

## **The Philippine Local Government Election Dataset Project: Electoral Competition and Local Fiscal Governance | A Roundtable**

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