item Analysis & Selection

- Collate results of Classical Test Theory & Rasch Modeling
- Look at flagged items (statistical analysis)
- Identify possible issues or causes (qualitative analysis)
- Decide to retain, revise, or bank
- Confirm Phase 1 decisions using one-way ANOVA
- Distribute items across three alternate forms using item ranking
- Determine reliability of alternate forms

MLAF 2.0

- Face to face
- Visual remote
- Telephony

Research Questions:

- Are test results across different modalities comparable?
- Does the MLAF differentiate between good and poor readers among K to 3 Filipino children?
- Does the MLAF identify the correlates of good and poor literacy for K to 3 Filipino children?

Administration time points: beginning, middle, & end of year

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*Language skills are underlined.

Various Assessment Initiatives — The COVID-19 Pandemic

Association for Reading and Writing International Conference 2023—MLAF poster presentation

Lalaine Yanilla-Aquino



Second Congressional Commission on Education (EDCOM II)—Member, Standing Committee for Higher Education and Teacher Education and Development

 **Dina Ocampo**

MEETING

Collaboration meeting with UP Los Baños

15 March 2023

The team composed of Co-convenor Dr. Lorina Calingasan and Senior Research Associate Junette Gonzales met with UP Los Baños Office for Institutional Development in Higher Education Director Dr. Greg Pawilen and other researchers last 15 March 2023. They discussed a potential collaboration on a study on social sciences and basic education schools. Both parties shared research interests and explored areas for joint work.

MEETING

General Assembly and Collaboration meeting with Facts First PH

23 February, 24 March, and April 2023

Co-convenor Dr. Lorina Calingasan and Senior Research Associate Junette Fatima Gonzales participated in the online General Assembly of Facts First PH. Facts First PH is a coalition that aims to bring together media advocates to discuss strategies for combating disinformation in the Philippines. ERP discussed possible partnerships on a media literacy initiative to strengthen skeptical resilience.

FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION

FGD on Media and Information Literacy (MIL) College of Mass Communication

11 April 2023

Together with the UP College of Mass Communications MIL Project Leaders and select members of the UP College of Education faculty, ERP Co-convenor Dr. Lorina Calingasan participated in a focus group discussion (FGD) on MIL and digital ethics at the University Hotel, UP Diliman, on 11 April 2023. The activity gathered inputs for developing modules on MIL for senior high school students.

FIELDWORK

Piloting of tools and protocols

15, 17, and 24 May 2023

Two Language Capture and Ethnography team members, Nerissa Zara and Research Fellow Audrey Morallo, took turns in visiting the home in Barangay Loyola Heights and observing the participating four-year-old child and his mother. During the process, the team used and tried their data collection tools and protocols. The team conducted an exit phone interview with the mother at the end of the observation period. The team will then conduct a final interview with the child’s mother using an interview tool. Transcripts of all interviews will be prepared.

ORIENTATION

Extension Grant Recipients Orientation

16 May 2023

On 16 May 2023, ERP Co-convenors Dr. Lorina Calingasan and Dr. Dina Ocampo, Senior Research Associates Margaret Mary Rosary Carmel Fua, Kathrina Lorraine Lucasan, and Junette Gonzales participated in an orientation workshop for the recently awarded extension grant. The activity provided guidance on project implementation, including details on finance, logistics, and other research implementation concerns.

WORKSHOP

Curriculum Harmonization Workshops

18–20 May, 22–24 June 2023

As consultants, ERP Co-convenors Dr. Lorina Calingasan and Dr. Dina Ocampo participated in a series of curriculum harmonization workshops for UP high school from 18 to 20 May and from 22 to 24 June 2023. They will continue their participation in these workshops scheduled from 21 to 26 August and from 12 to 14 October. The workshops aim to align curricula across UP campuses, including UP Integrated School (UPIS), UP Rural High School (UPRHS) in Los Baños, UP Cebu High School, and UP Iloilo High School.

FORUM

Worldwide Learning Consortium Project

16 June 2023

ERP Co-Convenor Dr. Lorina Calingasan served as a resource person on fake news and disinformation for senior high school students and faculty at Ehime University, Japan as part of the Worldwide Learning Consortium Project.

DISCUSSION

Philippine Business for Education Roundtable Discussion on Education Governance and Teacher Quality Reforms

21–22 June 2023

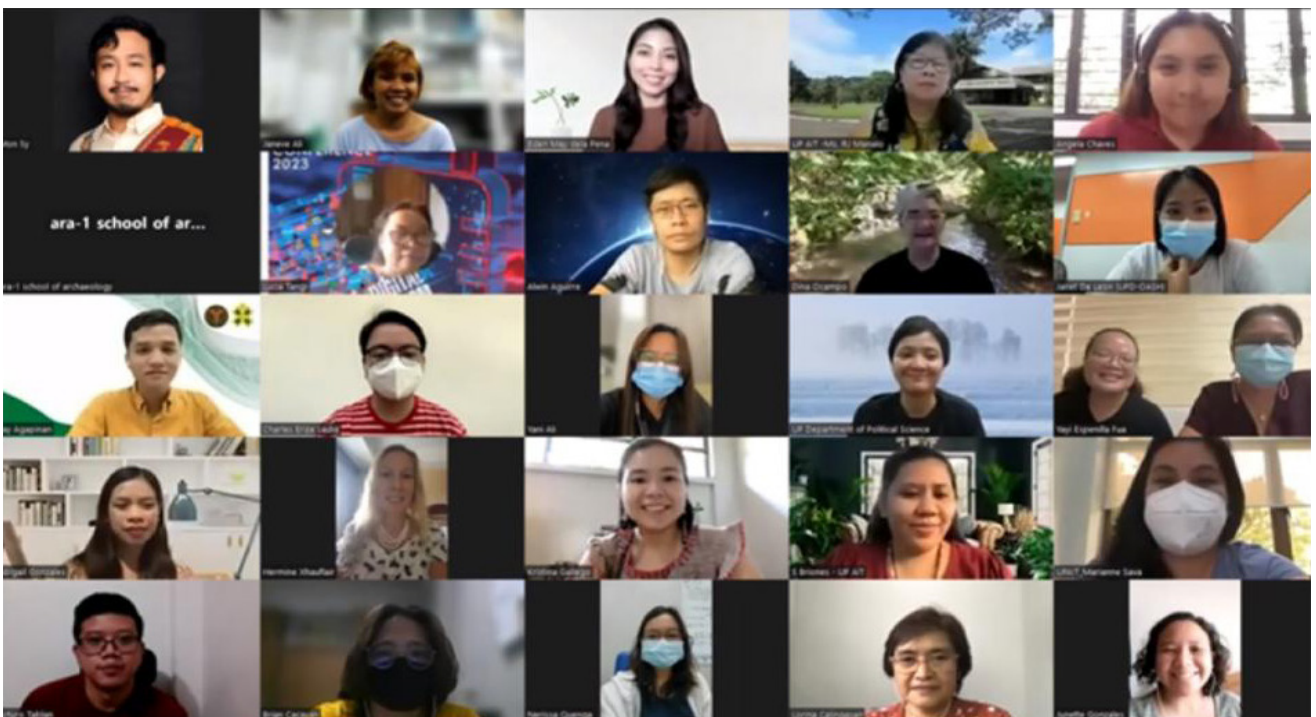
ERP Co-convenor Dr. Dina Ocampo joined the Philippine Business for Education roundtable discussion on education reforms related to governance and teacher quality.

WORKSHOP

Workshop for Tool and Protocol Revision and Gadget Use

23 June 2023

The Language Capture and Ethnography team, composed of Dr. Romylyn Metila, Ana Maria Margarita Salvador, Senior Research Associate Margaret Mary Rosary Carmel Fua, Research Assistant Rizza Baligad, and Research Fellows Audrey Morallo and Jennica Varias, met to finalize the tools and protocols based on piloting



Orientation by the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Development Extension Grant Recipients

 Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Development, UP Diliman



Piloting of tools and protocols for the Language Capture and Ethnography: Patterns of Language Use of Children in Low-SES Families and Language Input from the Home Environment study

 Ana Maria Margarita Salvador

data. The team also conducted a tutorial-workshop on gadget use for data collection and file uploading.

Second Congressional Commission on Education (EDCOM II)

25 May 2023

As a member of the Standing Committee for Higher Education and Teacher Education and Development, Dr. Dina Ocampo participated in the ongoing work of the Second Congressional Commission on Education. In addition, the ERP submitted to the Basic Education Committee a position paper supporting the continued implementation of the current version of the K-12 curriculum, in response to House Bill No. 7893 (An Act Amending Republic Act Numbered Ten Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Three [RA No. 10533], Entitled “An Act Enhancing the Philippine Basic Education System by Strengthening its Curriculum and Increasing the Number of Years for Basic Education, Appropriating Funds Thereof and for Other Purposes”) (7 June 2023).

OUTPUTS FROM JANUARY TO JUNE 2023

PROCEEDINGS

- **A Roundtable Discussion on Literacy Assessments for Grades 4 to 12: Emerging Themes and Framework for 21st Century Learning**
- **“Wag Padadala sa Maling Akala: Ilang Pamamaraan sa Paglaban sa Fake News at Disimpormasyon”**

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND OUTPUTS FOR JULY TO DECEMBER 2023

ERP pursues research across three categories—Curriculum and Assessment, Instruction and Teacher Development and Governance, Finance and School Improvement—guided by its “Policy Investigations in Support of the Filipino Learner 2019–2024” agenda. Investigations are informed by statistical analysis, education studies, and multistakeholder consultations.

For 2023, ERP’s research focuses on language and literacy, and disinformation. Under Curriculum and Assessment, the Multiliteracy Assessments for Filipino Children (MLAF) will be administered to K-3 children in three modalities—in-person, online, and telephony.



Meeting with Krus na Ligas Elementary School Kinder Coordinator for the Stakeholders’ Co-Production of an Oral Language Program for Five-Year-Old Children study

 Maria Hazelle R. Preclaro-Ongtengco



Collaboration meeting with Angat Pinas Foundation, Inc.

 Angat Pinas Staff

Data gathered will be analyzed to inform literacy programs and lessons of partner communities as well as policies on early-grade learning outcomes.

Also under Curriculum and Assessment are the UsapTayo studies, which have two components. First, the Coproduction Study aims to develop a program for five-year-old children with teachers, parents, and students. Data collection through interviews, observations, and materials review will inform program development, a prototype of which will be piloted and refined. Second, the Language Capture and Ethnography Study will collect data on patterns of language use of children in low-income families.

Under Instruction and Teacher Development and Governance, ERP will conduct an extension workshop on “Skeptical Resilience and Fighting Fake News” to build teachers’ skills in assessing online information. Intervention research on combating disinformation will also commence.

Lastly, the dissemination of research to stakeholders will continue through the annual Sipat Edukasyon forum online.

By concentrating research efforts on literacy and disinformation within its established

categories, ERP will generate timely evidence to guide education reforms and interventions. The methodological approaches and strong emphasis on stakeholder engagement will ensure relevant, high-impact outputs to support Filipino learners.

ACTIVITIES

Disinformation Studies

Following the application for research ethics and articulation of data findings and the submission of the journal article on how teachers assess online information, ERP shall conduct an extension workshop entitled “Skeptical Resilience and Fighting Fake News: Capacity-Building on Civic Online Reasoning for Basic Education Teachers in the Public School System” in partnership with West Mindanao State University this August 2023. In addition, the Program will develop intervention research on disinformation studies.

Multiliteracy Assessments for Filipino Children (MLAF)

Field administration of the multimodal MLAF (K–3) will be conducted at two data points (beginning and middle of the year). Data



Meeting with Research Fellows for Multi-Literacy Assessments for Filipino Children (Grades 4-12)

 Margaret Mary Rosary Carmel Fua

collected at these points will be encoded, analyzed, and will inform the paper to be presented at the 7th International Conference on Language and Education from 4 to 6 October 2023 in Bangkok, Thailand. Development of literacy assessments for Grades 4–12 will begin during the latter part of the year as well.

Usap Tayo Studies

- a.) **Stakeholders’ Coproduction of an Oral Language Program for Five-Year-Old Children.** The team will interview kindergarten teachers, parents, and incoming kindergarten students. It will also conduct classroom observations, and evaluate selected learning materials. Once these tasks are done, the team will draft guidelines, procedures, and workshop materials for Quality Circles. A pilot program will test and refine the oral language program prototype and program materials.
- b.) **Language Capture and Ethnography: Patterns of Language Use of Children in Low-SES Families and Language Input from the Home Environment.** For the rest of the year, the team will focus on data collection, data cleaning and transcription, data analysis, and report writing. Alongside these activities, the team will work on the publication of its journal article on the systematic review of the related literature of the study.

Sipat Edukasyon

The ERP will conduct its annual research dissemination forum, the Sipat Edukasyon in November 2023, via the online platform Zoom and streamed live through the UP CIDS Facebook account. Its primary aim is to share UP ERP’s education research output with various stakeholders. Previous presentations include topics on teacher professional development, gender studies, and information and communications technology (ICT) in education among others. This event shall be free and open to all.

OUTPUTS

Journal Articles

- “Stakeholders’ Coproduction of an Oral Language Program for Five-Year-Old Children”
- “Opportunities and Gaps for Oral Language Development in the School Setting”
- “Patterns of Language Use of Children in Low-SES Families and Language Input from the Home Environment”
- “Development of a Tool for Understanding the Oral Language of Young Children in Low-Income Communities”
- “Skeptical Resilience and Fighting Fake News: Investigating How Teachers Assess Online Information”

- “Development of a Framework for the Multiliteracy Assessments for Grades 4–12 Filipino Children

Administration Manuals

- for Face-to-Face, Visual Remote, and Telephony

Research Ethics Certification

- Capacity-Building on Skeptical Resilience and Fighting Fake News as data gathering method
- Supporting Community-Based Teachers of Literacy Through Assessment of Children’s Early Literacy Skills and Learning Action Cell Sessions

Proceedings

- A Roundtable Discussion on Literacy Assessments for Grades 4 to 12: Emerging Themes and Framework for 21st Century Learning

Report

- “Baseline Data: Supporting Community-Based Teachers of Literacy Through Assessment of Children’s Early Literacy Skills and Learning Action Cell Sessions”

Documentation

- “Supporting Community-Based Teachers of Literacy Through Assessment of Children’s Early Literacy Skills and Learning Action Cell Sessions”

Literacy program plans based on the community’s experience

- Supporting Community-Based Teachers of Literacy Through Assessment of Children’s Early Literacy Skills and Learning Action Cell Sessions

Project Brief

- “Development of Grades 4–12 Literacy Assessments”
- Skills and Learning Action Cell Sessions”

Documentation

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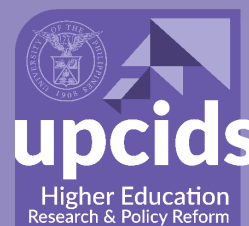
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Project Brief

- “Development of Grades 4–12 Literacy Assessments”

HIGHER EDUCATION RESEARCH AND POLICY REFORM PROGRAM



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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 doing 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 STAFF

Convenor	Dr. Fernando Paragas <i>Professor, College of Mass Communication, University of the Philippines Diliman</i>
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Senior Project Assistant	Raisa Kirstie Aquino
Senior Office Aide	Joyce Quitan

ACTIVITIES FROM JANUARY TO JUNE 2023

RESEARCH CONSULTANTS

Year 2 Research Consultants

First half of 2023

In preparation for their presentations in the latter half of 2023, consultants continue their studies as follows:

- 1.) **Allen Espinosa, Ph.D.**, “International Large-Scale Assessment (ILSA) and Its Implications to the Provision of Preservice Teacher Education in the Philippines”;
- 2.) **Agnes Kristine Arban Quilinguing**, “Mapping of UP System Public Financial Management Processes



Internal meetings on each pillar's duties, responsibilities, and ownership for UP PEJA Fellows call

 **HERPRP**

- and Systems: Constraints to Higher Education Service Delivery”;
- 3.) **Kathleen Mai Cardoz**, “Microcredentials and the Proposed Senate Bill No. 62 (Educational Roadmap Act)”;
 - 4.) **Marren Araña Adan, MA, LPT**, “Deterritorializing Pedagogy and Learning”;
 - 5.) **Leonardo Jaminola III**, “The Role of Adult Children’s Higher Education on Older Parents’ Physical and Mental Health”;
 - 6.) **Juan Miguel Sevilla**, “Synergy of Non-Degree Data Upskilling Programs and Higher Education”;
 - 7.) **Marion Tinio**, “The State of Environmental Planning Education in the Philippines After RA 10587”; and
 - 8.) **Ivan Harris Tanyag**, “Local Geographic Spillovers of R&D Initiatives of State Universities and Colleges: The Case of the Pili R&D Center in Bicol Region.”

CALL FOR PAPERS

Joint Call for Research: Higher Education Policy (Year 3 Research Consultants)

Deadline for submissions: 26 May 2023

HERPRP, together with EDCOM 2, opened a call for abstracts on Higher Education Policy as part

of a research consultancy series of HERPRP. After two successful years, the third cohort of research consultants will focus on the specific areas for research detailed by EDCOM 2 on higher education. From the 52 submissions, 11 successful applicants will be awarded.

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

UPPEJA Fellowship for EDCOM 2 Research Questions

Application period: 21 June–7 July 2023

EDCOM 2, in collaboration with the University of the Philippines, opened applications for the UP President Edgardo J. Angara Fellowship (UPPEJA) last 21 June 2023.

The UPPEJA Fellowship aims to promote high-level policy discussions and research on a wide range of topics that address national development goals and imperatives. These topics include science and technology, economic development, environment and climate change, good governance, and communications. After the vetting period, 20 applicants, which correspond to the 20 research questions from EDCOM 2, will be awarded as fellows, with a grant amounting to ₱500,000. HERPRP functions as part of the main secretariat of this fellowship, led by the convenor, Dr. Fernando Paragas.

PUBLICATIONS

▪ Monographs

- *Contemporary Issues in Philippine Higher Education 3*, posted 24 January 2023

▪ Discussion Papers

- "UP's Pandemic Response—Activities, Programs, and Policies Implemented by the University of the Philippines in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic," posted 9 January 2023

OUTPUTS FROM JANUARY TO JUNE 2023

MONOGRAPH

- ***Contemporary Issues in Philippine Higher Education (Year 2 Research Consultants)***

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND OUTPUTS FOR JULY TO DECEMBER 2023

Year 2 consultants are expected to present their findings on 18 July 2023 in a hybrid format. This is to ensure a wide reach as the consultants discuss their papers in various higher education topics.

HERPRP will prepare orientations/onboardings/awards, as well as other matters related to research consultants/fellows, following the call for papers, both for Year 3 consultants and UPPEJA Fellows. In line with these partnerships, the program also seeks to update and review the HEI policy and the program's database-building to further support the growing number of higher education researchers.

Going back to university affairs, the Program also wishes to examine the changes in the current UP Diliman and UP System administrations, as well as specific changes in UP deans in various colleges and schools, and their effects on pressing university concerns such as the back-to-campus dilemma of both the students and faculty and staff and the return of the UP College Admission Test (UPCAT).

To continually build the network for researchers on higher education, the program also plans on hosting consultative meetings with education

stakeholders, such as the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and other counterparts in the Senate and Congress.

ACTIVITIES

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

HERPRP Year 2 Research Consultants Showcase

18 July 2022

The following consultants will present their findings on 18 July 2023:

- 1.) **Allen Espinosa, Ph.D.**, "International Large-Scale Assessment (ILSA) and Its Implications to the Provision of Preservice Teacher Education in the Philippines";
- 2.) **Agnes Kristine Arban Quilinguing**, "Mapping of UP System Public Financial Management Processes and Systems: Constraints to Higher Education Service Delivery";
- 3.) **Kathleen Mai Cardoz**, "Microcredentials and the Proposed Senate Bill No. 62 (Educational Roadmap Act)";
- 4.) **Marren Araña Adan, MA, LPT**, "Deterritorializing Pedagogy and Learning";
- 5.) **Leonardo Jaminola III**, "The Role of Adult Children's Higher Education on Older Parents' Physical and Mental Health";
- 6.) **Juan Miguel Sevilla**, "Synergy of Non-Degree Data Upskilling Programs and Higher Education";
- 7.) **Marion Tinio**, "The State of Environmental Planning Education in the Philippines After RA 10587"; and
- 8.) **Ivan Harris Tanyag**, "Local Geographic Spillovers of R&D Initiatives of State Universities and Colleges: The Case of the Pili R&D Center in Bicol Region."

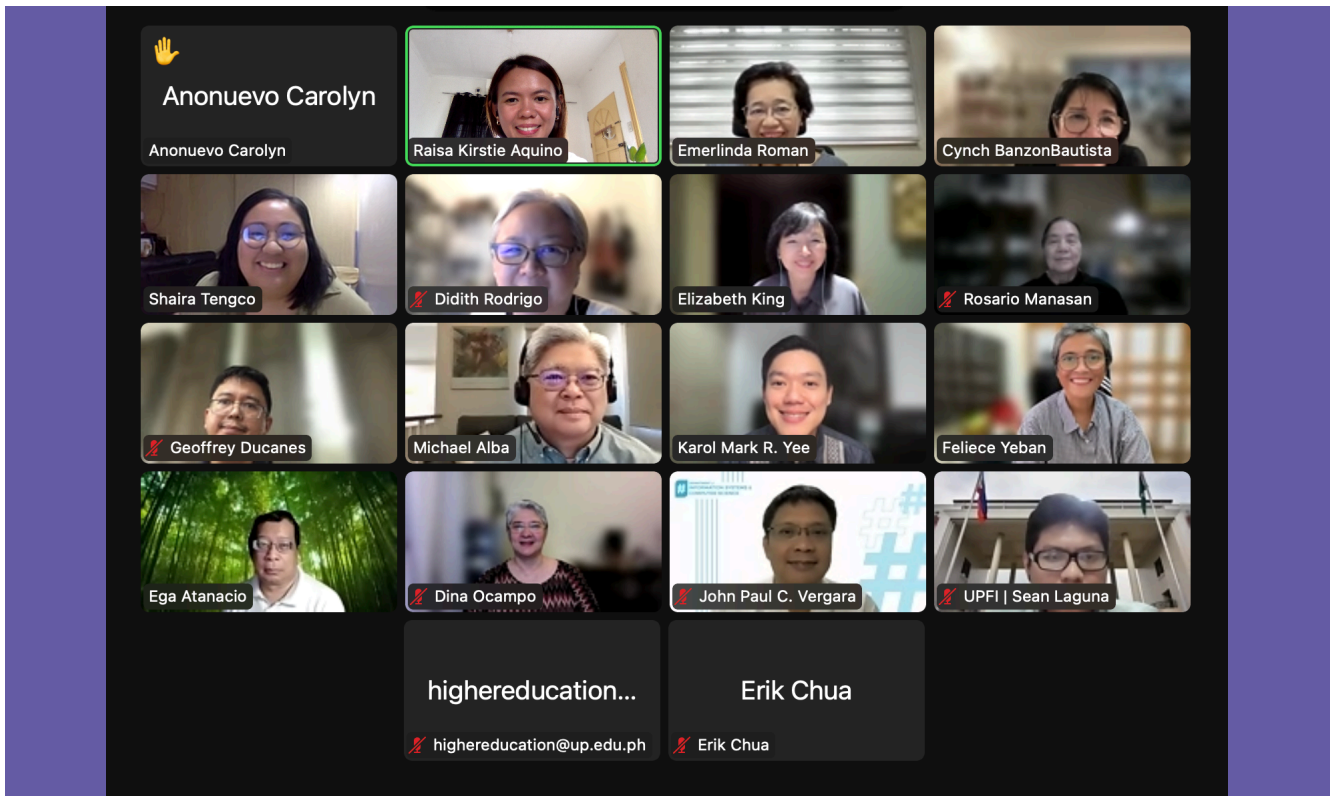
Findings from this showcase will be included in the expected output of these consultants.

ONBOARDING/ORIENTATION

Joint Call for Research: Higher Education Policy (Year 3 Research Consultants)

August–September 2023

Results from the application period that ended last May 2023 will be announced. Accepted research consultants will be onboarded to the Program.



Briefing fellows on what is EDCOM and HERPRP, as well as the expectations and required output from each fellow



ONBOARDING/AWARDING

UPPEJA Fellowship for EDCOM 2 Research Questions

August–October 2023

Following the results of the vetting process by the fellowship committee, eminent fellows will be awarded in August 2023. Fellows are expected to present their initial findings to the fellowship committee in December 2023 and present their final papers in June 2024.

WEBINAR

Communication Programs at UP

Second half of 2023

Following the efforts of in-depth research on various disciplines in higher education, the program is organizing an online discussion on the communication programs in UP.

The discussion aims for a more streamlined delivery in different UP campuses. It shall be led by HERPRP Convenor Dr. Fernando Paragas.

COLLABORATION

Task Force on the Future of Teaching and Learning in UP

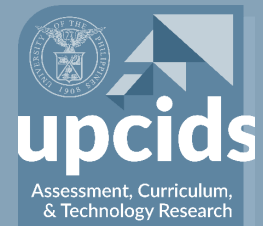
Second half of 2023

Continuing the partnership with the Task Force on the Future of Teaching and Learning in UP, a follow-up output is expected to be released, in collaboration with Education Research Program (ERP) Convenor Dr. Dina Ocampo.

OUTPUTS

- One (1) policy or discussion paper (from the Task Force on the Future of Teaching and Learning in UP collaboration)
- One (1) monograph (from Year 2 research consultants)
- One (1) monograph (from Year 3 (Joint Call) research consultants)
- One (1) monograph (from UP PEJA Fellows)
- Three (3) pending proceedings

ASSESSMENT, CURRICULUM, AND TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH PROGRAM



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Assessment, Curriculum, and Technology Research Program (ACTRP) was established as a joint research center between the Assessment Research Centre at the University of Melbourne and the University of the Philippines in 2012. Its role is to monitor the national curriculum as well as forecast likely influences of shifts in external pressures and issues that may impact the curriculum. ACTRP seeks to reform assessment practices to incorporate more emphasis on formative assessment and a range of consequential actions that needed to be undertaken. Since its inception, the ACTRP has provided evidence-based advice to the Department of Education (DepEd) and other education stakeholders.

PROGRAM STAFF

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Honorary Fellow	Alan Williams, Ph.D.	
Founding Director	Esther Care, Ph.D.	

ACTIVITIES FROM JANUARY TO JUNE 2023

TRAINING OF TEACHERS IN BARMM

INSET for Key Stage 2 (Grades 4–6) Teachers in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) Training of Trainers (ToT)

23–28 January 2023

ACTRP was part of the five-day In-Service Training (INSET) organized by BARMM MBHTE and UP. Schools Division Office (SDO) personnel and school heads from the 11 BARMM divisions participated in the Training of Trainers for Key Stage 2 held in Zamboanga City. Topics covered in the training were delivered by MBHTE and by the following UP units: Institute of Islamic Studies, College of Education, and UP Integrated School. ACTRP delivered the session on Assessment with Louie Cagasan Jr. and Lalaine Bagui (Research Officers) as facilitators. The recorded lecture of Drs. Marie Therese Bustos, Kevin Carl Santos, and Marlene Ferido were presented during the session.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO DEPED BUREAU OF EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT

Measuring Learning Loss Based on 21st-Century Skills of Filipino Grade 6 and 10 Students During the COVID-19 Pandemic

20 January 2023

ACTRP continued to provide technical assistance to the DepEd Bureau of Education Assessment–Education Assessment Division (BEA–EAD) in the data analysis of its study “Measuring Learning Loss Based on 21st-Century Skills of Filipino Grade 6 and 10 Students During the COVID-19 Pandemic.”

Adjustments in the statistical analyses of the NATs in 2018 and 2021 were made using the contextual variables collected from the students, parents, and school heads. The final results were presented to DepEd BEA via Zoom. DepEd presented these results in an EDCOM 2 meeting.

Participation in the Basic Education Report (BER) 2023 Forum of DepEd

30 January 2023

ACTRP Convenor Dr. Marie Therese Bustos and Deputy Director Dr. Marlene Ferido attended the presentation of the Basic Education Report (BER) on 30 January 2023. Dr. Ferido reported

on curriculum concerns and issues through a five-minute video clip.

Technical Assistance to DepEd Bureau of Curriculum Development (BCD) on the K-10 Curriculum

Consultation Meetings with DepEd-BCD

2–3 February 2023

DepEd-BCD sought ACTRP’s technical advice regarding the process of developing the new K–3 learning area, SiKaP (Sibika, Sining, Kultura, Kasaysayan, at Kagalingang Pangkalusugan). SiKap is a transdisciplinary course involving Araling Panlipunan and MAPEH (Music, Arts, Physical Education, and Health) which will be offered from Grades 1 to 3.

Review of the Draft K-10 Curriculum Guides and Shaping Papers

20 March–14 April 2023

DepEd-BCD requested ACTRP to give initial comments on the revised K–10 Curriculum Guides (CG) and Shaping Papers. ACTRP’s comments focused on the following aspects of the documents: clarity of statements, logical flow of ideas, alignment of the CGs with the Shaping Papers, alignment of parts, spiraling of Big Ideas, and alignment with 21st-century skills. The comments also included suggestions for improvement.



DepEd BCD Director Joyce Andaya, Dr Paz Lucido of the Professional Regulatory Commission, and Dr. Therese Bustos in one of the curriculum consultation workshops

 DepEd BCD



DepEd Curriculum specialists and master teachers participated in the attribute writing workshop for the BARM Grade 6 Assessment.



ACTRP

Consultation Workshops on the Revised K-10 Curriculum

20 February–3 March 2023

ACTRP took part in the consultation workshops with stakeholders on the revised K–3 curriculum. The workshops were led by DepEd BCD, in collaboration with learning area experts from other DepEd bureaus. Representatives from DepEd Central Office Bureaus (20–22 February), DepEd Regional Directors, CLMD chiefs, and Regional Supervisors (23–24 February), government agencies (27–28 February), and private schools (1–3 March) participated in the said activities. The participants were grouped according to their learning area expertise. The workshops aimed to gather feedback on curriculum standards, content, and learning competencies from various stakeholders.

Participation in the EDCOM 2 Learning Visit to Australia

30 April to 6 May 2023

ACTRP Convenor Dr. Marie Therese Bustos is a member of the standing committee for

ECCD and Basic Education. Dr. Bustos joined the other members of EDCOM 2 in a learning visit to Australia. The visit aimed to learn more about the Australian education system. Philippine Business for Education (PBE), with the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), organized the trip.

DepEd-UNICEF ALS Microcertification Study

Development of Two Assessment Matrices and Tools for ALS Microcertification

MEETING

First Advisory Board Meeting

28 February 2023

Besides ACTRP and the other members of the research team, the Advisory Board Meeting was attended by people from DepEd Bureau of Alternative Education (DepEd-BAE), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), and USAID Educational Development

Center (EDC). The group was convened to discuss and decide on points relevant to the finalization of the inception report which includes the project timeline, the capabilities to be assessed, the pilot study sites, and matters about stakeholder consultations.

ONLINE WORKSHOPS

Assessment Matrix Development Workshop for the Leadership Capability
13 April; and 9 and 16 May 2023

Assessment Matrix Development Workshop for the Problem-Solving Capability
14 April; 10 and 23 May 2023

These are workshops engaging DepEd BAE, ALS teachers, and representatives from government agencies, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), and the business sector to codesign the assessment matrices which will be used to develop the assessment tools for leadership and problem-solving capabilities. The second phase of the microcertification study assesses these capabilities and will provide evidence on the feasibility of employing microcertification for ALS-offered life skills.

The workshops have three parts. The output of the first workshop is a draft of the assessment matrix for each capability. The

second workshop is for the initial review of the matrices. The third workshop is intended for the final review. All workshops were conducted online.

MEETING

Second Advisory Board Meeting

11 June 2023

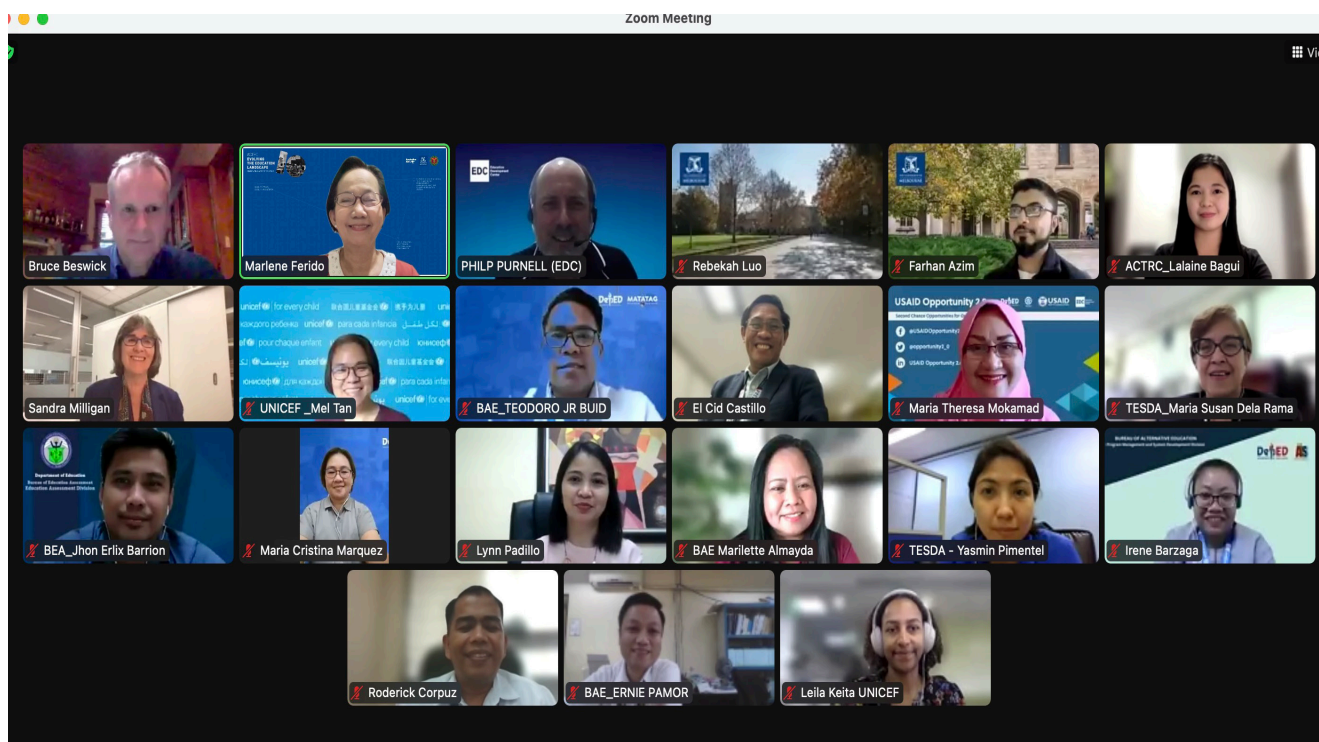
During the second Advisory Board Meeting on the ALS Microcertification Study, the team reviewed the draft assessment matrices/instruments for the leadership and problem-solving capabilities. Additionally, activities relevant to the pilot testing of the instruments were also discussed.

Participation in the Inauguration of Inclusive and Supportive Center of Learning (ISCL)

Retooling of SPED Centers into the ISCL Project (August 2022–present)

23 May 2023

The pilot ISCL, which is part of the MBHTE's Inclusive Schools Approach project in BARMM, was officially launched at Timanan Central Elementary School in South Upi, Maguindanao del Sur. The project was led by the Education Pathways to Peace in Mindanao (Pathways) and The



The first meeting of the ALS Microcertification Advisory Group was held online.





Dr. Marlene Ferido and Ms. Julie dela Cruz participated in the K-10 consultation workshops with specialists from the DepEd Bureaus of Curriculum Development (BCD) and Learning Delivery.

 DepEd BCD

Teacher's Gallery (TTG), in consortium with ACTRP and the College of Allied Medical Professions (CAMP) from the University of the Philippines Manila. Dr. Marie Therese Bustos attended the activity.

BARMM-wide Grade 6 Learning Needs Assessment Project

WORKSHOP

Attribute Identification Workshop

29 April 2023

MBHTE aims to develop summative assessments for sixth-grade learners that will inform their teachers' INSET and their students' remediation programs. ACTRP has suggested designing summative assessments using the cognitive diagnosis model. In relation to this, ACTRP conducted two workshops. The first was an attribute identification workshop that reviewed the Most Essential Learning Competencies (MELCs) in five learning areas—English, Filipino, Mathematics, Science, and Araling Panlipunan (Social Studies). It identified the skills/attributes Grade 6 learners should

master to be deemed proficient. DepEd BCD Curriculum specialists and DepEd teachers from the identified learning areas participated in the workshop.

WORKSHOP

Item Writing Workshop

6 May 2023

The second workshop for the BARMM-wide Grade 6 Learning Needs Assessment project involved teachers from UP Integrated School (UPIS) as test item writers for the Grade 6 attributes identified in the first workshop.

PILOT TESTING

Grade 6 Learning Needs Assessment

31 May–2 June 2023

The English, Filipino, Araling Panlipunan, Mathematics, and Science test items were piloted in five schools in the Division of Maguindanao II, BARMM. The ACTRP team administered the tests to a total of 685 Grade 6 learners in 20 Grade 6 sections.



EDCOM 2 Standing Committee Meeting on ECCD & Basic Ed | 3/1/2023

The Second Congressional Committee on Education (EDCOM 2) with the Early Childhood Care and Development & Basic Education Standing Committee members

 [EDCOM 2 Facebook](#)

WORKSHOP
Preparations for the Actual Test Administration
 19 June 2023

Officers and staff from the MBHTE–Curriculum and Instruction Division, the Field Operations Division, and the Quality Assurance Division–Regional Student Assessment Office attended the planning workshop for the BARMM Grade 6 Assessment from 2–7 July 2023 in BARMM's 11 school divisions. The test design, test development processes, and the pilot test results were discussed during the workshop.

Presentation of the Initial Findings of the International Comparison of Senior High Schools (SHS) at the EDCOM 2
 8 June 2023

Drs. Pam Robertson, Stanley Koh, and Sundance Sun of the University of Melbourne presented the comparison of SHS in Indonesia, Vietnam, Peru, Colombia, Malaysia, and Poland to explore possible SHS pathways for the Philippines. They recommended that the pathways to SHS should cater to a range of abilities and aspirations.

Technical Assistance to DepEd BEA-EAD
 15 June 2023

BEA-EAD sought the technical assistance of ACTRP in designing the sampling procedure for selecting Grade 10 students who will take the NAT. Dr. Kevin Santos, ACTRP's co-convenor, proposed the sample size allocation per school and guidelines for randomly selecting 500,000 Grade 10 learners who will take the NAT.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND OUTPUTS FOR JULY TO DECEMBER 2023

For the second half of 2023, ACTRP intends to complete the Grade 6 BARMM assessment analysis and reporting, as well as the two assessment frameworks for ALS Microcertification. Work on the SHS curriculum framework will commence in August. ACTRP also plans to convene its Advisory Board in September for direction-setting and exploration of research opportunities to strengthen the mandate of the Program. Research focusing on the technology component of the program as well as mother tongue-based multilingual education are also being targeted.

ACTIVITIES

Development of two assessment frameworks and tools for leadership and problem solving for the Alternative Learning System (ALS) Micro-certification

- Training teachers and test administrators
- Pilot testing, data analysis, and postpilot consultation
- Enhancing frameworks, tools, and manuals
- Writing the final report and disseminating its findings

Technical Assistance to DepEd for the Review and Revision of the Senior High School (SHS) Curriculum

- Reviewing the implemented, assessed, and attained SHS curriculum

- Codesigning and validating the SHS framework with DepEd and other stakeholders
- Addressing implications of the validated SHS framework on curriculum, learning delivery, assessment and learning resources
- Writing technical reports

BARMM Grade 6 Assessments

- Conducting Grade 6 learning needs assessment in 11 BARMM school divisions in early July 2023
- Analyzing data and preparing the technical report
- Presenting results of the assessment to MBHTE and School Division officials



ACTRP is a member of the consortium that supported the establishment of Inclusive and Supportive Centers of Learning in BARMM.

 The Teacher's Gallery



Mr. Louie Cagasan Jr. facilitated the session on Assessment for the Key Stage 2 BARMM INSET Training of Trainers held in Zamboanga City.

📷 ACTRP

Examination of the alignment of existing national assessments with the Global Proficiency Framework (GPF) for SDG 4.1.1 indicators reporting

- Conducting exploratory meetings with DepEd on GPF-NAT alignment

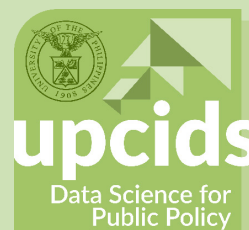
ICT integration in public school teachers' pedagogical practices and evaluation of the MTB-MLE program

- Preparing proposals
- Data gathering and analyzing data

OUTPUTS

- Three (3) technical reports
- One (1) forum on the results of the BARMM Grade 6 assessment

PROGRAM ON DATA SCIENCE FOR PUBLIC POLICY



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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

PROGRAM STAFF

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Junior Research Analyst	Julius Paolo C. Basa, MPA

ACTIVITIES FROM JANUARY TO JUNE 2023

CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS

Data Science Working Group Meetings

8 February, 24 March, and 3 May 2023

The Data Science Working Group serves as the Program's primary platform for convening experts across disciplines in discussing initiatives and efforts in the field of Data Science across CUs. Members of the Working Group include data scientists and faculty members from various departments of UP Diliman, UP Manila, UP Los Baños, UP Visayas, and UP Mindanao. The Working Group provided a precurricular critique of the different degree program proposals in Data Science, as well as harmonizing data science efforts during the height of COVID-19 pandemic.

One of the major accomplishments of the Data Science Working Group is providing a curricular critique to the proposed Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Data Science, which will be offered in UP Mindanao beginning AY 2023–24. This is a program proposal spearheaded by DSPPP Fellow Dr. Vladimer Kobayashi.

AD HOC PROJECT MEETING

UP Open Data Policy

5 January and 28 February 2023

In support of the Open Government Partnership, the Program initiated projects that will lay the prospects of mirroring data of the different government agencies. The Program's Open Data Project prompted the creation of the Open Data Policy for research projects of UP Diliman. DSPPP assisted and took part in the discussions of the UP Open Data Policy Ad Hoc Committee in drafting the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of UP's Open Data Policy.

The new program offerings in Data Science, as well as the UP Open Data Policy, will be supported by the UP Data Commons, a computing facility that includes several units of high-performance computing (HPC) machines that can be utilized for research such as HPC tasks, programming applications/software, systems and web application development and deployment, data repositories and database systems development, and many others.



Members of the Culture Data Science Project

 Dr. Maria Margarita Lavidés

PROJECT MEETINGS

Culture Data Science Project

12, 16, 19, 31 January, 17–18 February, and 11–14 March 2023

A collaboration among UPDEPPO and UP Mindanao faculty members, the project aims to look at the relevance of the pakikipagkapwa model in modern Philippine societal interactions. This project aims to understand interactions in social media platforms through scraped data. The project has commenced and has applied for ethics clearance before data gathering. The project meetings discussed the preparations for the writeshop of the project as well as team updates regarding the progress of team members.

The project will also come up with a discussion paper, which is being revised by the project team. Meanwhile, DSSPP Fellow Dr. Lavides is finalizing a draft policy brief.

WRITESHOP

Culture Data Science Project Writeshop

11-15 April 2023

The writeshop focused on finalizing the written research outputs of the Culture Data Science Project in partnership with UP DEPPO. DSPPP Fellow Dr. Vladimer Kobayashi presented the findings stemming from the web scraping and text mining activities of the project. Likewise, the Culture Data Science Project members participated in coding sessions throughout the writeshop.

OUTPUTS FROM JANUARY TO JUNE 2023

POLICY BRIEF

- **Predicting Job Transitions by Analyzing 300,000 Career Trajectories Using Machine Learning Techniques**

By: Vladimer Kobayashi

Status: For major revision at the Program level (to be submitted yet to CIDS Publications)

DISCUSSION PAPER

- **Analyzing LGU Ordinances for Responsive Policymaking: A Topic Modeling Approach to E-Governance**

By: Vladimer Kobayashi; Novy Aila Riva

Status: For major revision at the Program level (to be submitted yet to CIDS Publications)

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND OUTPUTS FOR JULY TO DECEMBER 2023

The Program will continue pursuing activities related to its internal research agenda, as well as the Program Fellows' research proposals, which deal mainly with the intersection of data science with topics and issues with other disciplines. The outputs of these research activities will be submitted to CIDS for publication. DSPPP will also pursue different capacity-building programs as part of its two-pronged thrust of the Program, particularly on information system



DSPPP Fellow Dr. Maria Margarita Lavides presented with the Certificate of Appreciation from DSPPP Junior Research Analyst Julius Basa during the Writeshop on Culture Data Science

 Dr. Maria Margarita Lavides

capacities at the local-government-unit (LGU) level. The Program will also continue to serve as a platform for discussion among the different units that are part of the Data Science Working Group and assist in the precurricular discussion of new degree program offerings in the field of data science. Furthermore, the Program shall also continue to serve as an avenue to convene for the creation of a UP Intelligent Systems Institute.

ACTIVITIES

- **Continuation of the Culture Data Science Project with UP DEPPO**

The Program shall continue the data analysis and drafting of the manuscripts for the Culture Data Science Project, which will be led by DSPPP Program Research Fellows, Dr. Maria Margarita Lavidas and Associate Professor Vladimer Kobayashi, together with the faculty members of UP DEPPO. A webinar is being planned to present the research findings of the project.

- **Serve as a support platform for the UP Intelligent Systems Institute (UP ISI)**

The Program will serve as a potential platform in operationalizing the new UP ISI—stemming from the early work on convening the Data Science Working Group—and concurrently be the secretariat of the working group. DSPPP will be involved in present and future projects and plans in developing the said Institute.

- **Convene the Data Science Working Group**

The Program shall continue convening the Data Science Working Group, which

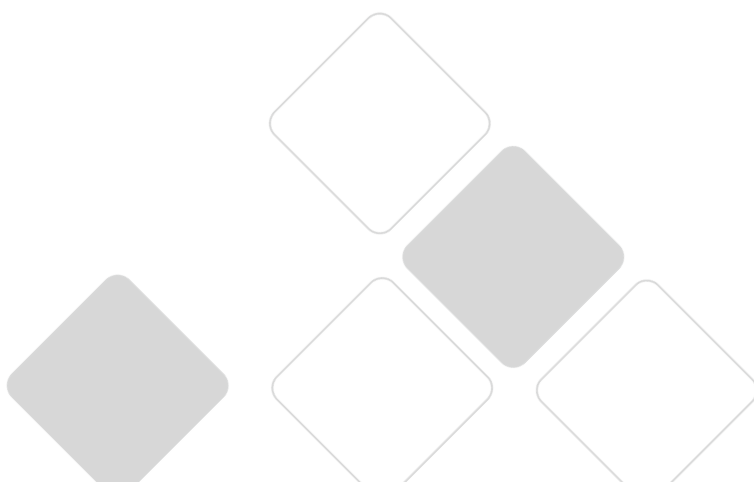
will hold meetings across the year 2023. Precurricular discussions on new program offerings in other units shall form part of most of the discussions. Specifically, the graduate degree programs proposed by the UP Open University on Data Science, and the Digital Humanities degree proposal in UP Visayas are going to continue receiving critiques and proposed revisions from the Working Group.

- **Capacity- Building Program on the Sustainable Development Goals at the Local Level**

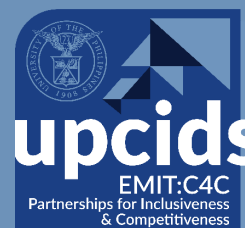
New capacity-building activities are being planned in line with the Program's research agenda. The possible capacity-building will capacitate LGUs in data-driven monitoring and evaluation (M&E), particularly of the performance of LGUs in achieving the targets and subtargets in the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs). The capacity-building activity is expected to yield a training module, and several manuscripts on the experience of LGUs in monitoring SDGs.

OUTPUTS

- 1.) At least two (2) Policy Briefs;
- 2.) At least two (2) Discussion Papers on Labor Analytics, and Culture Data Science
- 3.) At least two (2) manuscripts for consideration to the Philippine Journal of Public Policy (PJPP)



ESCAPING THE MIDDLE-INCOME TRAP: CHAINS FOR CHANGE



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Program on EMIT C4C examines inclusiveness and competitiveness in its research agenda and in its efforts at working with partners in addressing social development challenges. It has three projects: (1) big data analytics on manufacturing, labor, and exports; (2) action research on agriculture and fisheries value chains; and (3) action research on business for peace (BfP) in Mindanao. EMIT C4C provides learning and partnering platforms for the academe, government, civil society, and the private sectors to share lessons and act on recommendations.

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ACTIVITIES FROM JANUARY TO JUNE 2023

CONFERENCE

End-Conference of the Business-for-Peace Project

17 February 2023

The end-conference, which was held in Cagayan de Oro City, harvested and communicated the lessons after three years of project implementation. These included the context and prospects in Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), the wishes of communities and former combatants, the issues that they face, and the scale and types of livelihood projects that worked. The conference also provided a venue for representatives of the NWMF communities to present their vision and proposals and connect with more stakeholders. A total of 46 participants composed of officials and representatives of the BARMM, private sector, nongovernment organizations, and financial institutions participated in the end-conference.

PRESENTATION OF THE DRAFT PAPER ON SECTORAL REVIEW AND VALUE-CHAIN STUDY IN THE BARMM

STED Workshop of the ILO

27–28 April 2023

STED is ILO's methodology to assist partner countries in meeting the skills needs of tradable

sectors. The workshop aimed to elicit ideas on how to bridge education and training to meet the skills needs for export growth, economic diversification, and for creating more and better jobs. EMIT C4C presented its findings to trigger workshop conversations. In essence, EMIT C4C noted that in the BARMM, skills are principally linked to agri-fisheries. However, the binding constraint is not so much the lack of skills but the lack of investor interest given the persistent perception of the region being unsafe and high-risk.

OUTPUTS FROM JANUARY TO JUNE 2023

DISCUSSION PAPER

- **“Land for Food: The Peace and Equity Foundation-Malaga Cuenca Agrarian Reform Cooperative (PEF-MACARBEN) Agrarian Reform-Block Farming”** by Ernest Barreiro, Wilma Guinto, Elaine Tacubanza, and Tara Abrina



Group Photo after the STED Workshop in WaterFront Davao City

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND OUTPUTS FOR JULY TO DECEMBER 2023

For the upcoming period, EMIT C4C plans to submit for publication the GlowCorp action research report and the anonymized paper on Frameworks. The Program will also continue its study of agriculture technology projects to see how yield-enhancing, labor-saving, and time-saving initiatives could become acceptable to smallholders who tend to avoid costs and risks.

EMIT C4C will finalize the end-conference proceedings now that it was vetted by the organizers of the event. The Program will also continue the monitoring of the livelihood and enterprises of NWMF base camps. Through online platforms, EMIT C4C and its partners will also continue the coaching of key leaders of base camps. Efforts will also be made to discuss with them and other stakeholders the acceptability of back-office support for cooperatives and the need to thresh out a basic yet acceptable design of Islamic financing.

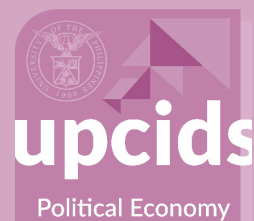
EMIT C4C will also document case studies on innovation in partnership with key programs of UP CIDS. These case studies will provide the initial write up of these start up and innovative efforts.

OUTPUTS

- One end-conference proceedings on Business for Peace
- One anonymized monograph on frameworks
- One action research report and case study on GlowCorp
- One PJPP draft on *Kapunungan sa Gagmayn'g Mangingisda sa Concepcion*



POLITICAL ECONOMY PROGRAM



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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. PEP also aims to pursue 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 JANUARY TO JUNE 2023

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Local Assembly and Manufacturing of Single Cylinder Engines for Agri-fisheries Machinery

23 March 2023

Led by researchers from the UP Los Baños–Center for Agri-fisheries and Biosystems Mechanization (BIOMECH), this roundtable discussion focused on the challenges to and prospects for local agri-fisheries manufacturing. The activity involved representatives from government agencies such as the Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), and Department of Science and Technology (DOST), as well as industry groups such as the Agricultural Machinery Manufacturers and Distributors Association, and Philippine Metalcasting Association.

As an offshoot of the RTD, BIOMECH is working on a policy brief on single-cylinder engines to power small farm machines and marine vessels for use of small producers and operators. With PEP and domestic manufacturers, it is also working on a position paper to be submitted to President and DA Secretary Ferdinand Marcos

Jr., calling for support for the manufacture of these engines and procurement by the government of machineries powered by these engines.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Meeting with the Regional Executive Committee of the Consortium for Southeast Asian Studies in Asia (SEASIA) for the 2024 SEASIA Conference

22 June 2023

On 22 June 2023, the UP Conference Committee met with the regional SEASIA Executive Committee to discuss the proposed theme, program, logistics, and preparations for the conference. This committee is composed of members from the Kyoto University's Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Academia Sinica (Taiwan), the National Research and Innovation Agency or BRIN (Indonesia), and the Asian Center of UP Diliman.

MEETING

Meeting with the Office of Sen. Juan Edgardo Angara (OSJEA) on the *Tatak Pinoy* Program

As a follow-through to the UP Diliman Governance Agenda for a Sustainable and Inclusive Development released in 2022, the OSJEA initiated discussions with the PEP on



A team from UP Diliman met with the Office of Sen. Angara to discuss the recommendations of the #PILiPiLUNAS2022 Governance Agenda on industrial policy and economic recovery and transformation.

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ways to better incorporate recommendations on (1) industrial policy, and (2) economic recovery and transformation into its *Tatak Pinoy* Program. In turn, PEP provided recommendations focusing on (1) promoting and strengthening MSME manufacturing, (2) human capital development; (3) enhancing the productivity and efficiency of local firms, and (4) promoting an innovation-driven industrial policy. The OSJEA is currently holding consultations with various stakeholders to gather further comments on the finalization of the *Tatak Pinoy* bill, with PEP still participating in the process.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND OUTPUTS FOR JULY TO DECEMBER 2023

For July to December 2023, PEP will be continuing its research projects on developing local agri-fisheries machinery, as well as micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs). Further, the Program will be undertaking a

project on inclusive and sustainable science and technology.

The PEP will also be continuing its collaboration with the UP Diliman Asian Center in preparing for the SEASIA Conference in July 2024, as well as its work with industry groups in the shipbuilding industry to develop a prototype for a hybrid engine for small marine vessels. Lastly, the Program will continue its engagements with the Office of Senator Angara as it finalizes the Senate Bill on the *Tatak Pinoy* Program.

ACTIVITIES

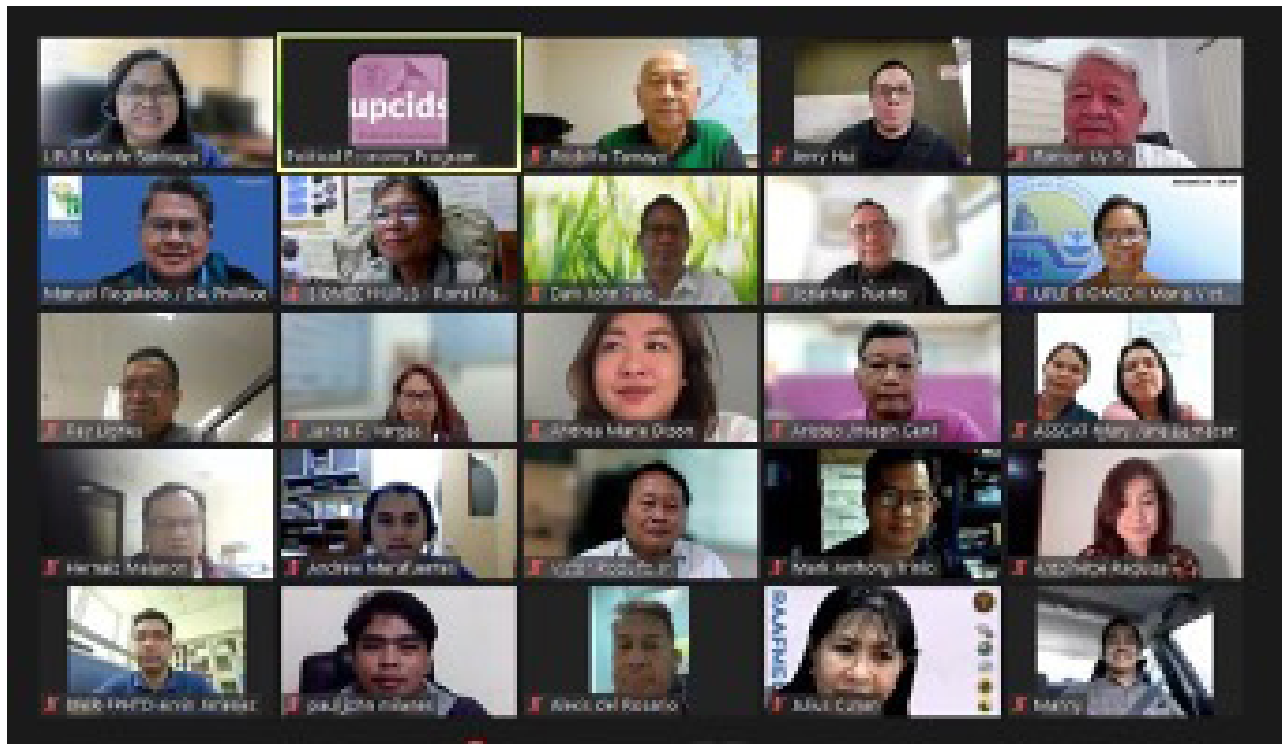
In connection with the upcoming research project on inclusive and sustainable science and technology, PEP will have a roundtable discussion on the subject to be led by former DOST Secretary Fortunato de la Peña.

The activity aims to gather inputs from experts and practitioners on the developments, existing programs, and remaining challenges in the sector.



With the theme, *De/Centering Southeast Asia: Agency and Knowledge Production in Southeast Asian Studies*, UP Diliman will be hosting the biennial SEASIA Conference in July 2024. The University follows in the footsteps of premier academic and research institutions in the region that served as conference hosts in previous years.

 SEASIA Consortium



In collaboration with the UP Los Baños-BIOMECH, PEP held a roundtable discussion with government and industry stakeholders to discuss the developments and next steps for the adoption of single-cylinder engines for agri-fisheries machinery.

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OUTPUTS

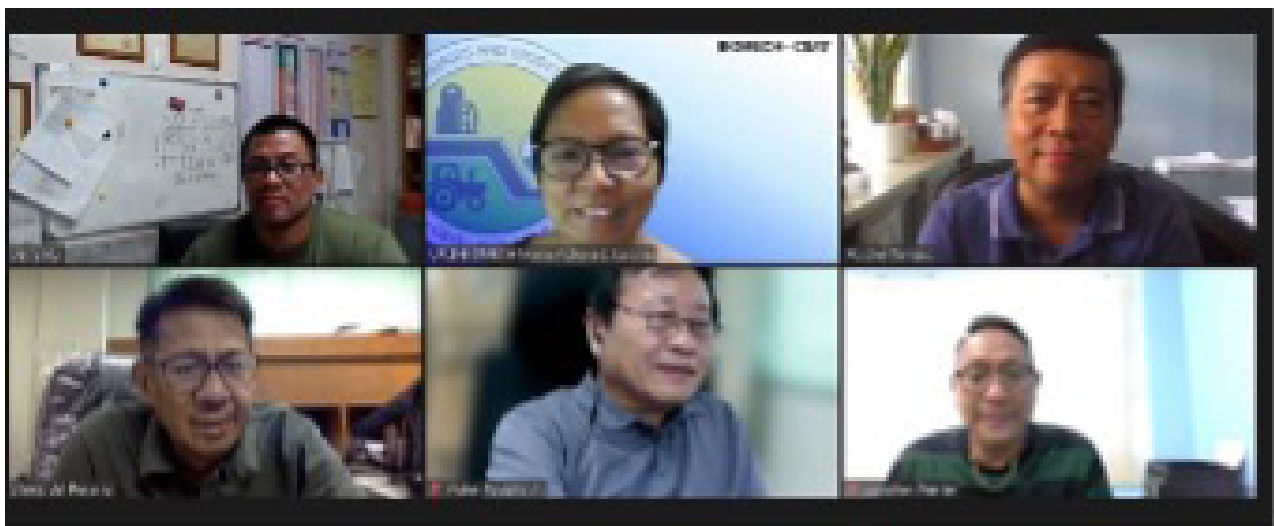
Policy Briefs

- Adoption of small cylinder engines for agri-fisheries machinery
- Comparison of the MSME industry in the Philippines and Taiwan
- Local transportation systems (a case study of General Santos City)
- The Public Utility Vehicle Modernization Program and the adoption of e-trikes

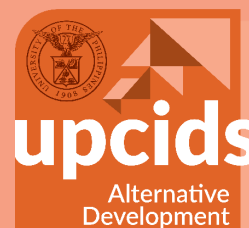
- Inclusive and sustainable science and technology
- MSMEs in the garment and textile industry

1 Proceeding

- **#PILipiLUNAS2022: Pagbangon at Pagsulong Tungo sa Magandang Buhay at Bukas Webinar Series**



PROGRAM ON ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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

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ACTIVITIES FROM JANUARY TO JUNE 2023

ONLINE MEETINGS

Global Tapestry of Alternatives (GTA) Core Team Meeting and General Assemblies

5 January, 10 January, 8 February, 17 April, 15 May, and 7 July 2023

AltDev Junior Research Analysts Rafael Dimalanta and Honey Tabiola, Senior Research Analyst Ananeza Aban, and Senior Project Assistant Ryan Martinez participated in the Core Team meetings and general assemblies of Global Tapestry of Alternatives (GTA), a global confluence of networks convening alternative development practitioners across the globe. Their participation served as the representation of both AltDev and the Movement for Alternatives and Solidarities in Southeast Asia (MASSA). By engaging in these meetings, AltDev aims to strengthen its ties with alternative development practitioners from various regions worldwide, going beyond the boundaries of Southeast Asia.

FACE-TO-FACE WORKSHOPS

Workshop with Informal Vendors on Post-Pandemic Recovery and Urban Rights of the Urban Poor

7, 8, 15, and 21 January 2023

AltDev Junior Research Analyst Rafael Dimalanta facilitated workshops with grassroots organizations, such as PISTON, Kadamay, Metro Manila Vendors Alliance (MMVA), Pinagkaisang Lakas ng Mamamayan (PLM), and Kariton Coalition. These workshops provided valuable

insights into the experiences of small-capacity informal transport workers, informal settlers, informal vendors, and the homeless or street dwellers during the pandemic. The knowledge gained from these engagements was utilized to develop a policy brief on pandemic recovery and urban rights, specifically focused on the needs and rights of the urban poor sector. Through these efforts, AltDev aims to forward inclusive policy insights that can address the challenges faced by marginalized communities in urban areas during times of crisis.

HYBRID WORKSHOP

Vikalp Sangam and People-to-People (P2P) Exchange

11 January 2023

MASSA and Vikalp Sangam (VS), in collaboration with GTA and the 11.11.11 Coalition of the Flemish North-South Movement, successfully organized the Second P2P Exchange. This event adopted a hybrid format to accommodate participants from diverse regions. The P2P's primary goal was to foster the expansion of networks comprising various alternative initiatives, laying the foundation for future solidarity-building and cross-regional collaborations. AltDev staff played a crucial role in facilitating this activity, ensuring meaningful engagement and knowledge exchange among participants. This exchange represents a significant step towards strengthening alternative movements and promoting global cooperation.



AltDev, together with the UP Office of International Linkages, co-organize a forum entitled "Class, Nation, and Social Revolution in Indonesia and the Philippines".

F2F FIELDWORK AND WORKSHOP

Workshop with Lumad Indigenous People's Organization

9–12 February 2023

AltDev Junior Research Analyst Honey Tabiola and Senior Research Analyst Ananeza Aban took on a collaborative role in co-organizing and actively participating in a series of participatory action research workshops alongside the Panalsalan Dagumbaan Tribal Association (PADATA). PADATA, an indigenous people's (Lumad) organization based in Bukidnon, sought to map out their historical journey and identify the persistent challenges they face. The workshops enabled PADATA to share their stories, knowledge, and experiences. Meanwhile, AltDev contributed by facilitating the participatory process and learning from the community. This is part of the program's efforts in documenting and actively participating in various alternative practices of grassroots organizations.

ONLINE MEETINGS

Round Table Discussion on the MASSA and AltDev

17 and 27 February 2023

As the interim secretariat of MASSA, a network of grassroots organizations engaging in various alternatives across the Southeast Asia region, AltDev participated in a roundtable discussion with GTA to discuss MASSA's work. This is part of collaborative research to document the networks that are part of GTA: the other being networks from South Asia (VS) and Latin America (Crianza Mutua México and Crianza Mutua Colombia).

FACE-TO-FACE FIELDWORK

Participant Observation in the Transport Strike for the Policy Brief on Public Utility Vehicle Modernization Program

6–7 March 2023

AltDev actively participated in the transport strike from 6–7 March 2023, aligning with its objective of capturing narratives and firsthand experiences from the ground. By joining the transport strike and engaging with these groups, AltDev ensures that the voices of those directly affected by public transport policies are heard and that their perspectives are considered in the formulation of inclusive and sustainable solutions. These will be incorporated into an AltDev policy brief on just transition in public transport modernization. This policy brief is



AltDev research staff (Junior Research Analyst Rafael Dimalanta in picture) participated in a discussion on the Public Utility Vehicle Modernization Program and its implications to commuter and transport workers

UP Variates

a collaborative effort between AltDev and transport and commuter groups, such as PISTON and PARA—Advocates for Inclusive Transportation.

FACE-TO-FACE FORUMS

"Indonesia Out of Exile: Pramoedya Ananta Toer and the Politics of Unfinished Ferment" Forum and "Class, Nation and Social Revolution in Indonesia and the Philippines" Forum

9 and 10 March 2023

AltDev collaborated with the Departamento ng Filipino at Panitikan ng Pilipinas of the College of Arts and Letters, UP Diliman and the UP Office of International Linkages to co-organize two forums as part of the World Expert's Lecture Series. The forums, "Indonesia Out of Exile: Pramoedya Ananta Toer and the Politics of Unfinished Ferment" and "Class, Nation and Social Revolution in Indonesia and the Philippines," featured Max Lane, visiting Senior Fellow from the Institute for Southeast Asian Studies in Singapore, as speaker. These forums

provided an insightful platform to explore the connections between literature, politics, class struggles, and social revolutions in Indonesia and the Philippines.

F2F MEETING

Meeting regarding the Book Launch of the Monograph of Alyansa Ng Mga Samahan Sa Sitio Mendez, Baesa Homeowners Association, Inc. (ASAMBA)

11 March 2023

AltDev staff Honey Tabiola, Ananeza Aban, and Rafael Dimalanta conducted a field visit to one of its partner organizations, the community association Alyansa Ng Mga Samahan Sa Sitio Mendez, Baesa Homeowners Association, Inc. (ASAMBA). The purpose of this visit was to engage in detailed discussions regarding the upcoming book launch of ASAMBA's monograph. The monograph, published under AltDev, highlighted the struggle of ASAMBA in pursuit of in-city housing. AltDev's field visit not only strengthens its collaboration with ASAMBA but also emphasizes its dedication to amplifying marginalized communities' narratives and fostering positive social change.

F2F WORKSHOP

Designing a Cross-Movement Advocacy Road Map

11–12 March 2023

"Designing a Cross-Movement Advocacy Roadmap" is a two-day workshop headed by the ASEAN SOGIE Caucus in partnership with

UP CIDS AltDev. The objective of the event is to help participating organizations in planning for a project that takes off from the People-to-People Exchange that was conducted in November 2022.

AltDev Project Leader Mon Sy guided participants in applying an alternative and intersectional approach in their advocacy work. Some participating organizations include BDEV Child Protection, Initiatives and Movement for Gender Liberation Against Discrimination (IMGLAD), Intersex Philippines, Kanlungan Center Foundation, Life Haven, PANTAY, PFTM, Pinoy Deaf Rainbow, Visayas LGBTQ Network, and the Youth for Mental Health Coalition. By the conclusion of the workshop, the Forging Intersectional Feminist Futures (FIFF) partners had gained the ability to: enhance their collective comprehension of intersectionality, exhibit curiosity by posing inquiries to attain a more profound insight into each other's advocacy hurdles and focal points, showcase empathy and a feeling of unity amongst themselves, integrate an intersectional perspective when devising a collaborative project, and formulate a project proposal for implementation in 2023.

HYBRID MEETINGS

ACSC/APF 2023 Philippine National Organizing Committee Meetings

18 April, 16 May, 17 June 2023

AltDev participated in a series of Philippine Process Meetings (hybrid) of the ASEAN Civil



AltDev co-organizes "Babae Ako: Sulong, Usbong, Hindi Uurong!" Women's Assembly with the Freedom from Debt Coalition

 Rafael Dimalanta



AltDev Junior Research Analyst Rafael Dimalanta facilitate a workshop with urban poor organization Kalipunan ng Damayang Mahihirap (Kadamay)

Save San Roque/Inclusive Cities Advocacy Network

Society Conference/ASEAN Peoples' Forum (ACSC/APF) 2023 to discuss the Philippine National Organizing Committee's engagement in the Forum. These were attended by various organizations: Homenet Philippines, ASEAN SOGIE Caucus, Focus on the Global South, Migrant Forum Asia, International Peace Bureau, Stop the War Coalition, Solidarity for People's Education and Lifelong Learning, and Asian Music for Peoples' Peace and Progress.

**F2F FORUM
Discussion on the Public Utility Vehicle Phaseout**
25 April 2023

AltDev participated in a discussion on the Public Utility Vehicle Modernization Program and its implications for commuters and transport workers. This was organized by UP Variates, a student organization based in the UP School of Statistics, as part of the Alternative Class Learning Experience (ACLE). Transport group MANIBELA and commuter group PARA—

Advocates for Inclusive Transport joined AltDev for this discussion. In this, the program's policy brief entitled, "Putting Transport Workers and Commuters First: The Route to Just Transition in Public Transport Modernization," was presented.

**F2F FORUM
ASEAN Civil Society Conference/ASEAN Peoples' Forum (ACSC/APF) 2023: Regional Strategic Meeting Day 3**
7 May 2023

AltDev played a pivotal role in organizing a highly impactful online thematic discussion on Alternative Regionalism during the third day of the ASEAN Civil Society Conference/ASEAN Peoples' Forum (ACSC/APF) in 2023. Esteemed representatives from AltDev, Gender and Development for Cambodia (GADC), and Komite Esperanza-Timor-Leste served as resource persons during the event. This discussion delved into the concept of alternative regionalism, exploring innovative approaches and perspectives that challenge and transform the existing regional frameworks.

The online thematic discussion contributed to the ACSC/APF by providing alternative forms of regionalism in Southeast Asia.

ONLINE MEETING

MASSA Steering Committee Meeting

12 May 2023

AltDev participated in a steering committee meeting (online) of MASSA to discuss participation in the face-to-face GTA General Assembly in Nairobi, Kenya in August and in the ACSC/APF 2023 in Indonesia.

FACE-TO-FACE MEETING

Meeting with urban poor groups for the Policy Brief on Urban Rights of Informal Vendors, Informal Transport Workers, and Informal Settlers, and Relocates

25 May 2023

AltDev Junior Research Analyst Rafael Dimalanta participated in a meeting with urban poor groups that included Kariton Coalition, Joly Homes Foundation, MMVA, with the Informal Urbanism Research Hub from the University of Melbourne. The objective of this meeting was to discuss and collaborate on the development of a Policy Brief centered on the urban rights of informal vendors, informal transport workers, and informal settlers, as well as those affected by forced relocation.



AltDev research staff co-moderated the Transport Summit organized by transport, commuter, and mobility advocacy groups

 Mayday Multimedia

FACE-TO-FACE WORKSHOPS

11.11.11 Coalition of the Flemish North-South Movement Partners Meeting

31 May and 2 June 2023

AltDev participated in the 11.11.11 Coalition of the Flemish North-South Movement Partners Meeting and workshops on decolonization. By engaging in these activities, AltDev contributed to critical discussions and exchanges of ideas related to decolonization and its implications on alternative development.

FACE-TO-FACE FORUM AND WORKSHOP

"Babae Ako: Sulong, Usbong, Hindi Uurong!" Women's Assembly

8 June 2023

AltDev, with the Freedom from Debt Coalition's Women's Committee, co-organized an event titled "Babae Ako: Sulong, Usbong, Hindi Uurong!" Representatives from AltDev, including Ananeza Aban, Ryan Martinez, and Rafael Dimalanta, actively participated in this event that focused on fostering a supportive environment for women's voices to be heard and advocating for gender equality and women's rights.

FACE-TO-FACE WORKSHOP

Mental Health Wellness Workshop

9 June 2023

A Workshop on Mental Health Wellness was co-organized by WomanHealth, Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights, and the University of the Philippines Diliman Office of Anti-Sexual Harassment (UPD OASH), in partnership with AltDev. Program staff members Ananeza Aban, Ryan Martinez, and Honey Tabiola participated in the workshop, contributing their insights. The event provided a safe and empowering space for participants to discuss mental health challenges and explore holistic wellness approaches.

FACE-TO-FACE FORUM AND WORKSHOP

Transport Summit 2023

10 June 2023

AltDev participated in the Transport Summit 2023 titled "*Sama-Sama sa Pag-arangkada! Magkaisa para sa Pangmasang Transportasyon! Ipagtanggol ang Ating Prangkisa at Kabuhayan!*" This was co-organized by PISTON, IBON Foundation, PARA—Advocates for Inclusive Transport, No to PUV Phaseout Coalition, and SUKI Network. AltDev's Rafael Dimalanta and Ryan Martinez joined as a co-moderator and a participant, respectively. This involvement demonstrated

AltDev's commitment to alternative development initiatives by transport workers.

F2F FORUM

Discussion on Pressing Issues of the Urban Poor Sector

29 June 2023

AltDev Junior Research Analyst Rafael Dimalanta participated in a forum of urban poor people's organizations and nongovernmental organizations, namely Kalipunan ng Damayang Mahihirap, Community Organizers Multiversity, Institute for Popular Democracy, Kilos Maralita, Joly Homes Foundation, Urban Poor Coordinating Council, and local community groups from Pasig, Quezon City, Taguig, Rizal, and Laguna. The conversations centered on the Pambansang Pabahay Para sa Pilipino (4PH) Housing Program, the Onsite/People's Plan Bill, and the Charter Extension of the National Housing Authority. The meeting's objective was to move towards a unified position among the urban poor groups on these pressing issues that could significantly impact their sector.

OUTPUTS FROM JANUARY TO JUNE 2023

MONOGRAPHS

- **Reinforcing People-to-people Solidarities Towards Regionalism from Below: Alternatives from Southeast Asia Amid COVID-19** by Eduardo Tadem, Karl Hapal, Venarica Papa, Benjamin Velasco, Ananeza Aban, Honey Tabiola, Rafael Dimalanta, Micah Orlino, Jose Monfred Sy, and Nathaniel Candelaria
- **Re-Imagining Post-Pandemic Societies: Alternative Practices across Southeast Asia** by Eduardo Tadem, Benjamin Velasco, Jose Monfred Sy, Ananeza Aban, Rafael Dimalanta, Honey Tabiola, and Ryan Martinez
- **Contentious Migrants: Transnational Protests and the Making of the Filipino Diaspora** by Sharon Quinsaat
- **Inequality, Tax Justice and the Philippine Wealth Tax Campaign** by Eduardo Tadem
- **The 2019 Expanded Maternity Leave Law: A Law Whose Progressive Potential Has Yet to Be Fully Realized** by Marivic Raquiza

DISCUSSION PAPERS

- **Impact of COVID-19 on Education Workers and Union Responses** by Josephine Prudente and Benjamin Velasco
- **Pasadang Pandemic: The Impact of COVID-19 on Transport Workers** by Mikhail Aggabao, Erik Belarmino, and Benjamin Velasco
- **25 Years of IPRA: The Indigenous Peoples' Struggle Continues** by Vanessa Almeda, Jose Monfred C. Sy, Ananeza P. Aban, Honey B. Tabiola, with the Ayta Mag-indi community in Porac, Pampanga; Talaandig indigenous women leaders of Maramag, Bukidnon; and students from Lumad Bakwit School

POLICY BRIEF

- **"Putting Transport Workers and Commuters First: The Route to Just Transition in Public Transport Modernization"** by Rafael Dimalanta, Jan Marvi Atienza, and Edrich Samonte

PROCEEDINGS

- **Advancing and Realizing Alternative Regionalism: Southeast Asian Peoples' Solidarity and Resistance in COVID-19 Times** by Hannah Magtoto and Jheimeel Valencia

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND OUTPUTS FOR JULY TO DECEMBER 2023

Since 2017, AltDev has pursued its aims along three contiguous albeit distinct program thrusts: documentation of alternative practices; building linkages, partnerships, and solidarity; and strengthening exchanges between grassroots organizations.

Beyond being a program of a university policy research center, AltDev has repositioned both as a repository of research and case studies of alternative practices, and a platform for the exchange of stories, experiences, and sustainable practices of marginalized communities in Southeast Asia. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic that drastically affected peoples' lives including their physical mobility, AltDev initiated cross-border interactions through online or hybrid platforms. This way,

the connections would be maintained and the call for alternative regionalism is bolstered. These interactions also span beyond the Southeast Asian region through the GTA AltDev's commitment for alternatives and direct connections with communities and social movements has somehow led to partnership with other academic institutions for future research collaboration. In 2022, AltDev was welcomed as a new partner of the Governance in Conflict Network, which is being coordinated by the University of Ghent Conflict Research Group. This year, the London School of Economics (LSE) Center for Public Authority and International Development (CPAID) has invited AltDev as a project co-investigator for Southeast Asia. AltDev will bring in the collective knowledge from and about Southeast Asia generated from its many years of research and network building.

ACTIVITIES

Further Documentation of Case Studies and Co-Production of Extensive Policy Proposals

With the orientation of engaging new people's alternatives into the network, AltDev aims to substantially document and coproduce case studies that are emblematic of the systemic faults in the current model of regionalism for the third volume of its Monograph on Alternatives series. Out of the documented case studies, AltDev aims to co-construct policy-oriented solutions and concrete actions of solidarity among partner organizations.

Expanding Linkages and Participation in Regional and Global Gatherings

With the continuing support from the 11.11.11 Coalition of the Flemish North-South Movement and the emerging GTA, AltDev looks forward to meaningful exchanges with alternative development networks and practitioners from Latin America, North America, Europe and Africa in the upcoming first physical GTA Assembly in Kenya. Moreover, AltDev's continuing commitment in the ASEAN Civil Society Conference remains a constant platform for raising intersectionalities with regional and transnational networks calling for ASEAN response to the challenges affecting the region, highlighted by the ongoing repression in Burma/Myanmar under the Burmese military junta.

Reconsolidation of the MASSA and Fourth Regional Conference on Alternatives

In preparation for the Fourth Regional Conference on Alternatives in 2023, the MASSA Steering Committee aims to strengthen collective leadership and promote collaborative actions that demonstrate MASSA's alternative regional model. AltDev, serving as the committee's Secretariat, will facilitate the consolidation process and preparatory meetings. The upcoming conference will serve as the committee's significant project, aligning with the goal of establishing a regional network of Alternatives in Southeast Asia.

UPCOMING OUTPUTS

One (1) Book Review

- **In Search of New Social Democracy: Insights from the South-Implications for the North** by Honey Tabiola

One (1) Discussion Paper

- **Forging Intersectional Feminist Futures: Cross-movement Advocacy Road Map**

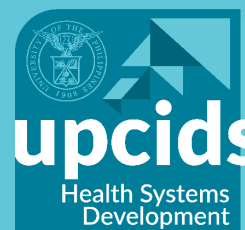
Five (5) Proceedings

- **ASEAN Civil Society Conference/ASEAN Peoples' Forum (ACSC/APF) 2020**
- **ASEAN Civil Society Conference/ASEAN Peoples' Forum (ACSC/APF) 2022**
- **People-to-People Exchange between Movement for Alternatives and Solidarity in Southeast Asia (MASSA) and Vikalp Sangam 2023**
- **Fourth Regional Conference on Alternatives**
- **People-to-People Exchange between LGBTQIA+, Persons with Disability, and Migrant Organizations 2023**

Two (2) Policy Briefs

- **"Urban Rights and Pandemic Recovery Agenda of the Informal Sector in the Philippines"** by Rafael Dimalanta
- **"Streamlining of Privatization Processes in the Housing Sector in the Philippines"** by Rafael Dimalanta

PROGRAM ON HEALTH SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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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PPCS meeting to discuss the plans for the UpToDate Study this year

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ACTIVITIES FROM JANUARY TO JUNE 2023

ONLINE MEETING WITH STAKEHOLDERS

Presentation of Year 3 Report to the Department of Health (DOH) and Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (PCHR)

24 January 2023

Dr. Antonio Dans presented the PPCS Terminal Report to DOH and the PCHR officials. Preliminary results of the surveys that were done for years 1–3 were shown during the meeting. Problems encountered during the course of the study and their resolutions were discussed. The PCHR project coordinator also talked about the administrative processes that need to be completed at the end of the study. This meeting showed the importance of the PPCS study data in contributing to the policy recommendations that will be used for Konsulta.

FACE-TO-FACE MEETING

UP National Institutes of Health (NIH) 25th Anniversary

27 February 2023

Dr. Antonio Dans presented the PPCS Results during the 25th anniversary of the UP NIH entitled “Transforming Philippine Health Systems Towards Universal Health Care through Research Partnerships.” Former Officer-in-Charge (OIC) of DOH Dr. Maria Rosario Vergeire and other DOH officials attended the said event.

Other attendees were UP President Angelo Jimenez, UP Manila Chancellor Carmencita Padilla, and other UP Manila officials and faculty. The sharing of the PPCS results showed that primary care is possible with the proper mechanisms on hand.

CONVENTION

Bataan Health Summit

8 March 2023

Dr. Leonila Dans, Dr. Antonio Dans, and Dr. Raffy Marfori, together with the Samal PPCS staff were invited to attend the Bataan Health Summit entitled “Bridging People through Universal Health Care (UHC) in Building a Healthier Bataan.” They were invited to attend as advisors to the implementation of Bataan UHC. Bataan local government officials, as well as the different stakeholders from the health sector, attended the event. Showing support to local government units (LGUs) and giving them advice based on experience give them more courage to move forward with the Konsulta program.

ONLINE MEETING

PPCS Meeting with Samal Municipal Health Officer (MHO)

16 March 2023

Dr. Leonila Dans, together with Dr. Antonio Dans and the PPCS team, met with the newly appointed Samal Municipal Health Officer Dr. Ryan Suguitan and the other RHU doctors. The agenda of the said meeting was the electronic health record (EHR) transition from the Open

MRS system to the approved system for UHC implementation. Having this meeting gave the MHO more information on the EHR system to be used for Konsulta and made them more confident to use it.

ONLINE MEETING

PPCS Meeting with Wolters Kluwer

22 March 2023

The PPCS team, headed by Dr. Leonila Dans and Dr. Antonio Dans, had a meeting with the Wolters Kluwer team, headed by Douglas Benjamin. The teams discussed the enrollment procedure for the UpToDate App. This meeting was held in preparation for the upcoming study that is being commissioned by DOH. Other topics discussed were localization of UpToDate guidelines and updates on the process of applying for continuing medical education (CME) credits in the Professional Regulations Commission (PRC). This meeting will help facilitate the roll-out of UpToDate in DOH-identified municipalities. The roll-out of UpToDate will help improve health care, especially in remote areas in our country

CONVENTION

Philippine College of Physicians (PCP) Convention “UHC Real World Experience in Pilot LGUs”

25 March 2023

During the PCP Convention, Dr. Antonio Dans gave a lecture showing the study results obtained from the PPCS. He described the interventions that were developed by PPCS to strengthen primary care at the three study sites (UPHS, Samal, and Bulusan). He discussed workforce development through motivation, training, continuing professional development through the use of UpToDate, and task shifting to the barangay health workers. At the end of his lecture, he shared the lessons learned from the study. Knowing all these pieces of information, the stakeholders will be more equipped to make policy recommendations.

ONLINE MEETING

PPCS Meeting with Bulusan Officer in Charge of the RHU

29 March 2023

Dr. Antonio Dans and the PPCS team met with the Bulusan RHU Doctor and the Officer-in-Charge Ms. Arlene Ragasa. The agenda of the

said meeting was the EHR transition from the Open MRS system to the approved system for UHC implementation. Having this meeting gave the MHO more information on the EHR system to be used and made them more confident to shift to the new system.

ONLINE MEETING

PPCS Meeting with DOH HPDPB

12 April 2023

Dr. Antonio Dans and Dr. Leonila Dans met with Undersecretary Beverly Ho of the DOH and the DOH Health Policy Division and Planning Bureau (HPDPB) team to discuss PPCS thoughts on financing for the next five years. They were requested to give inputs on the Health Care Financing Strategy (HCFS) that will be used for their policy planning. Dr. Dans explained how the PPCS study budget was used and what improvements were done at the three sites to be able to maximize them. This meeting will help DOH to come up with its policy recommendations for the next five years.

ONLINE MEETING

PPCS Meeting with PhilHealth

21 April 2023

Dr. Antonio Dans had a meeting with PHIC officer Clem Bautista and her staff to present PPCS suggestions on the implementation of the Konsulta package. Suggestions on how to do the registration of the patients and what data to put in the EHR were laid out. It was also suggested to remove the unnecessary coding of data and to unify the processes of DOH and PhilHealth for a successful Konsulta program. Having this meeting will help with the roll-out of the Konsulta program and will also help with policy planning.

ONLINE MEETING

PPCS Meeting with PhilHealth

8 May 2023

Dr. Antonio Dans had a meeting with PhilHealth VP Renet Limciaco to give the PPCS's suggestions for the implementation of Konsulta. PPCS results were presented, and Dr. Dans gave his recommendations based on the given study data. He gave inputs to improve the Konsulta processes and to streamline them to make it easier for the LGUs and the healthcare providers as well.

ONLINE MEETING

PPCS Meeting with Health Futures Foundations Inc.

12 May 2023

Dr. Antonio Dans had a meeting with Secretary Jimmy Galvez Tan and Director Johnny Nanagas of Health Futures Foundation Inc. The discussion centered on the cost of primary care in the Philippines. The costing data that was used as a basis of their discussion was from the PPCS results. This meeting will help with the policy recommendations that will be presented to the Senate and the House of Representatives.

ONLINE TRAINING

UpToDate Club

19 January, 9 February, 2 and 16 March, 13 and 27 April, 11 and 25 May, and 15 June 2023

Josephine Sanchez facilitated the UpToDate Club, which was held at least once a month. At the start of the second quarter of 2023, it was done twice a month since more barangay health workers were attending the training. The following topics were discussed from January to June: scabies, leptospirosis, otitis media, tinnitus, heat stroke, rubella, poliomyelitis, angioedema, and urinary tract infection (UTI) in adults. At the end of the lecture, Dr. Antonio Dans and Dr. Leonila Dans gave their feedback and recommendations. These training sessions will help the healthcare workers to be better equipped in handling illnesses at their respective barangays.

OUTPUTS FROM JANUARY TO JUNE 2023

PROGRESS REPORT

- Year-End Report
- "UP CIDS Role in Policy"

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND OUTPUTS FOR JULY TO DECEMBER 2023

The PPCS officially ended at the three study sites last 15 December 2022. A cleanup of the data obtained from the three-year study was done and is being analyzed. PPCS has a lot of data on hand and we are currently in the planning stage of writing the papers. Meetings with possible writers to discuss the outline of the papers are to be calendared in the next six

months. The planned papers for writeup this year are:

- 1.) "Patients Satisfaction Years 2 and 3";
- 2.) "Electronic Medical Records Satisfaction Years 1, 2, and 3";
- 3.) "Utilization Paper for Years 2 and 3";
- 4.) "Healthcare Worker Satisfaction for Years 2 and 3"; and
- 5.) "Public-Private Partnership"

Other plans include post hoc analyses/studies, annual surveys in pilot sites to assess the Konsulta program of DOH (still looking for funding), support of EHR transition in UP Health Service and to continue the PPCS website development.

ACTIVITIES

- 1.) The Program will continue to conduct monthly primary care training among health-care workers through the UpToDate Club. PHSD will continue to support the manpower/workforce development of the rural and remote sites. The Program is also planning to expand the reach of the UpToDate club to the other municipalities that were given access to UpToDate by DOH. Volunteer health-care workers from each barangay in Samal and Bulusan will be encouraged to discuss the topics (illnesses) that they have encountered in the barangay health stations in the past few months. After these discussions, a guest doctor will give their recommendations on each topic.
- 2.) PHSD will provide continuous support to the primary care clinics at the three sites through telephone correspondence and online meetings. The Program will continue to give technical assistance to the transition of the electronic medical records once DOH finalizes the program that will be used for E-Konsulta. PHSD will also continue the PPCS website development so that many policymakers will be able to see the study's results, which they can use for policy development.
- 3.) The Program plans to conduct two studies this year. Preparations are



PPCS meeting to discuss the plans for the UpToDate Study this year

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currently being done. These two studies are: (1) "Acceptability, Feasibility, and Impact of UpToDate (UTD) use on Healthcare Worker Knowledge from the Philippine Primary Care Studies"; and (2) "Evaluating the Use of a Clinical Decision Support Tool in the Rural and Remote Sites in the Philippines."

OUTPUTS

Publication of the following papers:

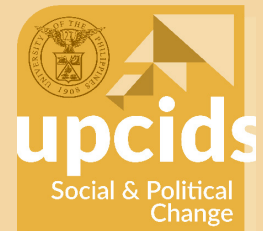
- 1.) Two manuscripts accepted for publication
 - A.) "Experiences from the Philippine Grassroots: Impact of Strengthening Primary Care Systems on Health Worker Satisfaction and Intention to Stay," written by Regine Ynez H. De

Mesa (corresponding author), Jose Rafael A. Marfori, Noleen Marie C. Fabian, Romelei Camiling-Alfonso, Mark Anthony U. Javelosa, Nannette Bernal-Sundiang, Leonila F. Dans, Ysabela T. Calderon, Jayson A. Celeste, Josephine T. Sanchez, Mia P. Rey, Cara Lois T. Galingana, Ramon Pedro P. Paterno, Jesusa T. Catabui, Johanna Faye E. Lopez, Maria Rhodora N. Aquino, and Antonio Miguel L. Dans. Published in international journal *BMC Health Services Research*, volume 23, article number 117, on 4 February 2023.

- B.) "Adherence to Clinical Practice Guidelines on the Management of Acute Infectious Gastroenteritis in Children as a Measure of Quality of Care Delivered by a Primary Care Facility in Rural Philippines:

- A Descriptive Retrospective Study," written by Paul Johnny C. Diaz (corresponding author), Leonila F. Dans, April P. Zamora, Josephine T. Sanchez, Cara Lois Galingana, Maria Rhodora Aquino, Nannette B. Sundiang, Herbert Zabala, Jesusa T. Catabui, Mia P. Rey, and Antonio L. Dans. Submitted to local journal *Acta Medica Philippina*.
- 2.) One manuscript already submitted to a journal but is still undergoing revision
 - "The Cost of Primary Care: A Cost Analysis of Comprehensive Primary Care Coverage in an Urban Setting," written by Mia P. Rey (corresponding author), Regine H. De Mesa, Jose Rafael A. Marfori, Noleen C. Fabian, Romelei Camiling-Alfonso, Ramon P. Paterno, Nanette Bernal-Sundiang, Al B. Yusoph, Leonila F. Dans, Cara Lois T. Galingana, Maria Rhodora N. Aquino, Josephine T. Sanchez, Jesusa T. Catabui, and Antonio L. Dans. Submitted to local journal *Acta Medica Philippina*.
 - 3.) Seven manuscripts submitted to journals for peer review:
 - A.) "Triple Baseline Utilization" (local journal), written by Leonila F. Dans (corresponding author), Jose Rafael A. Marfori, Regine H. De Mesa, Cara Galingana, Josephine T. Sanchez, Mia P. Rey, Jesusa T. Catabui, Nanette B. Sundiang, Ramon Pedro P. Paterno, Edna Estifania A. Co, and Antonio L. Dans
 - B.) "Adherence to Pediatric Guidelines" (local journal), written by Jami Aliyah Malaya D. Salliman (corresponding author), Leonila F. Dans, Carol Stephanie C. Tan-Lim, Kristine Tanega-Aliling, Cara Lois T. Galingana, Josephine T. Sanchez, Maria Rhodora N. Aquino, Mia P. Rey, and Antonio L. Dans
 - C.) "Turnaround Time of Consults" (local journal), written by April Faye P. Barbadillo (corresponding author), Leonila F. Dans, Carol Stephanie C. Tan-Lim, Cara Lois T. Galingana, Josephine T. Sanchez, Maria Rhodora N. Aquino, Arianna Maever L. Amit,
- Mia P. Rey, Janelle Panganiban, and Antonio L. Dans
- D.) "Prescribing Patterns" (local journal), written by Nicole Andrea C. Lanip (corresponding author), Leonila F. Dans, Carol Stephanie C. Tan-Lim, Antonette Gonzales, Cara Lois T. Galingana, Josephine T. Sanchez, Maria Rhodora N. Aquino, Arianna Maever L. Amit, Regine H. De Mesa, Mia P. Rey, Janelle Panganiban, Karl Engelene Poblete, Nanette B. Sundiang, and Antonio L. Dans
 - E.) "Asthma Adherence" (local journal), written by Gayle Therese K. Gonzales-Javier (corresponding author), Leonila F. Dans, Carol Stephanie C. Tan-Lim, Kristine Tanega-Aliling, Cara Lois T. Galingana, Josephine T. Sanchez, Maria Rhodora Aquino, Mia P. Rey, and Antonio L. Dans
 - F.) "Frequency Distribution of Pediatric Primary Care Consults" (local journal), written by Jonah Mikka B. Dorado (corresponding author), Leonila F. Dans, Carol Stephanie C. Tan-Lim, Cara Lois T. Galingana, Josephine T. Sanchez, Maria Rhodora N. Aquino, Mia P. Rey, Janelle Panganiban, Herbert Zabala, and Antonio L. Dans
 - G.) "Telemedicine Pediatric Conditions and Platforms" (local journal), written by Angelique Celina F. Lahoz (corresponding author), Leonila F. Dans, Carol Stephanie C. Tan-Lim, Angelica Cecilia V. Tomas, Cara Lois T. Galingana, Josephine T. Sanchez, Maria Rhodora N. Aquino, Arianna Maever L. Amit, Mia P. Rey, Janelle Panganiban, and Antonio L. Dans
- 4.) For submission to journals
 - A.) Telemedicine manuscript
 - B.) UpToDate study manuscript
 - C.) Year 1 utilization paper

PROGRAM ON SOCIAL AND POLITICAL CHANGE



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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 and publishes empirical studies which form the basis for policy input and discussions at the local, national, and international levels.

PROGRAM STAFF

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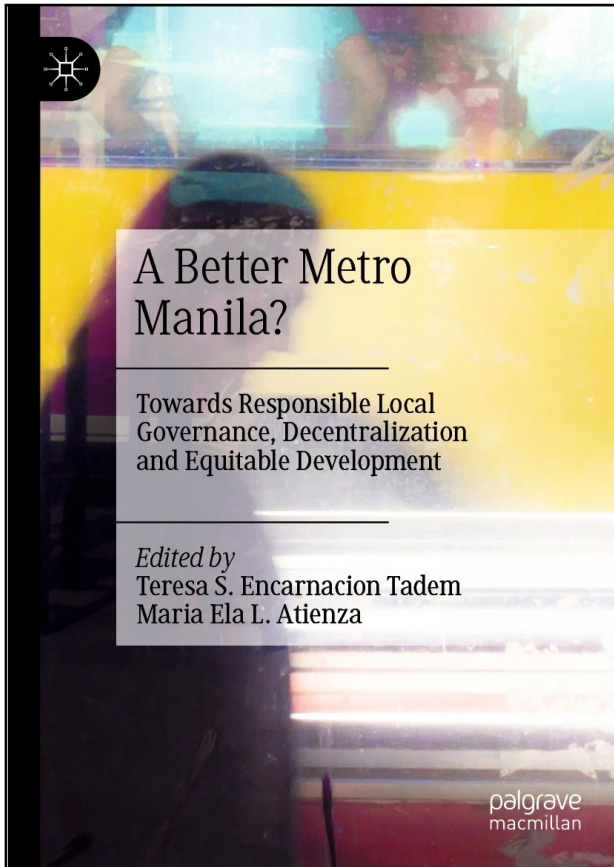
ACTIVITIES FROM JANUARY TO JUNE 2023

BOOK PROJECT

A Better Metro Manila? Towards Responsible Local Governance, Decentralization, and Equitable Development in the Philippines

March 2023

PSPC Co-Convenor Maria Ela L. Atienza, Ph.D. and UP CIDS Executive Director Teresa Encarnacion Tadem, Ph.D., edited *A Better Metro Manila? Towards Responsible Local Governance, Decentralization, and Equitable Development in the Philippines*, published this year by Palgrave Macmillan. The book emanates from the research



Cover of the book *A Better Metro Manila? Towards Responsible Local Governance, Decentralization, and Equitable Development*

project of UP CIDS, the Department of the Interior and Local Government–National Capital Region (DILG–NCR), and the Office of the Quezon City Mayor. The collaboration produced a report entitled “Federalism and the National Capital Region: Specific Governance Concerns,” which ran from 2018 to 2019. The various outputs were then compiled, reviewed, and revised into a book manuscript. The book was released online and in print in March and April 2023 respectively.

BOOK MANUSCRIPTS FOR PUBLICATION THROUGH UP PRESS

UP CIDS Interdisciplinary Development Perspectives on Public Policy (InDePPP) Reference Book Series

In light of the ever-growing interest in public policy studies, articles from UP CIDS’s former journal, *Public Policy*, were selected into planned book volumes that would further contribute to the discourse of public policy. These volumes can be used as supplementary readings for courses in political science.

The first volume is *Public Policy and Statistics*, edited by Francis A. Dee. The book aims to

provide an overview of research on how statistics can be used effectively for public policy decisions as well as for monitoring changes over time within different contexts such as health care or education systems among others. The second volume is *Public Policy and Exploring Feminist Research and Gender Studies*, edited by Professor Jean Encinas-Franco. It focuses on issues related to gender inequality in society while providing insights into how feminist research can inform effective public policies aimed at addressing these disparities through various methods, including data collection techniques like surveys or interviews with stakeholders involved in decision-making processes amongst other strategies. Finally, Associate Professor Dennis V. Blanco’s edited volume, *Public Policy and Philippine National and Local Administration: Concerns Challenges and Capacities from Governing to Governance*, explores topics relevant to Filipino governance structures from both top-down perspectives (national) but also bottom-up approaches (local).

PUBLICATION

Policy Studies for Political and Administrative Research (PSPAR) Discussion Series Publication

January–June 2023

The Policy Studies for Political and Administrative Reform (PSPAR) research project produced five discussion papers that were published during the first half of 2023. The articles focused on Philippine politics and administration, barriers preventing Filipino women from participating in the election, the Philippine judiciary, decentralization and local governance, the party system, and compliance with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. These papers aimed to inform policy reforms in the country. Detailed topics are as follows:

Professor Encinas-Franco and Associate Professor Elma Laguna’s discussion paper, *Barriers to Filipino Women’s Political Participation* (published on 19 January 2023), is an in-depth look at the various obstacles that prevent women from participating in the political process. The authors analyzed different aspects of Filipino culture, such as gender roles and stereotypes that hinder female representation. They also discussed current policies related to women’s rights, as well as potential solutions for increasing participation among females in politics.

Prof. Atienza's discussion paper, *The Philippine Judiciary: Strengthening the Third Branch of Government* (published on 10 March 2023), takes a closer look at several issues related to the Philippine judiciary: the changing nature of the structure and power in the judiciary as specified by the 1987 Constitution; the administration and delivery of justice; people's access to the courts; positive and negative perceptions of the judiciary and justice issues; judicial independence; and the manner of appointments. The focus is on the changing role of the judiciary in Philippine politics and reforms to strengthen it.

The third discussion paper is Professor Atienza and Associate Professor Jan Robert R. Go's *Assessing Local Governance and Autonomy in the Philippines: Three Decades of 1991 Local Government Code* (published on 13 March 2023). This policy study looks at the issues and concerns of decentralization, democratization, and development vis-à-vis local governments in the Philippines. It assesses the different suggested changes or reforms in central-local relations and local governments, including proposed amendments to the Local Government Code and the 1987 Constitution.

The fourth discussion paper is Professor Tigno's *The Party Is Dead! Long Live the Party! Reforming The Party System in the Philippines* (published on 13 March 2023). It suggests reforming party system dynamics currently present today by proposing changes in legislative elections and campaign finance proposals. It also investigates voting behavior and electoral campaigns conducted during election seasons and its impacts on Filipinos.

Finally, Dr. Maria Lourdes G. Rebullida and Assistant Professor Matthew Manuelito Miranda's *Sustaining and Enhancing Monitoring*

of Development Goals: Policy Coherence and Multi-Level Governance in Philippine Bureaucracy (published on 23 March 2023) looks into what needs to be done to ensure that the development goals set forth are met accordingly over time through using multilevel governance structures implemented throughout the Philippine bureaucracy.

POLICY BRIEF PUBLICATION

***Making Voter Education a Pillar of Democracy in the Philippines* by Dr. Jorge V. Tigno**

12 April 2023

The recently published policy brief, *Making Voter Education a Pillar of Democracy in the Philippines*, outlines some of the advantages and challenges associated with voter education. It highlights the importance of understanding how to increase civic engagement and ensure that citizens are informed about their rights as voters.

PROCEEDINGS PUBLICATION

Debating the Prospects of Nuclear Energy in the Philippines

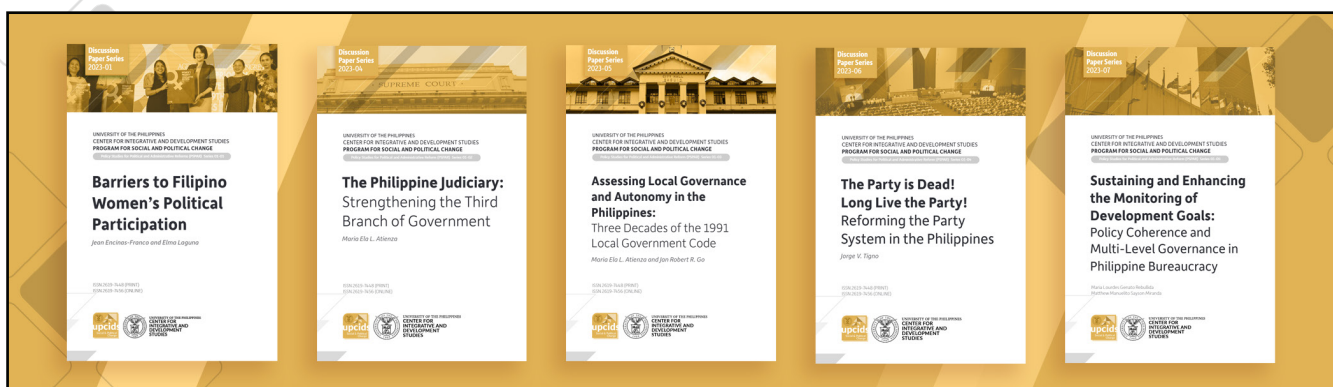
16 February 2023

The publication emanated from the public forum held last 25 January 2019 regarding the prospects of nuclear energy in the Philippines. The proceedings highlight the discussions on energy, security, energy accessibility, and sustainability. It particularly focuses on the viability of one key alternative option for the Philippines—nuclear energy—as well as alternative energy sources.

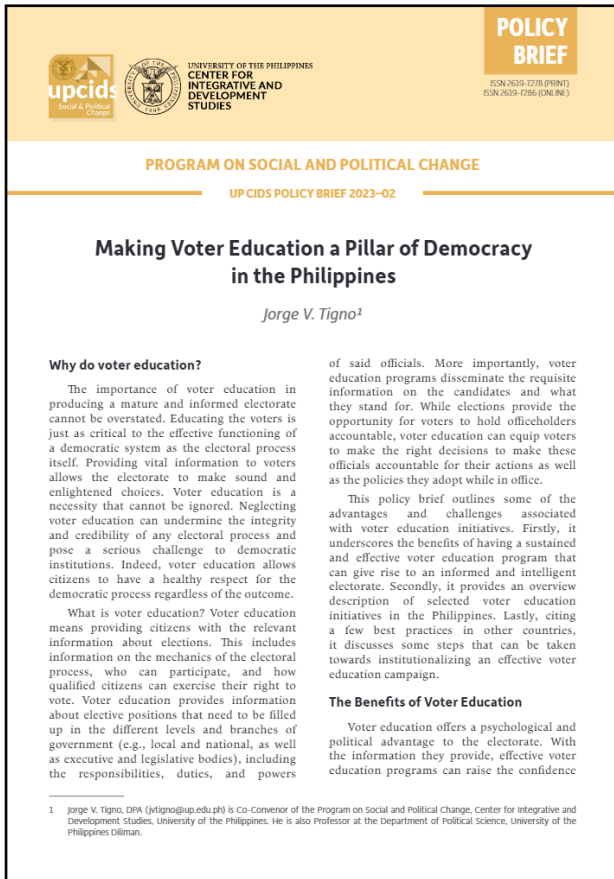
BLOG ARTICLE

12 January 2023

Professor Atienza wrote the article titled “The Prospects of Local Governance, Devolution, and Local Autonomy Under Marcos II” published in *Australian Outlook*, the online publication of the Australian Institute of International Affairs.



PSPAR Discussion Paper Series



Making Voted Education a Pillar of Democracy in the Philippines Policy Brief

Many of her insights came from her cowritten research under the PSPAR project. The article can be accessed through this link: <https://www.internationalaffairs.org.au/australianoutlook/the-prospects-of-local-governance-devolution-and-local-autonomy-under-marcos-ii/>

CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

18 March 2023

Professor Atienza was one of the invited resource persons of the 2023 Philippine Political Science–National Capital Region’s Political Science Symposium on Philippine Politics: Prospects and Challenges. The conference was held at Far Eastern University, Manila. Professor Atienza gave a talk entitled “Updates on the Status of Local Governments in the Philippines: Opportunities for Reform” based on her research under several PSPC projects.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

7–8 June 2023

At the 2023 Philippine Political Science Association’s International Conference held in

Iloilo City, Dr. Rebullida and Assistant Professor Miranda presented “Sustaining and Enhancing the Monitoring of Development Goals: Policy Coherence and Multi-Level Governance in Philippine Bureaucracy,” which emanated from their research under the PSPAR project.

OUTPUTS FROM JANUARY TO JUNE 2023

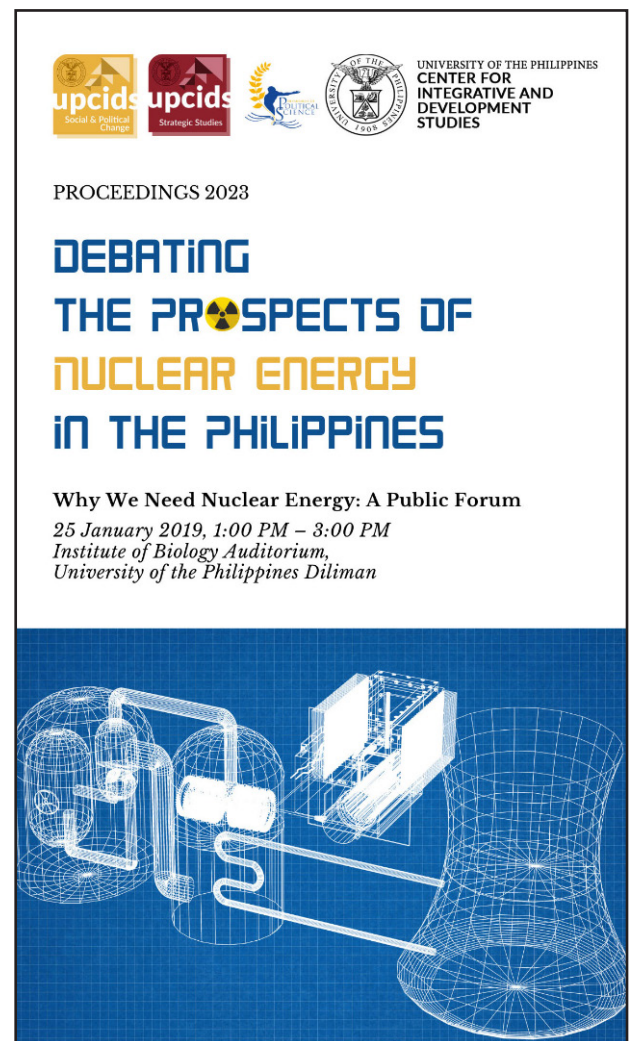
POLICY BRIEF

- **Making Voter Education a Pillar of Democracy in the Philippines**

by: Dr. Jorge V. Tigno

DISCUSSION PAPER

- **PSPAR Discussion Series (5)**



Debating the Prospects of Nuclear Energy in the Philippines Proceedings



Dr. Maria Ela Atienza at the regional symposium titled “A Symposium on Philippine Politics: Prospects and Challenges” organized by the Philippine Political Science-NCR Chapter in collaboration with the Far Eastern University Department of Political Science held last March 18, 2023.

PROCEEDINGS

- **Debating the Prospects of Nuclear Energy in the Philippines**

PUBLIC POLICY SERIES

- **InDePPP Volume Series Manuscripts**
Status: Still with the UP Press

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND OUTPUTS FOR JULY TO DECEMBER 2023

PSPC plans to host a webinar that aims to present the research findings of the experts involved in the PSPAR research project with various sectors of society. PSPC also plans a book launch or other promotional activities related to the book entitled *A Better Metro Manila? Towards Responsible Local Governance, Decentralization and Equitable Development in the Philippines*. Finally, a State of the Nation Address (SONA) 2023 roundtable discussion is set on 17 July 2023. The discussion aims to engage stakeholders and policy experts, civil society organization representatives, and other stakeholders to discuss current issues surrounding President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.’s upcoming State of the Nation Address (SONA) this July 2023.

In terms of publications, PSPC plans to release several publications from several projects. These

are (1) a series of Policy Briefs on *Constitutional Performance Assessment of the 1987 Philippine Constitution* from the International IDEA research projects; and (2) the proceedings of two PSPC-organized #PILIPiLUNAS2022 webinars. The Program will also plan the PSPAR book project that will include the research outputs of the PSPAR project as chapters and submit the draft manuscript to an international publisher. Apart from these, PSPC is also finishing the research project commissioned by the National Research Council of the Philippines (NRCP), focusing on the latter’s research and policy outputs. NRCP plans to publish the findings of the project. All these publication projects aim to provide readers with a comprehensive understanding of different social and political issues in the Philippines and possible policy options.

Lastly, podcasts are another medium where PSPC disseminates valuable information among larger public audiences, especially those who access information through audio broadcasts and are unable to attend live events like seminars and conferences. The Program will continue producing *Ugnayang Migrante*, a podcast series that focuses on exploring stories of Filipino migrant workers. PSPC’s webinars and roundtable discussions will also be converted into podcasts.

ACTIVITIES

- **“Reality Versus Expectation: BBM’s 2023 SONA”**

The roundtable discussion “Reality Versus Expectation: BBM’s 2023 SONA” tackles the first year of the current administration, providing a platform for experts, analysts, and citizens to critically evaluate the government’s performance. As the administration completes its initial year in power, it becomes crucial to assess whether it has lived up to the expectations set during its campaign and inauguration.

- **PSPAR Webinar**

The webinar allows the outputs of the PSPAR project to reach a wide audience outside the academe. By leveraging on online platforms, political scientists who are part of the project can engage with policymakers, fellow researchers, and interested individuals about the range of topics explored in the project.



Dr. Maria Ela Atienza, Dr. Ma. Lourdes G. Rebullida, and Asst. Prof. Matthew Miranda at the 2023 PPSA International Conference held in Iloilo City last June 7-8, 2023.

- Book launching and/or other promotional activities for the book, *A Better Metro Manila? Towards Responsible Local Governance, Decentralization, and Equitable Development in the Philippines*

Promotional activities in different formats for the book are essential to create awareness and foster dialogue around the pressing issues faced by society and the broader context of local governance in the Philippines.

- *Are We There Yet? The Philippine Drug War After Duterte*

PSPC will continue the roundtable discussion series.

- *Ugnayang Migrante*

The podcast series will continue exploring stories of Filipino migrant workers.

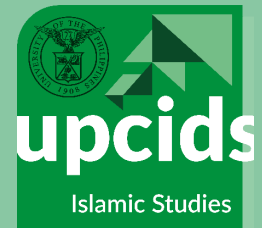
- Policy Brief Series on *Constitutional Performance Assessment of 1987 Philippine Constitution*

PSPC will publish a series of policy briefs emanating from the Constitutional Performance Assessment of 1987 Philippine Constitution.

OUTPUTS

- 1.) *InDePPP* book series (c/o UP Press)
- 2.) IDEA Policy Briefs Series on *Constitutional Performance Assessment of the 1987 Philippine Constitution*
- 3.) PSPAR Book Project
- 4.) NRCP Research Publication (c/o NRCP)
- 5.) Proceedings of two PSPC-organized #PILipiLUNAS2022 webinars

ISLAMIC STUDIES PROGRAM



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Islamic Studies Program (ISP) seeks to advance the critical and strategic roles of Islam in nation-building. It also determines to lead the Filipino communities to know Islam deeper and consequently deal with the existing stereotypes against Muslims. The threefold research component includes *hikma*, the historical and Islamic knowledge for the modern age; the Philippine Code of Muslim Personal Laws (Presidential Decree [PD] 1083) and Islamic institutions in the Philippines reviewing its implementation and addressing gaps and challenges; and the Moro story, presenting historical narratives on the Muslim Filipino and identifying intellectual sources of Philippine Islam.

PROGRAM STAFF

Convenor	Darwin J. Absari <i>Assistant Professor Institute of Islamic Studies University of the Philippines Diliman</i>
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Project Staff	Camille Lucille A. Bello
Program Staff	Klara Rosan R. Bilbao

ACTIVITIES FROM JANUARY TO JUNE 2023

MEETING

ISP Team Meeting via Zoom and in the Office of the Dean, Institute of Islamic Studies, Virata Hall, UP Diliman

January 20, 2023

ISP conducted a meeting to discuss the progress of 2022 project outputs and plan activities

for 2023. In the first part of the meeting, ISP Convenor Asst. Prof. Darwin Absari and ISP Project Leader Dr. Nefertari Arsad reported the latest developments in their outputs.

This was followed by a discussion of proposed projects for 2023, which will include the Cesar Adib Majul Project Phase 2, ISP's policy paper collection, the continuation of Jawi studies, capacity-building for teachers teaching Philippine Muslim history, and capacity-building on PD



Dr. Nefertari Arsad, ISP Project Leader, discusses her projects for 2023 as well as the initial coordination she established with the project partners.

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1083 for barangay captains. The importance of identifying the impacts of these projects on UP constituent units and public policy was also emphasized in preparation for the ISP reports.

MEETING

Orientation Meeting with Project Partners of the Cesar Adib Majul Book Project Phase 2 and Policy Paper Collection

4 July 2023

On 4 July 2023, a project briefing was conducted HyFlex, with Project Leader Nefertari Arsad and writers meeting face-to-face in Zamboanga City, and ISP Convenor Asst. Prof. Absari, ISP project staff, and other writers joining online.

The meeting enabled project participants to level off with regard to pertinent project information and expected outputs. One project writer submitted a Policy Brief in July 2023 for initial review, while one Policy Insight is pending submission in the same month after clarifications on paper guidelines have been completed.

Indicating best practice, the project built networks and expanded linkages with various stakeholders from the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) and the Zamboanga-Basilan-Sulu-Tawi-Tawi (ZAMBASULTA) area. These networks

enabled them to contribute insights grounded in lived realities of the Muslims in Mindanao. What was found challenging, however, was the coordination of schedules given the HyFlex nature of meetings and the different places of residence and work of participants.

COLLECTION OF JAWI MANUSCRIPTS Jawi Studies

The ISP team accessed a (digitized) Jawi manuscript at the Princeton University Library through Ms. Anne Christine Ensomo, who is writing her PhD dissertation on Sulu spirituality at Frankfurt University in Germany. The said manuscript was taken from Sulu by Major Hugh L. Scott, who became American Military Governor of Sulu in 1903. The manuscript is *Sayr al-sālikīn ilá 'ibādat rabb al-'ālamīn* (ريس نيملاعلا بر تدابع ىلا نيكل اسرلا ; *Journey of the Travelers to the Worship of the Lord of the Universe*) by 'Abd al-Şamad al-Falimbānī. It is a translation of the fourth volume of Imam Al-Ghazali's (c. 1058–1111) *Ihya' Ulum al-Din (Revival of Religious Sciences)*. It was the last book he wrote.

The 552-page manuscript was heavily damaged by water, but the source, which is the Ihya, is available online. The ISP team was also lucky to have accessed the English translation from Arabic of the particular section of the book.

OUTPUTS FROM JANUARY TO JUNE 2023

FOR PUBLICATION

POLICY BRIEF

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

CESAR ADIB MAJUL BOOK PROJECT PHASE 1

- Cesar Adib Majul Writings on Islamic Civilization

JAWI STUDIES

- Jawi Studies 2 Tarasul on Prayer

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND OUTPUTS FOR JULY TO DECEMBER 2023

ACTIVITIES

- Progress Report Meetings and Paper Presentations

A series of monthly meetings with the writers and experts of the Cesar Adib Majul Project and Policy Paper Collection has been planned for paper presentations and project accomplishment updates. The sessions will also provide an opportunity for the writers and ISP staff to brainstorm and discuss

Imam Al-Ghazali was a renowned theologian and mystic. He was given the title “Proof of Islam” for his immense contribution to both Islam and the West. The book outlines the various hurdles on the path to God that one will encounter and how these obstacles will be overcome.



Journey of the Travelers to the Worship of the Lord of the Universe of Imam Al-Ghazali

Another important document found by the ISP team through a network of friends in Sulu is the *Sirajud Deen (Lamp of Religion)*, written by Ustadz Yahya Radjae in 1949. The centuries of war against colonialism resulted in the decline of Sulu's political, economic, and educational systems. The beginning of the revival of *madrasah* (Islamic) education in Sulu is attributed to the missionary work of Ustadz, who studied Islam at Madrasah Junaydi in Singapore. Upon his return, he established his own school and trained students to teach Islam. Later, he sent his students to various islands of Sulu, Basilan, and Tawi-Tawi to teach. His book fills the gap in Islam's intellectual tradition in postcolonialism before the influence of Salafism (strict orthodoxy), which began in the early 1980s.



Sirajud Deen written by Ustadz Yahya Radjae in 1949

editorial concerns in order to improve and assure the impact of the outputs.

- **Jawi Studies**

For the next six months, the team will focus on discovering more Jawi materials and translations of the *Sirajud Deen* and documenting the life story of Ustadz Yahya Radjae. Another annotation of *tarasul* (mystical poetry) is also on the writing stage.

- **Capacity-Building and the Code of Muslim Personal Laws (CMPL) Education Campaign Series**

The capacity-building of Philippine Muslim history teachers, as well as the CMPL education campaign at the grassroots level in Basilan, Sulu, and Tawi-Tawi, will take place in the fourth quarter of 2023. The capacity-building will map out the appropriate content, methodology, and strategies for teaching Philippine Muslim History (PMH). The CMPL education campaign aims to increase Muslims' awareness of *Sharī'ah* (Islamic Law), its accessibility, and its significance in the lives of modern Muslims. Barangay captains and other selected barangay officials will be involved in this education effort.

OUTPUTS

- **Commentaries**

Cesar Adib Majul Book Project Phase 2. This will feature three sets of commentaries on three unpublished articles by Cesar Adib Majul on Islam's Advent in the Philippines and Muslims' Development in Philippine Politics.

- **Policy Papers**

Five policy papers on Muslim Filipino institutions and initiatives will be included in this collection.

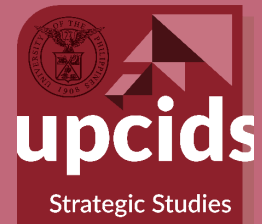
- **Book on the Life and Works of Ustadz Yahya Radjae and One Annotation of Tarasul**

Jawi Studies

- **Proceedings and Activity Reports**

Philippine Muslim History Capacity-Building and CMPL Education Campaign

STRATEGIC STUDIES PROGRAM



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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 among the intellectual communities in the region.

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ACTIVITIES FROM JANUARY TO JUNE 2023

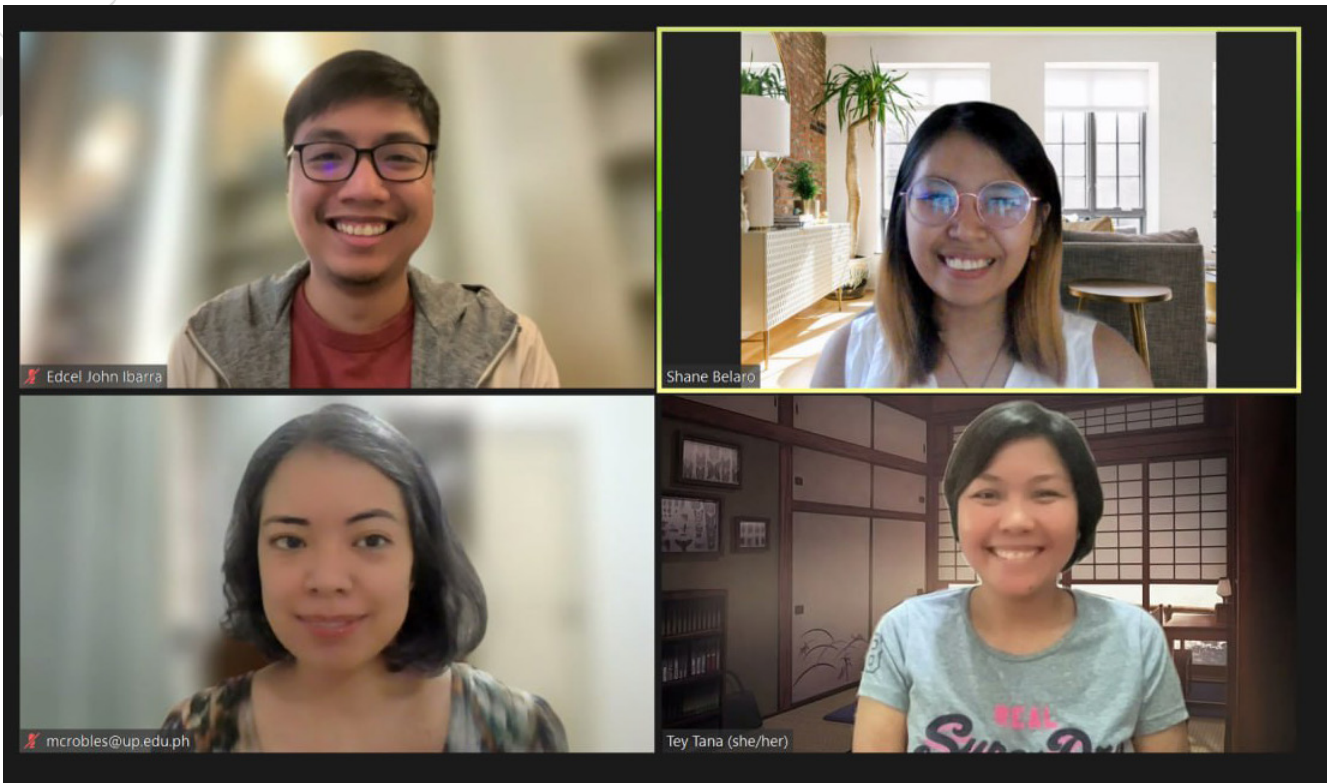
PUBLICATION

Re-Evaluating Japan's Middle Power Diplomacy: Between Aspirations and Reality

March–June 2023; published online 19 June 2023

The discussion paper examines Japan's "middle power" diplomacy, the strategies it employs,

and the limitations of its regional leadership ambitions. It further investigates Japan's regional security engagements, its relations with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and other "middle powers" in the region (Australia and South Korea), and the implications of Japan's strategic choices and behavior to the security and stability of the Indo-Pacific. This publication caters to students,



On-boarding meeting with SSP research fellows for 2023



SSP

academics, scholars, government officials, and researchers who have a keen interest in understanding Japan’s evolving role in the region. Since its release, the publication has been downloaded 242 times from the CIDS website.

OUTPUTS FROM JANUARY TO JUNE 2023

DISCUSSION PAPER

- **Reevaluating Japan’s Middle Power Diplomacy: Between Aspirations and Reality** by Maria Thaemar C. Tana and Ronna Shane M. Belaro

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND OUTPUTS FOR JULY TO DECEMBER 2023

SSP will continue to advocate for and generate interest in significant shifts and developments in Philippine foreign policy and strategic studies. In the last six months, the Program has commenced and worked on projects that it deems adequate in contributing to ongoing discussions and debates in the field of security

and strategic studies. SSP aims to keep and even accelerate the momentum in staying relevant by closely monitoring international and regional developments, and investigating their implications on the country’s foreign and security policies and strategic posture. Consistent thereto, SSP’s projects include research, podcasts, and other information-sharing and dissemination activities. In addition to serving the strategic studies community, SSP endeavors to reach a broader audience, including young professionals, and expand its networks both locally and internationally. By extending its influence on diverse age groups and geographic regions, SSP will stay relevant and effectively disseminate knowledge in this domain.

The plans and tasks mentioned previously shall then be maintained. The *Katipunan Dialogue Podcast* remains SSP’s flagship program. The project is now in its third year and will feature six new episodes, particularly on the following topics: the European Union Indo-Pacific Strategy, Korea’s Indo-Pacific policy, the ASEAN outlook in the Indo-Pacific, the Japan Free and Open Indo-Pacific Vision, issues and trends in regional maritime security, and the one-China policy. SSP has already recorded three episodes and will record three more in the coming

months. Meanwhile, the relaunch of the podcast is set for this July. From then on, SSP targets to release two episodes per month on top of promoting the previous episodes from the last two years with the help of CIDS and Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) Philippines.

On top of the podcast, another principal task for this year is to work on the unfinished and planned publications of SSP. The Program has deliverables from last year that must be finished, particularly the proceedings for the Katipunan Dialogue Podcast 2022 Series and the policy brief, "Foreign Policy Directions for the New Administration." The Program shall prioritize the release of these papers because they remain timely to developments in the country's foreign and external relations and policies. The Program has likewise hired two UP faculty as research fellows and one paper writer from outside the university to write about systemic risks in the region, gray zone operations in the South China Sea, and the bilateral relations between China and the Philippines in the context of settling territorial disputes. These three topics are very relevant especially as external security issues continue to grow and gain attention in Philippine policymaking under the Marcos administration.

ACTIVITIES

- 1.) **Katipunan Dialogue Podcast 2022 series proceedings.** The proceedings for the 2022 Katipunan Dialogue Podcast will be released this year. It will include 12 episodes released last year. The draft has been submitted for review and editing by the convenor and will be submitted for publication in the coming months.
- 2.) **Foreign Policy Directions for the Marcos Administration: Analysis and Projections.** This white paper/policy brief aims to evaluate present patterns and changes in the regional strategic landscape, encompassing aspects like economic integration, diplomacy, and regional security. It seeks to examine the implications of these developments on the strategic posture of the Philippines under the Marcos administration. The document will offer recommendations to aid the new administration in assessing its strategic choices for the upcoming years and enhancing its capacity for future strategic analysis concerning Philippine foreign policy. SSP intends to produce



Recording of Episode 19 of the Katipunan Dialogue Podcast



the white paper during the latter half of 2023.

- 3.) ***Katipunan Dialogue Podcast 2023 series.*** The ***Katipunan Dialogue Podcast*** series builds on the legacy of its predecessor, the annual Katipunan Conference. It discusses issues and trends in the international and regional environment as well as its impacts on the country's strategic posture and its foreign policy. The 2023 series presents six new episodes featuring academics and experts from various fields. The episodes tackle traditional and nontraditional security issues, including the Indo-Pacific strategies of key players in the region, regional maritime security, diplomacy, minilateralism and multilateralism, and security cooperation. The official relaunch is planned for this July. Episodes will be made available on Spotify, Anchor FM, and Google Podcasts. Proceedings will also be produced after the conclusion of the podcast.
- 4.) **Roundtable Discussion (RTD) on Strategic Philippine Foreign Policy in the Marcos Administration in the West Philippine Sea Dispute.** An RTD will be conducted within the year in partnership with SSP networks to discuss issues of foreign policy and external security, especially in relation to the West Philippine Sea conflict. Experts and academics will be invited to discuss and exchange ideas on how best to approach prevailing issues and challenges and how best to approach the development of possible policy approaches for the country's decision-makers.
- 5.) **"Systemic Risks from A Regionalist Perspective" discussion paper.** This discussion paper discusses one of the dominant pressures besetting multilateral governance today: systemic risks. The transboundary nature of systemic risk means that it is susceptible to the territorial politics of risk management. Systemic risks, thus, both widen and constrain the space for rising powers keen to assert their authority and define the extent of their accountability

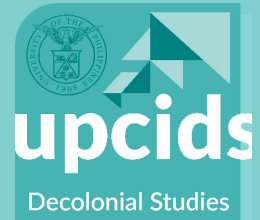
in global and regional platforms. The proposed policy paper will examine how systemic risk has shaped ASEAN's approach toward multilateral governance and the challenges it poses for East Asian regional cooperation.

- 6.) **"Philippines-China Bilateralism on the South China Sea Disputes" (Discussion Paper)** – The paper investigates the evolution of Philippines–China bilateralism on the South China Sea disputes since the Mischief Reef incident in 1995. There is evidence suggesting that the degree of institutionalization of bilateral diplomatic mechanisms influences the likelihood of success in reducing tensions between parties in a conflict. Insofar as this effect holds true, the Philippines may be well advised to pursue denser relations with China to handle the South China Sea disputes. Lessons can also be learned from the Philippines' experience with bilateralism to guide relations with China moving forward.
- 7.) **"Europe's Evolving Engagement in Asia" policy brief.** The paper examines Europe's expanding cooperation and evolving engagement in the Indo-Pacific and asks the following questions: (1) Why is Europe deepening its relations with Indo-Pacific states? (2) How can the European Union and European states contribute to the emerging dynamics in the Indo-Pacific? (3) What are the strengths and limitations of Europe's involvement strategies in the Indo-Pacific? (4) What are the perceived implications of Europe's increased involvement in the Indo-Pacific?

OUTPUTS

- 3 discussion papers
- 2 policy briefs
- 6 podcast episodes with 1 proceeding
- 1 roundtable discussion

DECOLONIAL STUDIES PROGRAM



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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 Dignolo 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 STAFF

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Staff/Coordinator	Ilene de Jesus

OUTPUTS FROM JANUARY TO JUNE 2023

PROCEEDING

- **Proceedings on Decolonial Approaches to Legislation**

POLICY BRIEFS

- **Decolonial Approaches to Legislation in the Bangsamoro Context** by Laurent Raguindin, Archill Niña Faller-Capistrano, and Nasser Manibalang Adiong
- **Bangsamoro Local Government Code Re-reading of Decentralization and its Problems** by Vincent L. Casil and Nassef Manabilang Adiong, Ph.D.
- **The Indigenous Peoples' Rights in the Bangsamoro Local Governance Code** by Kebart P. Licayan and Nassef Manabilang Adiong, Ph.D.

DISCUSSION PAPER

- **Decolonizing Religion: Wishful Thinking or a Real Possibility?** by Brian U. Duce and Nassef Manabilang Adiong, Ph.D.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND OUTPUTS FOR JULY TO DECEMBER 2023

For the last six months of 2023, DSP will focus on decolonizing legal studies and policy in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), decolonial research approaches, and further exploration into decolonial perspectives in language studies. DSP has decided to dedicate time and resources to aim for a Philippine legislative government arm that is sensitive to indigenous issues and is more knowledgeable about decolonial theory and practice in policymaking. DSP shall also hold seminars and collaborate with other institutions in events concerning minorities and identity representation in digital archives, as well as the use of "affect" in English language studies as an analytical category within a decolonizing perspective.

To fulfill these major directives and goals for the second half of the year, DSP currently plans to hold four major activities to facilitate these goals: two roundtable discussions on decolonizing policymaking and legal studies; another roundtable exploring decolonial approaches in English studies; and a seminar-workshop on digital research on humanities and identities.



ACTIVITIES

1. **Roundtable Discussion on Decolonizing Policymaking Proponent**, led by Dr. Nassef Manabilang Adiong.

This roundtable discussion aims to identify the colonial structures still present in policy research and legislation. Some details already discussed in the previous “Decolonial Approaches to Legislation” seminar-workshop may be mentioned in this roundtable discussion as well, namely the lack of representation of the people being governed, the lack of participation of the common folk, the influence of foreign legal systems despite its incongruence with the local people, etc. After, how one can dismantle these colonial structures shall be discussed.

2. **Roundtable Discussion on Decolonizing Legal Studies Proponent**, led by Dr. Nassef Manabilang Adiong.

This roundtable discussion aims to identify the colonial structures still present in the fields of legal studies. Some topics already discussed in the previous “Decolonial Approaches to Legislation” seminar-workshop may be mentioned in this roundtable discussion as well. These topics include developing critical thinking according to the lens of decoloniality; identifying the aspects of the law that do not apply to the local, the thinkers and authors that are cited and studied, the origins of the teachers and students; and others. After, how one can dismantle these colonial structures shall also be discussed.

3. **Seminar on Identities and Digital Humanities Research Proponent**, led by Assistant Professor Frances Antoinette Cruz.

A two-day workshop split over two weeks aims to introduce researchers to computer-aided research in digitized archives, with a special focus on minority identities in the Philippines. Attendees will first learn about developments in the digital humanities and corpus-assisted discourse studies before using digital archives, repositories, and open-access tools to explore various minority



DSP Convenor Dr. Marie Aubrey Villaceran during the UP CIDS Impact Assessment Meeting, held at the UP CIDS Conference Hall last May 22, 2023

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- identities in the Philippines. Individuals and/or groups will then present their research and talk about the implications of minority representation on social dynamics, policy, and their vision of community in the Philippines and beyond.
4. **Decolonizing English Studies Through Affect: Challenges and Possibilities Proponent**, led by Dr. Aileen Salonga

Studies of English in the country have mostly focused on English language teaching and learning with the goal of turning learners into good speakers of English, the spread and use of English in the Philippines from a World Englishes paradigm, and a discourse and stylistic approach to the study of texts written in English. While there is a body of critical work that challenges the notion of “English” and “English Studies” as deployed in mainstream work and proposes alternative ways of studying English, the use of “affect” as an analytical category within a

decolonizing perspective has not been explored. This project aims to respond to this gap by demonstrating the usefulness and relevance of affect in making sense of interrogating and refiguring English Studies. This specifically considers the burden and trauma of the country's colonial past and neocolonial present, the complexities and promise of a diverse multilingual reality, continuing linguistic and social inequalities, and a strong Western bias in knowledge production and consumption. The project hopes to foreground three possible areas of affective inquiry in a roundtable discussion: (1) the learners' lived realities of English vis-à-vis other languages in the Philippines; (2) the anxiety surrounding English; and (3) methodological challenges in the study of affect and English.

OUTPUTS

Four (4) Discussion Papers

- **Decoloniality on English Studies 2022** output c/o Dr. Marie Aubrey Villaceran
- **Identities and Digital Humanities Research** c/o Assistant Professor Frances Antoinette Cruz
- **Decolonizing Policymaking** c/o Dr. Nassef Manabilang Adiong
- **Decolonizing Legal Studies** c/o Dr. Nassef Manabilang Adiong

Four (4) Policy Briefs

- **Identities and Digital Humanities Research** c/o Assistant Professor Frances Antoinette Cruz
- **Decolonizing Policymaking** c/o Dr. Nassef Manabilang Adiong
- **Decolonizing Legal Studies** c/o Dr. Nassef Manabilang Adiong
- **Decolonizing English Studies Through Affect: Challenges and Possibilities** c/o Assistant Professor Grace Saqueton

One (1) Proceeding

- **Decolonizing English Studies Through Affect: Challenges and Possibilities** c/o Dr. Aileen Salonga

PUBLICATIONS

PUBLICATIONS

In line with the Center's mandate to produce and contribute to knowledge production, the UP CIDS Publications Unit heads the production and dissemination of various research outputs. The Center's non-peer-reviewed publications are comprised of the UP CIDS Policy Brief Series, Discussion Paper Series, Public Policy Monograph Series, as well as proceedings. These are the products of the projects and activities of UP CIDS' 12 research programs. Its peer-reviewed publication, on the other hand, is the *Philippine Journal of Public Policy: Interdisciplinary Development Perspectives (PJPP)*, which is published annually and receives

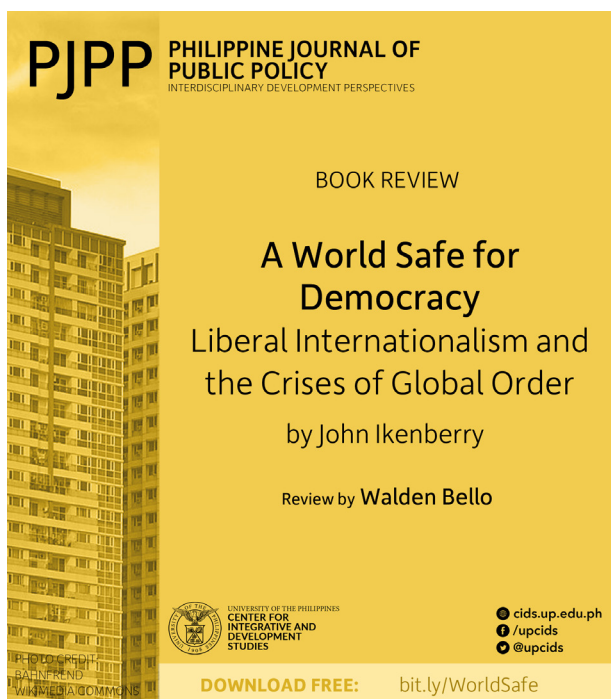
submissions from scholars in the country and abroad. All of these are available online on the Center's website and in print.

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 Janus Isaac V. Nolasco, Mika Andrea Ramirez, Virna Liza Guaño, Angeli Lacson, and Zylyka Mae Gendraule comprising its editorial staff. Its Editorial Board and Editorial Advisory Board come from diverse institutions and academic specializations, adding to the interdisciplinary character of the *Journal*.

The 2023 volume of *PJPP* has yet to be released, with majority of the volume's contents still in the pipeline. One (1) article and one (1) book review, however, have already been uploaded ahead of the entire volume's release.



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ARTICLES

Title	Author
"Using Marx to Understand the Working Class in the Philippines" DOI: doi.org/10.54096/RSFV2451	Benjamin B. Velasco

BOOK REVIEW

Title	Author
Book review of "A World Safe for Democracy: Liberal Internationalism and the Crises of Global Order" by John Ikenberry (2020)	Walden Bello

UP CIDS POLICY BRIEF SERIES

The UP CIDS Policy Brief Series features short articles that aim to provide policy advice by presenting the findings and recommendations of UP CIDS research programs and projects on relevant issues. For the first half of 2023, the Center published the following policy briefs:

2023-01	Putting Transport Workers and Commuters First: The Route to Just Transition in Public Transport Modernization <i>Rafael Dimalanta, Jan Marvi Atienza, Edrich Samonte</i>	AltDev
2023-02	Making Voter Education a Pillar of Democracy in the Philippines <i>Jorge V. Tigno</i>	PSPC

2023-03	Bangsamoro Local Government Code: Re-reading of Decentralization and its Problems <i>Vicent L. Casil, Nassef Manabilang Adiong, Ph.D.</i>	DSP
2023-04	Decolonial Approaches to Legislation in the Bangsamoro Context <i>Laurent Raguindin, Archill Niña Faller-Capistrano, Nassef Manabilang Adiong</i>	DSP
2023-05	The Indigenous Peoples' Rights in the Bangsamoro Local Governance Code <i>Kebart P. Licayan, Nassef Manabilang Adiong</i>	DSP

UP CIDS DISCUSSION PAPER SERIES

The UP CIDS Discussion Paper Series presents preliminary research on current and burning issues that are circulated to elicit comments and suggestions for enrichment and refinement. From January 2023 to June 2023, the Center released the following discussing papers:

2023-01	Barriers to Filipino Women's Political Participation <i>Jean Encinas-Franco, Elma Laguna</i>	PSPC
2023-02	Land for Food: The Peace and Equity Foundation-Malaga Cuenca Agrarian Reform Cooperative (PEF-MACARBEN) Agrarian Reform-Block Farming Case Study <i>Ernest Barreiro, Wilma Guinto, Elaine Tacubanza, Tara Abrina</i>	EMT C4C

2023-03	Balik-Islam in Some Selected Areas in Luzon and the National Capital Region: Motivations of Conversion and Challenges Encountered <i>Macrina A. Morados, Aisha F. Malayang</i>	ISP
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2023-05	Assessing Local Governance and Autonomy in the Philippines: Three Decades of the 1991 Local Government Code <i>Maria Ela L. Atienza, Jan Robert R. Go</i>	PSPC
2023-06	The Party is Dead! Long Live the Party! Reforming the Party System in the Philippines <i>Jorge V. Tigno</i>	PSPC
2023-07	Sustaining and Enhancing the Monitoring of Development Goals: Policy Coherence and Multi-Level Governance in Philippine Bureaucracy <i>Maria Lourdes Genato Rebullida, Matthew Manuelito Sayson Miranda</i>	PSPC

2023-08	Re-Evaluating Japan's Middle Power Diplomacy: Between Aspirations and Reality <i>Maria Thaemar C. Tana, Ronna Shane M. Belaro</i>	SSP
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UP CIDS PUBLIC POLICY MONOGRAPH SERIES

The UP CIDS Public Policy Monograph Series are full-length papers and/or volumes featuring original scholarly works on themes relevant to Philippine public policy that aim to provide research-based advice and recommendations in addressing national issues and concerns. The monograph published during the first half of 2023 are as follows:

2023-01	Contemporary Issues in Philippine Higher Education 3 <i>Fernando dC. Paragas</i>	HERPRP
2023-02	Reinforcing People-to-People Solidarities Towards Regionalism from Below: Alternatives from Southeast Asia Amid COVID-19 <i>Eduardo C. Tadem, Karl Arvin F. Hapal, Venarica B. Papa, Benjamin B. Velasco, Ananeza P. Aban, Honey B. Tabiola, Rafael V. Dimalanta, Micah Hanah S. Orlino, Jose Monfred C. Sy, Nathaniel P. Candelaria</i>	AltDev

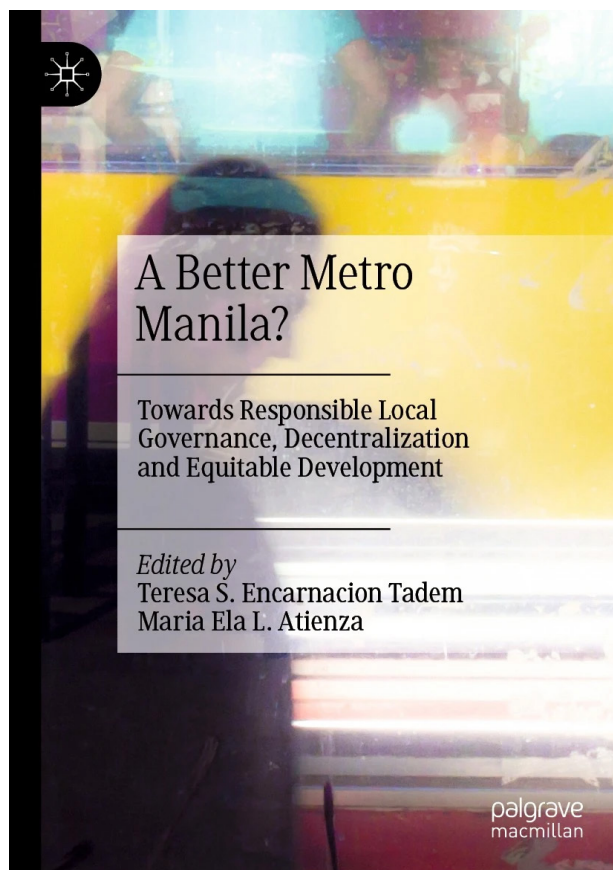
2023-03	Re-Imagining Post-Pandemic Societies: Alternative Practices across Southeast Asia Volume 2 <i>Editors: Eduardo C. Tadem, Benjamin B. Velasco, Jose Monfred C. Sy, Ananeza P. Aban, Rafael Vicente V. Dimalanta, Honey B. Tabiola, Ryan Joseph C. Martinez</i>	AltDev
2023-04	Inequality, Tax Justice and the Philippine Wealth Tax Campaign <i>Eduardo C. Tadem</i>	AltDev

Published by Palgrave Macmillan and released in February 2023, the book, *A Better Metro Manila? Towards Responsible Local Governance, Decentralization, and Equitable Development*, discusses the problems faced by the Philippines' National Capital Region, and proposes several ways to promote alternative models of local governance. The book "emanates from the research project of the University of the Philippines Center for Integrative and Development Studies (UP CIDS), the Department of the Interior and Local Government-National Capital Region (DILG-NCR), and the Office of the Quezon City Mayor, the output of which was a report entitled 'Federalism and the National Capital Region: Specific Governance Concerns,' which in turn ran from 2018 to 2019. The book is edited by Dr. Teresa Encarnacion Tadem, UP CIDS Executive Director, and Dr. Maria Ela Atienza, Co-Convenor of the Program on Social and Political Change.

PROCEEDINGS

The UP CIDS proceedings emanate from forums, conferences, roundtable discussions, and other events organized by the Center's research programs. From January 2023 to June 2023, the Center released the following proceedings:

Advancing and Realizing Alternative Regionalism: Southeast Asian Peoples' Solidarity and Resistance in COVID-19 Times	AltDev
Debating the Prospects of Nuclear Energy in the Philippines	PSPC & SSP
Muslim Institutional Development in Education	ISP
Decolonial Approaches to Legislation: Seminar-Workshop	DSP
A Better Metro Manila? Towards Responsible Local Governance, Decentralization, and Equitable Development	



TALLY OF KEY PUBLICATIONS

JANUARY 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Article 2 Discussion Papers 1 Monograph
FEBRUARY 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Proceedings
MARCH 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 Discussion Papers 1 Book 1 Monograph 1 Policy Brief
APRIL 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Policy Briefs 1 Proceedings
MAY 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Proceedings 1 Policy Brief 1 Monograph
JUNE 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Discussion Paper 1 Monograph

TALLY OF PUBLICATIONS

(JANUARY - JUNE 2023)

JANUARY 2023	12 January	Article	The Prospects of Local Governance, Devolution, and Local Autonomy Under Marcos II	PSPC
	19 January	Discussion Paper	Barriers to Filipino Women's Political Participation	PSPC
	24 January	Monograph	Contemporary Issues in Philippine Higher Education 3	AltDev
	27 January	Discussion Paper	Land for Food: The Peace and Equity Foundation - Malaga Cuenca Agrarian Reform Cooperative (PEF-MACARBEN) Agrarian Reform - Block Farming Case Study	EMIT C4C
FEBRUARY 2023	2 February	Proceedings	Advancing and Realizing Alternative Regionalism Southeast Asian Peoples' Solidarity and Resistance in COVID-19 Times	AltDev
	16 February	Proceedings	Debating the Prospects of Nuclear Energy in the Philippines	PSPC & SSP
MARCH 2023	1 March	Discussion Paper	Balik-Islam in Some Selected Areas in Luzon and the National Capital Region: Motivations of Conversion and Challenges Encountered	ISP
	March 2023	Book	A Better Metro Manila? Towards Responsible Local Governance, Decentralization, and Equitable Development in the Philippines	PSPC
	9 March	Monograph	Reinforcing People-to-People Solidarities Towards Regionalism from Below: Alternatives from Southeast Asia Amid COVID-19	AltDev

	10 March	Discussion Paper	The Philippine Judiciary: Strengthening the Third Branch of Government	PSPC
	13 March	Discussion Paper	Assessing Local Governance and Autonomy in the Philippines: Three Decades of 1991 Local Government Code	PSPC
	13 March	Discussion Paper	The Party Is Dead! Long Live the Party! Reforming The Party System in the Philippines	PSPC
	23 March	Discussion Paper	Sustaining and Enhancing Monitoring of Development Goals: Policy Coherence and Multi-Level Governance in Philippine Bureaucracy	PSPC
	24 March	Policy Brief	Putting Transport Workers and Commuters First: The Route to Just Transition in Public Transport Modernization	AltDev

APRIL 2023	12 April	Policy Brief	Making Voter Education a Pillar of Democracy in the Philippines	PSPC
	12 April	Proceedings	Muslim Institutional Development in Education Webinar Proceedings	ISP
	25 April	Policy Brief	Bangsamoro Local Government Code: Re-reading of Decentralization and its Problems	DSP

MAY 2023	8 May	Proceedings	Decolonial Approaches to Legislation: Seminar-Workshop	DSP
	10 May	Policy Brief	Decolonial Approaches to Legislation in the Bangsamoro Context	DSP
	18 May	Monograph	Re-Imagining Post-Pandemic Societies: Alternative Practices across Southeast Asia Volume 2	AltDev

JUNE 2023	19 June	Discussion Paper	Re-Evaluating Japan's Middle Power Diplomacy: Between Aspirations and Reality	SSP
	30 June	Monograph	Inequality, Tax Justice and the Philippine Wealth Tax Campaign	AltDev

WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

WEBSITE

As part of its mandate to disseminate the activities and publications of UP CIDS programs, the UP CIDS website was relaunched in April 2022. Since then, it has featured several upgrades and new features, many of which were implemented between January 2023 and June 2023, including:

- Fresh, cleaner home page, which foregrounds the links to the UP CIDS database, while the slideshows therein showcase the Programs' different outputs, such as podcasts. The home page also invites stakeholders to subscribe to the mailing list.
- Cleaner layout for the Program pages, which highlight the publications and the research staff, not just the Convenors and Co-convenors
- Uploading of pre-2018 UP CIDS Publications
- Updated layout of Collection Database
- Links to the UP CIDS podcasts
- Provisional catalog
- Improved footer, news, and webinar pages
- Link to UP CIDS Mailing list
- List of core staff and other edits





Search Database



What's in the Database?

This database covers policy briefs; discussion papers; monographs; monograph chapters; proceedings from 2018 to the present; articles from the UP CIDS public policy journals since 1997; and selected UP CIDS publications released between 1985 and 2017.



View Catalogs

Download a list of policy briefs, discussion papers, monographs, and proceedings from 2018 to the present.

View the list of articles from the *Public Policy Journal* and the *Philippine Journal of Public Policy*.



Pre-2018 Publications

To access other publications before 2018, please visit this page. Apologies as we work to consolidate everything in one database.

Note: Search results will only display publications containing the exact search entries. Monograph chapters link back to the full monograph, but indicate the page number.

Show entries Search:

Title	Type	Author/Editor	Year
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Updated Layout of the Collections Database

Occasionally, UP CIDS has featured the compilation of its publications according to theme, such as labor, which came out on Labor Day 2023. Apart from posting announcements from the Programs, UP CIDS has also created a write-up summarizing the findings of the book, *A Better Metro Manila: Towards Responsible Local Governance, Decentralization, and Equitable Development?* This is an attempt to disseminate the policy insights that are otherwise inaccessible due to the book's rather expensive cost.

UP CIDS has also created a page that contains compilations of its various publications according to theme or topic. To advance interdisciplinarity

and promote thinking beyond particular disciplines, the UP CIDS website has some publications appearing in multiple categories or compilations.

Most of these compilations feature UP CIDS publications published before 2017, but they are being uploaded to the Collection Database that includes publications after 2017. The compilations currently point to Google Drive folders, but those whose publications have been uploaded to the Collections Database should be recreated so that the titles link not to Google Drive folders but to a page in the website. This way, the number of downloads can be tracked.

Most Downloaded Policy Paper (As of August 3, 2023). *Table continued on the next page.*

Title	Type	Program	Date Uploaded	
Re-Imagining Post-Pandemic Societies: Alternative Practices across Southeast Asia (Volume 2)	Monograph	Program on Alternative Development	18 May 2023	665
The Party is Dead! Long Live the Party! Reforming the Party System in the Philippines	Discussion Paper	Program on Social and Political Change	14 March 2023	509
Assessing Local Governance and Autonomy in the Philippines: Three Decades of the 1991 Local Government Code	Discussion Paper	Program on Social and Political Change	13 March 2023	507

Land for Food: The Peace and Equity Foundation–Malaga Cuenca Agrarian Reform Cooperative (PEF–MACARBEN) Agrarian Reform–Block Farming Case Study	Discussion Paper	Escaping the Middle Income Trap – Chains for Change	27 January 2023	506
Barriers to Filipino Women’s Participation	Discussion Paper	Program on Social and Political Change	25 January 2023	448

One UP CIDS publication, “Memories, Visions, and Scholarship: The Centennial Lecture Series” (published in 2001) was promoted on social media on 11 June 2023, and has garnered

1024 downloads as of 3 August 2023. Another publication, “Nineteenth Century Conditions and the Revolution in the Province of Laguna,” which was published in 2002, tallied 580 publications.

SOCIAL MEDIA

In line with its mandate to disseminate its publications and other outputs, the UP CIDS has maintained a social media presence in Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube. The social media pages

work hand in hand with the website in order to help increase traffic to the latter, and maximize exposure to the publications and activities of UP CIDS.

STATS AT A GLANCE: FACEBOOK (JANUARY 2023 TO JUNE 2023)

FACEBOOK METRICS

Metric	Numbers
Total Reach	199,360
New Facebook Likes	424
Facebook Visits	14,076
Number of Posts	61
Median Post Reactions	45

AUDIENCE

Facebook analytics also reveals the following statistics on the audience of UP CIDS on Facebook as of June 2023. Men and women comprise roughly 50 percent each, and over 20 percent of all “likers” come from the 25-34 age group. Furthermore, Facebook analytics indicates that:

- 91.1 percent of followers/likers come from the Philippines, while 1.3 percent reside in the United States.
- 17.3 percent of the former are from Quezon City, while 7.1 percent are from Manila.

HIGHEST REACH

Name/Title	Type	Date Posted	Reach
Addressing the Blindside of the Jeepney Modernization Program*	Discussion Paper	6 March 2023	37,506
Job Opportunity for Senior Office Assistant	Job posting	9 February 2023	25,047
Nineteenth Century Conditions and the Revolution in the Province of Laguna	Book	19 June 2023	20,375
Job Opportunity: Junior Project Associate (Publications)	Job posting	15 February 2023	19,829
Memories, Visions, and Scholarship: Centennial Lecture Series	Book	11 June 2023	13,570

LINK CLICKS

Name/Title	Type	Date Posted	Link Clicks
Nineteenth Century Conditions and the Revolution in the Province of Laguna	Book	19 June 2023	501
Addressing the Blindside of the Jeepney Modernization Program*	Discussion Paper	6 March 2023	417
Memories, Visions, and Scholarship: Centennial Lecture Series	Book	11 June 2023	289
Assessing Local Governance and Autonomy in the Philippines: Three Decades of the 1991 Local Government Code	Discussion Paper	13 March 2023	263
Barriers to Filipino Women's Political Participation	Discussion Paper	25 January 2023	247

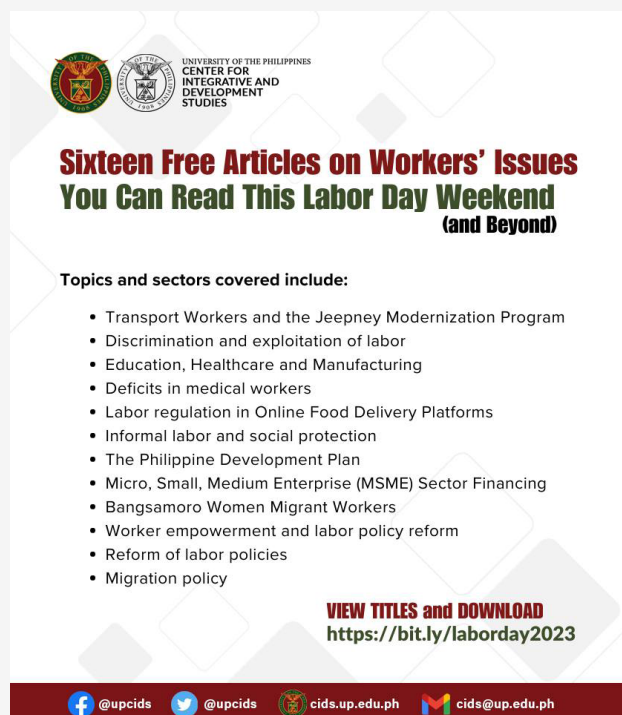
HIGHEST SHARES

Name/Title	Type	Date Posted	Number of Shares
Nineteenth Century Conditions and the Revolution in the Province of Laguna	Book	19 June 2023	191
Addressing the Blindside of the Jeepney Modernization Program*	Discussion Paper	6 March 2023	155
Seventeen Articles You Can Read for Labor Day Weekend and Beyond	Compilation of articles	29 April 2023	141
Barriers to Filipino Women's Political Participation	Discussion Paper	25 January 2023	112
Memories, Visions, and Scholarship: Centennial Lecture Series	Book	11 June 2023	108

The post, "Seventeen Articles You Can Read for Labor Day Weekend and Beyond," is one approach that UP CIDS has taken to promote its publications, especially older ones. It also serves

as somewhat a compilation that can help function as "Review of Related Literature." These posts are also released on holidays or significant events.

LABOR DAY 2023 PUBLICITY MATERIAL



UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES
CENTER FOR INTEGRATIVE AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

Sixteen Free Articles on Workers' Issues You Can Read This Labor Day Weekend (and Beyond)

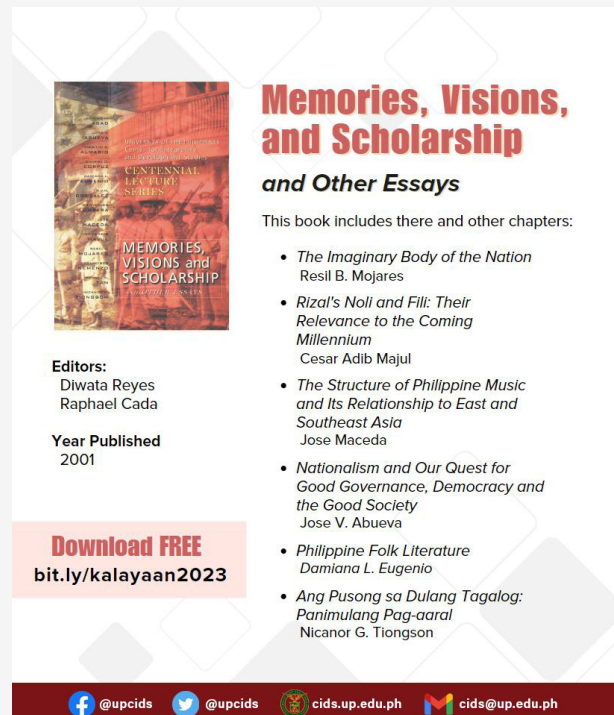
Topics and sectors covered include:

- Transport Workers and the Jeepney Modernization Program
- Discrimination and exploitation of labor
- Education, Healthcare and Manufacturing
- Deficits in medical workers
- Labor regulation in Online Food Delivery Platforms
- Informal labor and social protection
- The Philippine Development Plan
- Micro, Small, Medium Enterprise (MSME) Sector Financing
- Bangsamoro Women Migrant Workers
- Worker empowerment and labor policy reform
- Reform of labor policies
- Migration policy

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TEMPLATE FOR "MEMORIES, VISIONS, AND SCHOLARSHIP: CENTENNIAL LECTURE SERIES"



Memories, Visions, and Scholarship and Other Essays

This book includes there and other chapters:

- *The Imaginary Body of the Nation*
Resil B. Mojares
- *Rizal's Noli and Fili: Their Relevance to the Coming Millennium*
Cesar Adib Majul
- *The Structure of Philippine Music and Its Relationship to East and Southeast Asia*
Jose Maceda
- *Nationalism and Our Quest for Good Governance, Democracy and the Good Society*
Jose V. Abueva
- *Philippine Folk Literature*
Damiana L. Eugenio
- *Ang Pusong sa Dulang Tagalog: Panimulang Pag-aaral*
Nicanor G. Tiongson

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This Labor Day 2023 represents one template, that for compilations, that UP CIDS has created to streamline its promotions of its publications. There is another template for books, such as that used for "Memories, Visions, and Scholarship:

Centennial Lecture Series." Here, chapter titles are featured, but if they will result in a cluttered look, topics are used instead. Not every title or topic is listed for the same reason, and UP CIDS selects what it deems will hook followers.

STATS AT A GLANCE: TWITTER

HIGHEST REACH

Name/Title	Type	Date Posted	Reach
Memories, Visions, and Scholarship: Centennial Lecture Series	Book	11 June 2023	30,256
Barriers to Filipino Women's Political Participation	Discussion Paper	25 Jan 2023	27,702
The Party is Dead...Long Live the Party	Discussion Paper	20 March 2023	21,183
Putting Transport Workers and Commuters First: The Route to Just Transition in Public Transport Modernization	Policy Brief	28 March 2023	15,810
Making Voter Education a Pillar of Democracy	Policy Brief	13 April 2023	13,089

HIGHEST ENGAGEMENTS

Name/Title	Type	Date Posted	Reach
Barriers to Filipino Women's Political Participation	Discussion Paper	25 Jan 2023	986
Memories, Visions, and Scholarship: Centennial Lecture Series	Book	11 June 2023	975
The Party is Dead...Long Live the Party	Discussion Paper	20 March 2023	651
Carrying the Burden of the World: Women Reflecting on the Effects of the Crisis on Women and Girls	Book	14 May 2023	487
Addressing the Blindside of the Jeepney Modernization Program*	Discussion Paper	6 March 2023	301

STATS AT A GLANCE: YOUTUBE

VIDEOS POSTED

Title of Video	Type	Date Posted
Investigating How Teachers Assess the Trustworthiness of Online Information	Webinar Presentation	16 February 2023
Developing the Multi-literacy Assessments for Filipino Children from Kindergarten to Grade 3	Webinar Presentation	16 February 2023
Case Studies on Oral Language Experiences of Children in the Home Setting	Webinar Presentation	16 February 2023
Communicative Language Use of Children in Low-Income Communities: Research to Build On	Webinar Presentation	16 February 2023

CHANNEL ANALYTICS

Metric	Number
Number of Views of Uploaded Videos	290
Impressions	4,200
Total Number of Subscribers	274

TOP-PERFORMING VIDEOS

Title of Video	Date Posted	Number of Views
Data Scraping for Social Research: A Webinar	7 December 2022	131
Building Basic Assessment Competence of Teachers	16 July 2022	35
Communicative Language Use of Children in Low-Income Communities: Research to Build On	16 February 2023	31
Mixed Methods? Responding to Drug Offenders in the Philippines: A Roundtable	21 December 2022	31

SERP

UP CIDS also uploads its policy papers to the Socioeconomic Research Portal of the Philippines (SERP-P), a website that serves as a depository of government-funded research, and

which is maintained by the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS). Below are some key statistics:

NUMBER OF DOWNLOADS ACCORDING TO AGE

Age Group	Number of Downloads
18 and below	18
19-35 years old	465
36-50 years old	135
51-65 years old	51
66 and above	21

NUMBER OF DOWNLOADS ACCORDING TO EDUCATIONAL STATUS

Educational Status/ Attainment	Number of Downloads
No schooling	0
Elementary	0
High School	18
Vocational	0
College	442
Postgraduate	232

NUMBER OF DOWNLOADS ACCORDING TO GENDER

Gender	Number of Downloads
Male	393
Female	263
Prefer to self-describe	393
Prefer not to say	34

NUMBER OF DOWNLOADS ACCORDING TO NATURE OF EMPLOYMENT

Nature of Employment	Number of Downloads
Student	162
Employed (Full-Time)	448
Employed (Part-Time)	25
Self-Employed	25
Homemaker	1
Retired	7
Others	24

TOP 5 MOST DOWNLOADED POLICY PAPERS IN SERP-P

Rank	Title	Program	Number of Downloads
5	Addressing the “blind side” of the government’s jeepney “modernization” program	AltDev	24
4	Contemporary Issues in Philippine Higher Education	HERPRP	25
3	Putting Transport Workers and Commuters First: The Route to Just Transition in Public Transport Modernization	AltDev	26
1 (tied)	Barriers to Filipino Women’s Participation	PSPC	28
1	Assessing Local Governance and Autonomy in the Philippines: Three Decades of the 1991 Local Government Code	PSPC	28

TALLY OF KEY ACTIVITIES

JANUARY 2023	9 Meetings 5 Workshop 1 Article	2 Trainings 1 Publication
FEBRUARY 2023	11 Meetings 1 Training 3 Workshops	1 Publication 2 Conferences
MARCH 2023	1 Book Project 1 Workshop 2 Trainings 1 Fieldwork 2 Conference 1 Forum	4 Publications 8 Meetings 1 Presentation 1 Roundtable Discussion 1 Convention
APRIL 2023	1 Writeshop 1 Focus Group Discussion 4 Meetings 1 Publication	2 Trainings 1 Forum 1 Workshop
MAY 2023	8 Meetings 1 Forum 1 Training 3 Fieldworks	1 Orientation 1 Workshop 1 Training 1 Call for Papers
JUNE 2023	1 Presentation 4 Workshops 3 Forums 1 Training	2 Meetings 1 Publication 1 Roundtable Discussions 1 Call for Applications
TOTAL	42 Meetings 15 Workshops 1 Article 10 Trainings 4 Fieldworks 1 Orientation	1 Focus Group Discussion 4 Conferences 1 Convention 1 Book Project 1 Call for Applications 1 Call for Papers

TALLY OF ACTIVITIES

(JANUARY - JUNE 2023)

JANUARY

5 January 2023	Meeting	Global Tapestry of Alternatives (GTA) Core Team Meeting and General Assembly	AltDev
7 January 2023	Workshop	Workshop with Informal Vendors on Post-Pandemic Recovery and Urban Rights of the Urban Poor	AltDev
8 January 2023	Workshop	Workshop with Informal Vendors on Post-Pandemic Recovery and Urban Rights of the Urban Poor	AltDev
10 January 2023	Meeting	Global Tapestry of Alternatives (GTA) Core Team Meeting and General Assembly	AltDev
11 January 2023	Workshop	Vikalp Sangam and Movement for Alternatives and Solidarity in Southeast Asia (MASSA) People-to-People (P2P) Exchange	AltDev
12 January 2023	Meeting	Culture Data Science Project Meeting	DSPPP
12 January 2023	Article	The Prospects of Local Governance, Devolution, and Local Autonomy Under Marcos II, an article by Dr. Maria Ela Atienza published in Australian Outlook	PSPC
15 January 2023	Workshop	Workshop with Informal Vendors on Post-Pandemic Recovery and Urban Rights of the Urban Poor	AltDev
16 January 2023	Meeting	Culture Data Science Project Meeting	DSPPP
19 January 2023	Meeting	Culture Data Science Project Meeting	DSPPP
19 January 2023	Publication	<i>Barriers to Filipino Women's Political Participation</i> , a discussion paper authored by Prof. Encinas-Franco and Asst. Prof. Elma Laguna (part of the Policy Studies for Political and Administrative Reform [PSPAR])	PSPC
19 January 2023	Training	UpToDate Club	

20 January 2023	Meeting	Presentation of “Measuring Learning Loss Based on 21st Century Skills of Filipino Grade 6 and 10 Students During the COVID-19 Pandemic” to Department of Education–Bureau of Education Assessment Education Assessment Division (DepEd BEA–EAD)	ACTRP
20 January 2023	Meeting	Islamic Studies Program Team Meeting	ISP
21 January 2023	Workshop	Workshop with Informal Vendors on Post-Pandemic Recovery and Urban Rights of the Urban Poor	AltDev
23–28 January 2023	Training	In-Service Training (INSET) for Key Stage 2 (Grade 4 to Grade 6) Teachers in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) Training of Trainers (ToT)	ACTRP
24 January 2023	Meeting	Presentation of Year 3 Report to the Department of Health (DOH) and Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (PCHR)	PHSD
31 January 2023	Meeting	Culture Data Science Project Meeting	DSPPP

FEBRUARY

2 February 2023	Meeting	Exploratory Meetings with Possible Partners	ERP
2–3 February 2023	Meeting	Consultation Meetings with DepEd Bureau of Curriculum Development (DepEd–BCD)	ACTRP
8 February 2023	Meeting	Global Tapestry of Alternatives (GTA) Core Team Meeting and General Assembly	AltDev
8 February 2023	Meeting	Data Science Working Group Meetings	DSPPP
9 February 2023	Training	UpToDate Club	PHSD
9–12 February 2023	Workshop	Workshop with Lumad Indigenous People’s Organization	AltDev
16 February 2023	Meeting	Exploratory Meetings with Possible Partners	ERP
16 February 2023	Publication	Debating the Prospects of Nuclear Energy in the Philippines, a conference proceedings	PSPC
17 February 2023	Meeting	Roundtable Discussion on MASSA and AltDev	AltDev
17 February 2023	Conference	End-Conference of the Business-for-Peace Project	EMIT C4C
17–18 February 2023	Meeting	Culture Data Science Project Meeting	DSPPP
20–22 February 2023	Workshop	Consultation Workshop on the Revised K-10 Curriculum with DepEd Central Office Bureaus	ACTRP
22 February 2023	Meeting	Exploratory Meetings with Possible Partners	ERP

23 February 2023	Meeting	General Assembly and Collaboration Meeting with Facts First PH	ERP
23–24 February 2023	Workshop	Consultation Workshop on the Revised K-10 Curriculum with DepEd Regional Directors, Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD) chiefs, and regional supervisors	ACTRP
23–24 February 2023	Conference	Association for Reading and Writing International Conference 2023	ERP
27 February 2023	Meeting	Roundtable Discussion on MASSA and AltDev	AltDev
27 February 2023	Meeting	UP National Institutes of Health (NIH) 25th Anniversary	PHSD
27–28 February 2023	Workshop	Consultation Workshop on the Revised K-10 Curriculum with government agencies	

MARCH

March 2023	Book Project	Publication of <i>A Better Metro Manila? Towards Responsible Local Governance, Decentralization, and Equitable Development in the Philippines</i>	PSPC
1–3 March 2023	Workshop	Consultation Workshop on the Revised K-10 Curriculum with private schools	ACTRP
2 March 2023	Training	UpToDate Club	PHSD
6–7 March 2023	Fieldwork	Participant Observation in the Transport Strike for the Policy Brief on Public Utility Vehicle Modernization Program	AltDev
7 March 2023	Conference	Centers of Gravity (COG) Meeting: Strengthening Convergence of Pathways Teaching and Learning Initiatives	ERP
8 March 2023	Conference	Bataan Health Summit	PHSD
9–10 March 2023	Forum	“Indonesia Out of Exile: Pramoedya Ananta Toer and the Politics of Unfinished Ferment” Forum and “Class, Nation and Social Revolution in Indonesia and the Philippines” Forum	AltDev
10 March 2023	Publication	<i>The Philippine Judiciary: Strengthening the Third Branch of Government</i> , a discussion paper authored by Prof. Maria Ela Atienza (part of the PSPAR project)	PSPC
11 March 2023	Meeting	Meeting regarding the Book Launch of the Monograph of Alyansa Ng Mga Samahan Sa Sitio Mendez, Baesa Homeowners Association, Inc. (ASAMBA)	AltDev
11–14 March 2023	Meeting	Culture Data Science Project Meeting	DSPPP

13 March 2023	Publication	<i>Assessing Local Governance and Autonomy in the Philippines: Three Decades of 1991 Local Government Code</i> , a discussion paper authored by Prof. Maria Ela Atienza and Asst. Prof. Jan Robert Go (part of the PSPAR project)	PSPC
13 March 2023	Publication	<i>The Party Is Dead! Long Live the Party! Reforming The Party System in the Philippines</i> , a discussion paper authored by Prof. Jorge Tigno (part of the PSPAR project)	PSPC
15 March 2023	Meeting	Collaboration Meeting with UP Los Banos	ERP
16 March 2023	Meeting	Philippine Primary Care Studies (PPCS) Meeting with Samal Municipal Health Officer (MHO)	PHSD
16 March 2023	Training	UpToDate Club	PHSD
18 March 2023	Presentation	2023 Philippine Political Science–National Capital Region’s Political Science Symposium on Philippine Politics: Perspectives and Challenges	PSPC
22 March 2023	Meeting	PPCS Meeting with Wolters Kluwer	PHSD
23 March 2023	Publication	<i>Sustaining and Enhancing Monitoring of Development Goals: Policy Coherence and Multi-Level Governance in Philippine Bureaucracy</i> , a discussion paper authored by PDr. Maria Lourdes Rebullida and Asst. Prof. Matthew Manuelito Miranda (part of the PSPAR project)	PSPC
23 March 2023	Roundtable Discussion	Local Assembly and Manufacturing of Single Cylinder Engines for Agri-fisheries Machinery	PEP
24 March 2023	Meeting	General Assembly and Collaboration Meeting with Facts First PH	ERP
24 March 2023	Meeting	Data Science Working Group Meeting	DSPPP
25 March 2023	Convention	Philippine College of Physicians (PCP) Convention: “Universal Health Care (UHC) Real World Experience in Pilot LGUs”	PHSD
29 March 2023	Meeting	PPCS Meeting with Bulusan Officer in Charge of the RHU	PHSD

APRIL

11–15 April 2023	Writershop	Culture Data Science Project Writershop	DSPPP
11 April 2023	Focus Group Discussion	Focus Group Discussion on Media and Information Literacy (MIL)	ERP
12 April 2023	Meeting	PPCS Meeting with the Department of Health – Health Policy Division and Bureau (DOH–HPDPB)	PHSD

12 April 2023	Publication	<i>Making Voter Education a Pillar of Democracy in the Philippines</i> , a policy brief authored by Dr. Jorge V. Tigno	PSPC
13 April 2023	Training	UpToDate Club	PHSD
17 April 2023	Meeting	Global Tapestry of Alternatives (GTA) Core Team Meeting and General Assembly	AltDev
18 April 2023	Meeting	ACSC/APF 2023 Philippine National Organizing Committee Meetings	AltDev
21 April 2023	Meeting	PPCS Meeting with PhilHealth	PHSD
25 April 2023	Forum	Discussion on the Public Utility Vehicle Phaseout	AltDev
27 April 2023	Training	UpToDate Club	PHSD
27–28 April 2023	Workshop	Presentation of the draft paper on Sectorial Review and Value-Chain Study in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) in the International Labour Organization (ILO)'s STED Workshop	EMIT C4C

MAY

3 May 2023	Meeting	Data Science Working Group Meeting	DSPPP
7 May 2023	Forum	ASEAN Civil Society Conference/ASEAN Peoples' Forum (ACSC/APF) 2023: Regional Strategic Meeting Day 3	AltDev
8 May 2023	Meeting	PPCS Meeting with PhilHealth	PHSD
11 May 2023	Training	UpToDate Club	PHSD
12 May 2023	Meeting	MASSA Steering Committee Meeting	AltDev
12 May 2023	Meeting	PPCS Meeting with Health Futures Foundation, Inc.	PHSD
15 May 2023	Meeting	Global Tapestry of Alternatives (GTA) Core Team Meeting and General Assembly	AltDev
15 May 2023	Fieldwork	Piloting of tools and protocols	ERP
16 May 2023	Orientation	Extension Grants Recipients Orientation	ERP
16 May 2023	Meeting	ACSC/APF 2023 Philippine National Organizing Committee Meetings	AltDev
17 May 2023	Fieldwork	Piloting of tools and protocols	ERP
18–20 May 2023	Workshop	Curriculum Harmonization Workshop	ERP
24 May 2023	Fieldwork	Piloting of tools and protocols	ERP
25 May 2023	Training	UpToDate Club	PHSD

25 May 2023	Meeting	Meeting with urban poor groups for the Policy Brief on Urban Rights of Informal Vendors, Informal Transport Workers, and Informal Settlers, and Relocateses	AltDev
26 May 2023	Call for Papers	Joint Call for Research: Higher Education Policy (Year 3 Research Consultants)	HERPRP
31 May 2023	Meeting	11.11.11 Coalition of the Flemish North-South Movement Partners Meeting	AltDev

JUNE

7–8 June 2023	Presentation	Philippine Political Science Association's International Conference	PSPC
8 June 2023	Workshop	"Babae Ako: Sulong, Usbong, Hindi Uurong!" Women's Assembly	AltDev
9 June 2023	Workshop	Mental Health Wellness Workshop	AltDev
10 June 2023	Forum	Transport Summit 2023	AltDev
15 June 2023	Training	UpToDate Club	PHSD
16 June 2023	Forum	Worldwide Learning Consortium Project	ERP
17 June 2023	Meeting	ACSC/APF 2023 Philippine National Organizing Committee Meetings	AltDev
19 June 2023	Publication	<i>Re-Evaluating Japan's Middle Power Diplomacy: Between Aspirations and Reality</i> , authored by Dr. Thaemar Tana and Ronna Shane Belaro	SSP
21–22 June 2023	Roundtable Discussion	Philippine Business for Education Roundtable Discussion on Education Governance and Teacher Quality Reforms	ERP
21 June 2023	Call for Applications	UP President Edgardo J. Angara (UPPEJA) Fellowship for EDCOM 2 Research Questions	HERPRP
22 June 2023	Meeting	Meeting with the regional Executive Committee of the Consortium for Southeast Asian Studies in Asia (SEASIA) for the 2024 SEASIA Conference	PEP
22–24 June 2023	Workshop	Curriculum Harmonization Workshop	ERP
23 June 2023	Workshop	Workshop for Tool and Protocol Revision and Gadget Use	ERP
29 June 2023	Forum	Discussion on Pressing Issues of the Urban Poor Sector	AltDev

INSTITUTIONAL REACH

JANUARY TO JUNE 2023

COLLABORATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS

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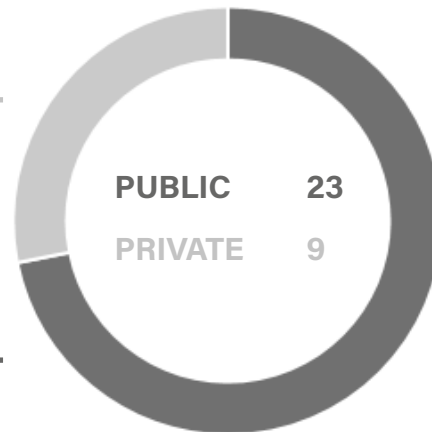
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COLLABORATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS

