

THIRD WORLD STUDIES CENTER ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT
January 2015-December 2015



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I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A. RESEARCH

- a. Two (2) research projects were concluded during the period covered in this report. These were “Ha Pagtindog han Bungto: Improvising Local Governance and The Actual Utilization of LDRRMFs in Yolanda-Ravaged Leyte and Eastern Samar” and “Cinemalaya and the Filmic Articulation of the ‘Filipino Experience’.”
- b. The TWSC has ten (10) ongoing research projects that are funded by the University of the Philippines and foreign research funding institutions.
- c. The Director presented his research findings in four (4) international conferences and one (1) local conference. He was speaker in three (3) forums and workshops outside the Philippines (Thailand, Germany, and Japan) and in six (6) local forums and lectures. He participated in one (1) roundtable discussion in Japan and in one (1) research symposium in UP. He also served as a moderator in one (1) international conference.
- d. The TWSC research staff presented sixteen (16) conference papers in various international conferences, one (1) conference paper in a national conference, and one (1) conference paper in a local conference.

B. PUBLICATIONS AND NEW MEDIA RELEASES

- a. The TWSC published one (1) issue of *Kasarinlan: Philippine Journal of Third World Studies* and is working on five (5) forthcoming issues.
- b. The TWSC is editing and preparing two (2) volumes of the “Third World Perspectives on Politics (TWPop): Selected and Annotated Readings in Eight Volumes” series for publication.
- c. In partnership in the University of Montreal, TWSC produced two (2) video documentaries on Palawan: “Naglalahong Pamana” and “Sa Rio Tuba.”
- d. The TWSC has uploaded *Kasarinlan* issues to an file transfer protocol site by EBSCO for its online databases, TWSC’s out-of-print and/or sole copyright publications to Scribd.com and Academia.edu, and audiovisual recordings of its training and advocacy activities and Student for Development documentaries to YouTube.com.

C. TRAINING AND ADVOCACY

The TWSC organized the following in partnership with other organizations: one (1) memorial service, one (1) dialogue, one (1) lecture series, five (5) public lectures, one (1) roundtable discussion, three (3) workshops, two (2) international conferences, and two (2) public screenings.

D. EXCHANGE

- a. From January 2015 to December 2015, the TWSC had twelve (12) visiting research fellows.
- b. From January 2015 to December 2015, TWSC had one (1) volunteer-intern.
- c. The TWSC produced two (2) video documentaries in partnership with the Université de Montréal (UdM).

E. SPECIAL PROJECTS

The Center pursued two (2) special projects: the proposed TWSC Charter and the Philippine Technocracy Transcripts.

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F. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

From January 2015 to December 2015, there were nineteen (19) pieces of equipment acquired, seven (7) book donations received, and five (5) pieces of equipment upgraded and maintained.

G. HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

The TWSC staff received the following honors and recognitions: the Gawad Lagablab of the Philippine Science High School National Alumni Association, the 2015 Gawad Tsanselor para sa Natatanging REPS, and two (2) International Publication Awards.

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II. ABOUT THE THIRD WORLD STUDIES CENTER

The Third World Studies Center is a social science research center in the College of Social Sciences and Philosophy (CSSP), University of the Philippines Diliman. It is committed to analyzing and developing alternative perspectives on Philippine, regional, and global issues grounded on academic research in the best tradition of scholarly practice. Its mission is to develop critical, alternative paradigms to promote progressive scholarship and action for change by undertaking pioneering research on issues of national and international concerns; create spaces for discussion and dialogue; publish original, empirically grounded, and innovative studies; and build a network of activist-scholars and public intellectuals.

Themes

TWSC is a social science research center that focuses mainly, but not limited to, the following areas of concentration from a multidisciplinary perspective: political economy and globalization, social movements, authoritarianism and democratic governance, peace and human security, culture and identity, and (new) media and technology. The Center also gives emphasis to its duty as a social science research center to set standards in skills and ethics in research not only within the University but also the larger academic community.

Core Programs

Over the years, the TWSC's activities have broadened into four areas of work: Research, Publications, Training and Advocacy, and Exchange.

III. PERSONNEL

The Third World Studies Center Staff

Director: **Ricardo T. Jose, PhD** (1 June 2013-present)
Professor, Department of History

Deputy Director: **Jely A. Galang** (1 July 2014-30 June 2015)
Assistant Professor, Department of History

Research Staff: **Joel F. Ariate Jr.**
University Researcher I

Miguel Paolo P. Reyes
University Research Associate II

Elinor May K. Cruz
University Research Associate I

Emerald O. Flaviano
University Research Associate I

Gumamela Celes C. Bejarin (until March 2015)
Research Associate (Non-UP Contractual)

Abegail Rose L. Valenzuela (contract from 1 August 2015 until 31 January 2016)
Research Associate (Non-UP Contractual)

Administrative Staff: **Marilou V. Sustituido**



Administrative Officer IV

Bienvenida C. Lacsamana
Administrative Assistant V

Ireneo F. Francisco
Administrative Assistant I

IV. ACCOMPLISHMENT PER PROGRAM

A. RESEARCH

TWSC's research is focused on progressive discourses and alternative paradigms. Guided by the principles of participatory research, the main objectives of TWSC's research program are to develop Third World perspectives on various issues and to translate knowledge generated for the promotion of action for change and the improvement of existing local actions. Central to this process of knowledge transformation is the role of social movements and civil society, with which TWSC works closely. TWSC research also emphasizes the promotion of excellent multidisciplinary research in the University, quality work, and ethical standards of research. The following is a discussion of TWSC's completed, ongoing, and planned research projects from January - December 2015.

1. Completed Research Projects

a. Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Development (OVCRD) Outright Grant

i. Ha Pagtindog han Bungto: Improvising Local Governance and The Actual Utilization of LDRRMFs in Yolanda-Ravaged Leyte and Eastern Samar

This research, led by Dr. Perlita M. Frago-Marasigan, aims to show how the municipalities of Palo in Leyte and Balangiga in Eastern Samar have utilized their Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Funds (LDRRMFs) to address the socio-economic impact of Typhoon Yolanda, which devastated Eastern Visayas in November 2013. The unprecedented devastation left by the super typhoon and the state in which the LGUs found themselves in its aftermath offer opportunities to analyze cases, wherein LGUs of disaster-struck areas are unable to access and actually utilize their LDRRMF allocations. By examining weak spots in the existing laws and policies that structure the access and disbursement of the LDRRMF and analyzing actual fund utilization in these case study sites, this study provides insights for the upcoming "sunset review" on the use and effectivity of the LDRRMFs.

This research began in March 2014 wherein Dr. Frago-Marasigan organized a pre-fieldwork workshop followed by the conduct of the fieldwork. As featured lecturer in the 2014 UP TWSC Public Lecture Series on Natural Disasters, Dr. Frago-Marasigan submitted a draft article for publication in *Kasarinlan: Philippine Journal of Third World Studies* based on her lecture presentation made last 7 November 2014. On January 2015, Dr. Marasigan requested for an extension of deadline of submission of her article to *Kasarinlan*. She was, however, concerned about publishing her research findings in *Kasarinlan* instead of in an OVCRD journal, as was stipulated in the project's MoA. As such, she wrote to OVCRD to ask whether she can publish in *Kasarinlan*. Upon OVCRD's approval of her request, Dr. Frago-Marasigan started finalizing her manuscript for the prospective *Kasarinlan* issue on risk and resources (Vol. 29, No. 2). She submitted her project report to OVCRD on June 2015.



Project leader: Perlita Frago-Marasigan, PhD (former Deputy Director)

ii. Cinemalaya and the Filmic Articulation of the “Filipino Experience”

This research project, led by Flaviano, problematizes cinematic articulations of the nation and nationhood by independent Filipino filmmakers within the context of thickening flows of global cultural exchange in cinema, primarily via international film festivals. It engages in conversation recent academic work on Philippine independent cinema and film history and transnational/world cinema, and aims to contribute to the growing field of film festival research. By taking Cinemalaya as case study, the research also looks at the role of funding- and award-giving institutions in the definition of a “national” cultural formation—in this case, Philippine cinema. The increasingly central role of the state (via the Cultural Center of the Philippines [CCP]) in Cinemalaya—initially established by the collective efforts of private and public institutions—also enables this research to contribute to discussions on cultural policy and state support of Philippine cinema.

The project officially began on 1 December 2013 and was expected to end on 31 January 2015. It covered Cinemalaya’s ten (10) years of existence from 2005 to 2014. Giselle Joyce Nadine de la Peña was hired as research assistant for the project from 1 March to 31 October 2014.

Due to the sheer volume of data to be analyzed (i.e. 117 feature films (70 to 140 minutes each); news clippings, souvenir programs, and audience reports from 2004 to 2014; recordings of the Cinemalaya Congress; and interviews), Flaviano made repeated requests for the project’s extension, effectively moving it to December 2015. She was able to submit a draft article for publication in *Humanities Diliman*—the project’s final output, as stipulated in the project MoA—on 4 January 2016.

Project leader: Emerald O. Flaviano

2. Ongoing Research Projects

a. Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Development (OVCRD)

i. The UP Diliman Handbook on Academic and Authorial Integrity

This project deals with violations of academic and authorial integrity standards, particularly plagiarism. The project looks into transgressions of perceived standards and commonly understood values for the proper attribution of ideas. The research looks at the institutional responses of UP Diliman to plagiarism. Among the sources of such records are the cases brought before the Board of Regents (BOR) as recorded in *UP Gazette* and records of other disciplinary and investigative bodies duly constituted by the University. The project also studies cases that were resolved within departments and colleges and cases that have not reached the BOR. Key informants, including but not limited to people who were given verdict to plagiarism cases, will be interviewed. The research will establish the extent, variety, and severity of the supposed acts of plagiarism and how UP Diliman’s responses to plagiarism committed by faculty members and students have evolved over time: from imposition of non-legal, quasi-legal, to civil legal sanctions. Such data will then be read against existing legal, ethical, literary, and administrative discourses on plagiarism. The end product of the research is a handbook on academic and authorial integrity. In essence, this is a history of a concept and a practice embedded in the institutional history of UP Diliman.

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Although it was approved in October 2011, due to budget issues, the project officially started in June 2012. Significant delays were caused by issues of confidentiality surrounding the cases involved in the research. On 24 November 2014, the completed draft of the study was presented to a select group of academics. Ariate and Reyes then focused on producing a publishable research paper.

Initial target date to finish the project was on the 31 July 2015 but it was moved to 15 September 2015 due to intervening tasks of the researchers. On 6 August 2015, Dr. Krizna Rei Palces and Prof. Tito Baclagan from the Philippine Normal University consulted the project co-leaders as they are planning to conduct a similar study on plagiarism. They were also planning to produce a handbook for PNU students. By September 2015, the project was already close to completion. The publishable paper that Ariate and Reyes are currently finalizing focuses on self-plagiarism, and will feature studies which will both involve students and faculty members. The finished product will be submitted to the *Journal of Academic Ethics*.

Project leader: Miguel Paolo P. Reyes

Project co-leader: Joel F. Ariate Jr.

ii. Toxic Biopolitics: Tracing Risk Discourses in the Philippine Cosmetics Industry

This study, led by Cruz, traces risk discourses that shape the contours of the Philippine cosmetics industry from 2000 to 2013. For purposes of this study, Cruz examines select official textual mediations of four stakeholders in the cosmetics industry: 1) of the Philippine government through the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and its Center for Cosmetic Regulation and Research (CCRR); 2) of the private sector through its print advertisements of select cosmetic products in women's magazines; 3) of safe cosmetics advocacy groups through the Ecowaste Coalition; and 4) of Filipino women consumers through an online forum called GIRLTalk. Selected textual mediations will be used to surface, compare, and contrast over time the respective risk definitions of each stakeholder, in the ambit of health and well-being as well as quality of life of Filipino women. Dovetailing concepts of risk, body, and discourse, Cruz offers the analytical concept of toxic biopolitics—a systemic crisis of knowledge and legitimation in the cosmetics industry whose ethico-political implications are too personal to dismiss—in framing the analysis of the study.

The study began in March 2013 and data collection for the period 2000-2013 was finished on October 2013. Cruz was able to present preliminary findings in two international conferences in 2014. On the same year, she requested for an extension from the OVCRD since data analysis is still ongoing. On March 2015, another request for extension of the deadline was approved. However, on April 2015, Cruz requested for a 6 month extension since data analysis is still ongoing. Cruz was able to submit the first few chapters to her adviser on May 2015. The target date for the submission of her thesis and thesis defense was the first semester of AY2015-2016. On September 2015, Cruz received positive feedback from her adviser. She also presented a chapter of her findings to “The Image” conference. Target submission for the first draft of the research will be the on first quarter of 2016.

Project leader: Elinor May K. Cruz

iii. Plaza Miranda: A History of Violence, Memories, and Pursuits of Truth

This research speaks of Plaza Miranda as the site of three bloody events: the March 1947 assassination attempt on then president Manuel Roxas, the January 1971 Black Wednesday carnage, and the August 1971 Plaza Miranda bombing. The March 1947 event is hardly known. The January 1971 encounter between protesters and state agents that led to five deaths is seldom mentioned in existing discussions on Plaza Miranda. The August 21, 1971 bombing of the Liberal Party *miting de avance* that killed nine people and injured more than a hundred is the sole event still being remembered and has found its way in history books and other studies on the Philippine left and Marcos's authoritarian rule. The proposed study

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is an attempt to provide an answer to this differing hold of violent political events on the memories and histories of Plaza Miranda and to a greater extent, on the imaginary of the nation. By mapping the narratives of the witnesses, journalistic accounts, audiovisual recordings, scholarly studies, and autobiographical recollections, the proposed study will hopefully be able to show the boundaries where memories and histories, both personal and collective, blur into the hazy terrain of the unremembered and unmarked; where entrenched accusations and unresolved deaths mark the limits of commemorations and hollow memorializations.

The approval for funding was received on 19 March 2013 and the official start date of the project was on June 2013. Raya Mae B. Manolo was hired for six months as research assistant for the project. On the first quarter of 2015, Ariate worked on two conference papers based on the said research project. One of the papers that focuses on the Plaza Miranda bombing was presented at the International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS) conference, the other one entitled “Crispin Beltran in Plaza Miranda and the Politics of Convenient Commemorations” was delivered at the Philippine Political Science Association (PPSA) conference. On February 2015, relevant books on social movements were purchased by the research staff from the Ateneo Press. By May 2015, Ariate started consolidating three conference paper for main research output.

Project leader: Joel F. Ariate Jr.

b. Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs (OVPA)

i. Dishonesty and Disgrace: A History of the University of the Philippines’ Responses to Alleged Acts of Plagiarism Committed by Members of Its Faculty, 1908-2010

This research is an attempt to make a thorough historical survey on how UP has dealt with issues of intellectual dishonesty, in particular plagiarism, leveled against members of its faculty. The focus on faculty members is brought about by the objective of the research to look at UP’s institutional response. Cases of plagiarism against faculty members, given the academic and ethical standards they are held against, usually merit the attention of university authorities and are put on public record, as can be read in the *UP Gazette*. Plagiarism, however, is not a purely legal concept but an ambiguous one, fully shaded in various grays of ethical norms that are usually context-specific. With plagiarism considered as such, the research has looked at the acts and practices that were considered as plagiarism and how these acts have varied across time. In essence, this is a history of a concept and a practice embedded in the institutional history of the national university.

Ariate is the proponent of this still-to-be-completed research, which began in January 2012. TWSC’s other research on plagiarism in UP, “The UP Diliman Handbook on Academic and Authorial Integrity” is an integral part of this study. Delays in the other project has also resulted in the delays in this project. The output will be submitted to the *Journal of Academic Ethics*.

Project leader: Joel F. Ariate Jr.

c. UP Third World Studies Center (TWSC) In-house Project

i. Narratives of the Revolution: An Oral History of the Communist Party of the Philippines

Former TWSC visiting research fellow, Dr. Dominique Caouette of the Université de Montréal conducted interviews with members and sympathizers of the Communist Party of the Philippines-New People’s Army (CPP-NPA) in the mid- to late 1990s in the course of writing his PhD dissertation, “Persevering

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Revolutionaries: Armed Struggle in the 21st Century, Exploring the Revolution of the Communist Party of the Philippines,” at Cornell University. The original tape recordings of the interviews were entrusted by Dr. Caouette to the TWSC in 2011. Before starting with the transcription phase of the oral history project, the Center digitized all the tape recordings from Dr. Caouette. Fund grants from the International Institute of Social History and the National Commission for Culture and the Arts enabled the digitization and transcription of part of the interviews from October 2011 to December 2012. Approximately 200 of the total 300 hours of interviews were transcribed during this period. The remaining 100 hours were taken up again for transcription beginning 1 August 2014. A call for applications for potential transcribers willing to work in-house at the Center was released, and terms of reference—which highlighted the sensitivity of the content of the interviews and the strict confidentiality that must be observed by the transcribers—were drawn up. Given the limited number of laptops available for use, six (6) transcribers were hired until 30 December 2014.

The transcription of the audio interviews was completed on April 2015. On June 2015, Ariate and Flaviano discussed with Dr. Caouette the subsequent steps for the project. Also, Dr. Caouette was provided copies of the transcripts for review.

Project coordinators: Joel F. Ariate Jr. and Emerald O. Flaviano

ii. Mendiola: Memory and History of a Contested Space

This research serves as the second phase of the “Mendiola Narratives” project. It was funded by OVCRD. It is now an in-house project as it is currently in the publication phase. The proponent, Joel F. Ariate Jr., conceptualized and executed the said previous project at the Third World Studies Center with a research grant from the South-South Exchange Programme for Research on the History of Development (SEPHIS), International Institute of Social History. The “Mendiola Narratives” surfaced and recorded in audiovisual format the personal narratives of those who were once witnesses and participants to protest actions in Mendiola, the street that leads directly to the Malacañang Palace, the seat of the Philippine presidency. The narratives of those who participated in the project cover the period from 1945 to the present and are now online at “Mendiola Narratives” (<http://mendiolanarratives.blogspot.com>). The SEPHIS-funded project made visible the Filipinos’ refusal to forget the injustices suffered at the hand of its own government and the resolute stance that the Filipinos have taken to speak truth to power. The current project re-reads and reconstructs the narratives around the following major themes: constructing Mendiola as a space for contending the state, memory and textual representations of Mendiola, social movements’ repertoire of collective action in Mendiola, and battles over Mendiola in the realm of memory and history.

Ariate, with Cruz, Flaviano, and Reyes are co-researchers and also the writers of the manuscript for a book based on the project. The first set of chapters, dealing with the memories of four violent events in Mendiola (the 1970 Battle of Mendiola, the 1983 National Day of Sorrow, the 1987 Mendiola Massacre, and the 2001 May 1 Siege) will also be published in article-length form in a special issue of *Kasarinlan*. The second set of chapters deal with the memory of Mendiola as viewed from the vantage points of (new) media, poetry, social movements, and heritage.

Around early 2015 Flaviano’s and Reyes’ respective papers passed the issue editor’s review and are in the process of revision while Ariate’s and Cruz’s are still under issue editor’s assessment. This issue will hopefully see publication by 2016 as it is the missing chain in *Kasarinlan*’s publication record.

Project leader: Joel F. Ariate Jr.

iii. Marcos Pa Rin! Ang mga Pamana at Sumpa ng Rehimeng Marcos

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This is the publication phase of the 2013 UP TWSC Public Forum Series held from July 2013 to February 2014. The plan is to publish a book out of the compiled resources—speakers’ paper presentations, rapporteur’s reports, and audiovisual recordings of the five (5) public forums—from the series. A possible option is to publish said presentations, reports, and proceedings in a *Kasarinlan* special issue about the Marcos administration. The series’ speakers will also be requested for full-length articles developed out of their presentations.

Ariate has suggested including the paper that Reyes presented at the 2015 annual conference of the Philippine Political Science Association (see this section, 4,3(a)) for this project. Reyes’s paper was about the relationship of University of the Philippines and the Marcoses. On August 2015, Ariate passed on the materials to Valenzuela, the research associate hired for this project. The edited transcripts will be given to the roleplayers for their comments and approval. It was also suggested that Dr. Camagay be given a copy for the summary/lessons learned.

Project coordinators: Joel F. Ariate Jr. and Emerald O. Flaviano

d. South Korean Government through Sungkonghoe University

i. Asian Democracy Index Project

This is a collaborative research project by members of the Consortium for the Asian Democracy Index (CADI), headquartered at the Democracy and Social Movements Institute, Sungkonghoe University, South Korea. TWSC is a member of CADI. The project is funded by the National Research Foundation of Korea. The main aim of the project is the development of an Asian Democracy Index (ADI). The main obstacle to democratization identified by the ADI’s framers is the undue concentration of politico-socio-economic powers. The ADI project looks at democratization as a multi-layered de-monopolization process, a continuing upheaval to achieve a “relational formation” wherein power and resources are fairly distributed. The results of the ADI project are intended to fill gaps unaddressed by other democracy indices, notably, the lack of focus on the majority of assessments on economic democratization. Moreover, the ADI is designed to understand the quality of democracy in Asian countries today; the ADI seeks only to present the current democratic status of Asian countries, not to propose an exemplary democratic model or to rank different democratic characteristics of the countries.

In April 2015, Reyes and his co-researcher, Clarinda Lusterio Berja, participated in the CADI methodology workshop in Jakarta, Indonesia. It was resolved during the workshop that after June 2015, the project secretariat will be located in Indonesia, the Philippine team will still be in charge of the publication of *ADR*, and the next ADI conference will be held in Thailand. CADI members also agreed that, starting in 2016, ADI teams will conduct ADI surveys every two years. Lastly, CADI members split into two groups to review and revise the ADI project’s theoretical framework and methodology. Reyes is a member of the theory review/revision group, while Berja, from UP Manila, is a member of the methodology review/revision group.

In November 2015, the third volume of *Asian Democracy Review*, CADI’s journal, was published. The issue features the country reports of the 2013 ADI surveys conducted in South Korea, the Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, and India. Reyes serves as one of the journal’s managing editors.

Researcher-in-charge: Miguel Paolo P. Reyes

e. Sumitomo Foundation Fiscal 2011 Grant for Japan-related Research Projects

i. Sustainability of Philippine-Japan Fair Trade Relations



Ariate collaborated in this project with Zuraida D. Cabilo-Villanueva, TWSC Research Fellow and main proponent of the project. The project intends to develop a case study focusing on the relations between Philippine-based Fair Trade Organization, Alter Trade Corporation (ATC), and Alter Trade Japan (ATJ). More specifically, this project seeks to explore factors of sustainability of ATC and ATJ's partnership in terms of the monetary value of trade, the density of interaction between the two organizations and their network vis-à-vis their trading relations, and the diversification or contraction of products and/or services offered and produced by ATC's recipient community partners and ATJ as a conduit of ATC's products in the Japanese market.

The project was approved for funding in April 2012. Field work—which entailed interviews, focus group discussions, and document gathering—in Tokyo, Japan, and the Philippine provinces of Aklan, Cebu, Misamis Oriental, and Davao took place from July to November 2012. Ariate was present in all field ventures, while Villanueva and former TWSC research assistant Erika M. Rey-Saturay were able to go with Ariate to all of the aforementioned sites except Aklan and Cebu (Flaviano went in their stead). Analysis of the data gathered commenced in January 2013. Ariate was able to present the preliminary findings of the research at the Fair Trade Student Forum at the 8th International Fair Trade Towns Conference in Kumamoto, Japan and at the 2014 Philippine Political Science Association Conference. The project however remains unconcluded due to changes in personnel.

Project leader: Zuraida D. Cabilo-Villanueva

Project co-leader: Joel F. Ariate Jr.

f. Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs Emerging Interdisciplinary Research

i. The Mass Transit System in Metro Manila: From Tranvia to MRT, 1879-2014

The proposed study, though largely historical in approach and structure, draws on the disciplines of geography, transportation studies, and political economy to put together a comprehensive and critical survey of mass transit plans for (Metro) Manila, focusing in particular for this phase on the rail network that services the metropolis (the plan for the next phase is to look at other modes of transportation). This is evidenced by institutions and academics that have come together to draw up this proposal, namely those from the Third World Studies Center, the National Center for Transportation Studies, and the Department of Geography. The core group may still expand as the project commences. The immediate focus on plans and its eventual (non-)execution aims to highlight the varied contexts (social, economic, cultural, political, and even technological) that configured the present-day mass transit system in Metro Manila. Hence for this study, the first priority is to identify, locate, and evaluate all plans related to mass transit—from the tranvia in cosmopolitan Manila at the end of the nineteenth century to the present light rail transits of Metropolitan Manila. Next is a genealogy of contexts: Who proposed what to whom? What did these proposals lead to? How were these plans evaluated by those in position to make them possible? Why were those built, built the way they were? How were they built and by whom? What sections of the plans were relegated to the dustbin of history? What and who influenced those who made the plans? Those with the power and finances to make them possible, what were in their minds when they decided to build the mass transit systems in Metro Manila? Was it all a question of money and influence, of market efficiency, and not of public service? These questions have not fully been explored before and answering it, as is the intent of the project, will give a deeper context to the present-day problem in mass transit in Metro Manila. The study, however, does not want to end its close scrutiny of mass transit plans and its contexts with a plan to end all plans. Instead, it will be a tightly-knit series of academic critiques of the current mass transit predicament in Metro Manila drawn from the disciplines of history, transport studies, geography, and political economy. This is what makes it a pioneering study. This is a study that questions both the received wisdom and the supposed alternatives.

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The proposal was submitted to the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs on December 2014. An email was received on 19 May 2015 from Dr. Carla B. Dimalanta, UP Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs (Research) inviting the Director to submit a full project proposal. Reviews of the proposal were also circulated to members of the research team. Comments on the reviews were addressed. On August 2015, Dr. Jose met with the Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Gisela Concepcion for the acceptance of the project proposal. On September 2015, the research assistants for all four projects have been selected.

The first meeting of the EIDR team was held on 1 October 2015. The introduction and briefing of the research assistants was done. Dominic Alloc will focus on transport system plans from the 1960s to 2014; Johnson Damian will focus on historical GIS literature from the 1970s to the present; and Gerard Daguio will concentrate on the history transport system from 1870 to 1950. A meeting with the documentary team lead by Boyette Rimban was also held. Contractual terms of service, technical requirements, and the rough structure of documentaries were discussed with the team.

The revised annual procurement plan was submitted on 27 October. The document for Dr. Jose's appointment as program leader was released by the Dean's Office on the same date.

A series of capacity building workshops was conducted for the research assistants. Discussions on research ethics, archival research, and big data managements were done.

By November 2015, the LIB has been approved, the FCM has arrived, Dr. Jose's papers have been processed, and the RA's contracts have been crafted and approved. All the project leaders and some of the RA's attended the 3rd OVPA Research Symposium on November 12-13, 2015. The presentation of the topic was well-received because of the topic's timelines and relevance. The audience looked forward to the project's impact on policy making and development. A workshop for the team members were also conducted during the symposium.

The scheduling of expenses for the succeeding months have been discussed by Ariate, Cruz, and Reyes.

Program proponent: Ricardo T. Jose

Program co-proponents: Jose Regin F. Regidor (professor, Institute of Civil Engineering and fellow, National Center for Transportation Studies), Daniel L. Mabazza (associate professor, Department of Geography, and Marco Stefan B. Lagman (assistant professor, Department of Geography).

Program manager: Elinor May K. Cruz

3. Proposed Research Projects

a. OVCRD Outright Grant

i. Creative Labor in the "ICT Age": A Foucauldian Genealogy of the Online Freelance Writer and Artist in the Philippines

The proposed project is envisioned to significantly contribute to the production of a history—or more accurately, a Foucauldian genealogy—of the concept of “the freelancer” as it has been constructed in the Philippines, at the very least since information and communications technology development clearly became a national priority in 2004. It will attempt to go beyond the usual Marxist formulations of class and the alienation of the laborer from his labor in the capitalist mode of production by applying a genealogical approach—focusing on (previously unarticulated) power relations as manifested in bodily



restrictions—to analyzing the specificities of online Philippine freelance creative labor, specifically writing and visual/graphic design/illustration. After producing a profile of online freelance writers and visual/graphic artists in the Philippines and an empirically grounded genealogy of the aforementioned “creative laborers,” if found feasible, it will help identify avenues for the cessation of the manifest exploitation of Philippine online freelance writers and artists.

The review of the proposal is contingent on the completion of Ariate and Reyes’ Academic and Authorial Integrity project.

Project proponent: Miguel Paolo P. Reyes

b. The Sumitomo Foundation Japan-Related Research Projects

i. Tracing Risk Discourses in the Japan Cosmetics Industry

The proposed research aims to arrive at a meaningful comparison of official risk discourses of the Japanese and Philippine government in their respective cosmetic industries. The proposed research serves as the Japanese counterpart of her research on the Philippine cosmetics industry. She will focus on the state as a stakeholder instead of also discussing actors such as nongovernment organizations, cosmetics companies, and consumers, and arrive at a comparison of risk discourses between the two states. In doing so, the research hopes to open up inquiries towards government rationalities on contemporary forms of risk and their impacts on the subjectivities of those who bear their consequences in the cosmetics industry in the Philippines and in Japan.

On 24 October 2014, Cruz submitted the proposal to Sumitomo's call for proposals. By March 2015, Cruz was notified that the proposal was not accepted.

Project proponent: Elinor May K. Cruz

**c. Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs (OVPAAs)
Enhanced Creative Work and Research Grants**

**i. Examining the (Ir)Relevance of “Left,” “Center,” and “Right”
Categories in the Philippine Political Landscape: Toward the
Refinement of the Asian Democracy Index**

The proposed project has two main aims. The first is to conduct the 2016 Asian Democracy Index survey in the Philippines using the current democratization assessment framework devised by the Consortium for the Asian Democracy Index, with a few modifications in terms of method by the proponents, who have been leading the conduct of the survey in the Philippines since 2011. The second is to use the data from the 2011-2014 and 2016 ADI surveys along with data from news articles, election propaganda, and data from Q sorts to examine how “left,” “center,” and “right” categories are perceived by various political actors in the country. The project will thus allow for 1) the assessment of democratization during the Aquino administration via a theoretical framework and methodology developed by the Consortium, and 2) the creation and analysis of a new data set on Philippine political leanings. Both project outputs can thus be expected to contribute to the furtherance of Philippine democratization by showing 1) how well the de-monopolization of power proceeded under an avowedly “reformist” leadership, thus emphasizing what indicators of substantive democratization various political actors appear to have neglected, and 2) the variations in the understanding of certain elites, members of the youth, civil society, and the media of left-right political polarities, thereby potentially showing whether an antidote to the popular perception of politician homogeneity or the “tradition” of political turncoatism lies in the views on broad ideological categorization of the country’s politically aware citizens.



The proposal was submitted on 8 September 2015 to the Vice Chancellor of Research of UP Manila. There was no news in 2015 about the status of the evaluation of the proposal.

Project proponents: Clarinda Lusterio Berja and Miguel Paolo P. Reyes

d. Insight Grants Program of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

i. Comparative Study of the Political Economy of Resources and Violence in the Philippines

This project will fund collaborations between graduate students from the University of Montreal and the University of the Philippines to conduct research on political violence. Dr. Jose is a co-proponent of this proposal initiated by Dr. Caouette. Results will be released by March/April 2016. Flaviano is the staff who will be in charge of this project.

Project proponent: Dominique Caouette

Project co-proponent: Ricardo T. Jose

4. Research Dissemination

1. Ricardo T. Jose, PhD (Director)

- a. Speaker, State-Building in Asia in the Wake of World War II, Faculty of Law, Thammasat University, 25 June 2015
- b. Speaker, 39th Session of the World Heritage Committee, Bonn, Germany, 29 June-1 July 2015
- c. Speaker, College of Social Sciences and Philosophy Faculty Conference, Clark Field, Angeles, Pampanga, 23-24 July 2015
- d. Participant, Summer Institute on Japanese Studies in Japan 2015 by The Japan Foundation, 25-31 July 2015
- e. Participant, Roundtable Discussion, Hitotsubashi University, 11 August 2015
- f. Paper presenter and moderator, Occupation and Liberation: An International Conference on the Pacific War in the Philippines,, 3-5 September 2015
- g. Paper presenter, George Washington University International Conference, 10-11 September 2015 (via Skype)
- h. Speaker, History Lecture Series 4 “Ang Komonwelt sa Harap ng Digmaang Pandaigdig,” Series of Lectures of the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) Museum, National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), and Project Saysay, GSIS Museum, 24 August 2015
- i. Paper presenter, Likas Conference, “Komonwelt: Landas Tungo sa Kalayaan at Kasarinlan,” NISMED Auditorium, UP Diliman, 26 September 2015
- j. Lecturer, Elpidio Quirino Lecture, Department of Foreign Affairs, 28 October 2015
- k. Paper presenter, Ika-26 na Pambansang Kumperensiya sa Kasaysayan at Kalinangan ng Asosasyon ng mga Dalubhasa, May Hilig at Interes sa Kasaysayan ng Pilipinas, Misamis University, Ozamis City, Misamis Occidental, 27-29 November 2015
- l. Lecturer, Elpidio Quirino Lecture, Department of Foreign Affairs, 28 October 2015
- m. Speaker, Heroism and Human Nature, Mind Museum, 29 November 2015



- n. "The Mass Transit System in Metro Manila: From Tranvia to MRT - 2014.," 3rd OVPAA Research Symposium, National Institute of Physics, November 13-14, 2015

2. Joel F. Ariate Jr. (University Researcher I)

- a. "Crispin Beltran in Plaza Miranda and the Politics of Convenient Commemorations" Paper presented at the "Heroes and Villains," Philippine Political Science Association (PPSA) 2015 International Conference, Dipolog City 10-11 April 2015
- b. With Miguel Paolo P. Reyes, "Usapang NCPAG: Plagiarism in the University." Audio Visual Room, National College of Public Administration and Governance, University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City, April 30, 2015
- c. "Whom to Blame, Why, and How: The Plaza Miranda Bombing, the Mendiola Massacre, and the Communist Party of the Philippines." Paper presented at the International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS) 9, Adelaide, Australia, 5-9 July 2015
- d. "The Laguna Lakeshore Expressway Dike: What Accounts for Limited Advocacies in a Contentious Peri-urban Land Utilization?" Paper presented at the Canadian Council for Southeast Asian Studies (CCSEAS) Conference, University of Ottawa, 15-17 October 2015

3. Miguel Paolo P. Reyes (University Research Associate II)

- a. "The Politics of Friendship: The Marcoses in the University of the Philippines Diliman after the EDSA Revolution." Paper presented at the "Heroes and Villains," Philippine Political Science Association (PPSA) 2015 International Conference, Dipolog City 10-11 April 2015
- b. With Joel F. Ariate Jr., "Usapang NCPAG: Plagiarism in the University." Audio Visual Room, National College of Public Administration and Governance, University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City, April 30, 2015
- c. "The Potential Resurgence of 'Asian Democracy' in the Guise of 'ASEAN Democracy': Implications for Philippine Democratization." Paper presented at the 1st Asian Politics & Policy Conference, Asian Center, University of the Philippines-Diliman, 24-25 July 2015
- d. "The Asian Democracy Index in the Philippines, 2011-2014: Stagnant Democratization in the Face of Resilient Elites." Paper presented at the 2015 Seoul Democracy Forum, Seoul, South Korea, 21-22 October 2015
- e. "Untouchable, or Merely Untouched? Satirical News Websites and Freedom of Speech Limitations in Selected Southeast Asian Countries." Paper presented at the Celebrating 20 Years of SEASREP And Southeast Asian Studies, University Of Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, 4-5 November 2015
- f. "The Online Satirical News Article as a Literary Genre: The Philippine Case." Paper presented at the Conference on Digital Humanities 2015, The Open University of Hong Kong, 17-18 December 2015

4. Elinor May K. Cruz (University Research Associate I)

- a. "The fight against toxic risks: Heroes, villains and victims in the Ph cosmetics industry." Paper presented at the "Heroes and Villains," Philippine Political



Science Association (PPSA) 2015 International Conference, Dipolog City 10-11 April 2015

- b. "Toxic beauty: Visualizing risk discourses in the Philippine cosmetics industry." Paper Presented at the Media Materiality: Towards Critical Economies of "New" Media, University of California at Berkeley, Berkeley, California USA, 29-30 October 2015

5. Emerald O. Flaviano (University Research Associate I)

- a. "Ang Bagong Daluyong: Introducing the Philippine New Wave of Independent Cinema," presented at the Political Cinema in the 21st Century: Conference, Exhibition, and Launch Event of the Radical Film Network, Birmingham City University Parkside Campus and Vivid Projects, Birmingham, United Kingdom, 7-8 February 2015
- b. "Dodong Pusakal Redux: ER Ejercito and the Return of the Bakbakan Hero in 21st Century Philippine Politics." Paper presented at the "Heroes and Villains," Philippine Political Science Association (PPSA) 2015 International Conference, Dipolog City 10-11 April 2015
- c. "Searching for the(/a) "Nation" in a Philippine National Cinema: The Cinemalaya Philippine Independent Film Festival (2005-2014)." Paper presented at the 1st International Conference on the Emerging Trends on Film Practice, "Digital Divide: Departures, Ruptures, & Futures", UP Film Institute, 10-11 June 2015
- d. "The Burden of Manila's Peace and Development Discourses on Mendiola's Activist Past." Paper presented at the International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS) 9, Adelaide, Australia, 5-9 July 2015
- e. "Not (Yet) Forever Lost: Salvaging Memories of Death and Violence in and around Lav Diaz's *Mula sa Kung Ano ang Noon* and Joshua Oppenheimer's *The Act of Killing*." Paper presented at the Celebrating 20 Years of SEASREP And Southeast Asian Studies, University Of Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, 4-5 November 2015

6. Abigail Rose L. Valenzuela (Research Associate)

- a. "Rethinking Green Tourism as Driver for Economic Growth in Southeast Asia's Mega-diverse Countries." Paper presented at Celebrating 20 Years of SEASREP And Southeast Asian Studies, University Of Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, 4-5 November 2015
- b. "Golden or broken: a comparative study on the socio-economic situation of small-scale women farmers in GMO-farming and GMO-free communities in Luzon." Paper presented at South East Asian Studies in Asia Conference, Kyoto, Japan, 12-13 December 2015

B. PUBLICATIONS AND NEW MEDIA RELEASES

TWSC publishes and disseminates research outputs in various media, such as books, articles, reviews, and conference proceedings through its peer-reviewed international journal, *Kasarinlan*. It also produces audio-visual documentation of its training and advocacy activities, and video documentaries through its research collaboration with the University of Montreal; and uploads them to various social networking sites for non-commercial dissemination and educational purposes.

1. Publications



a. *Kasarinlan: Philippine Journal of Third World Studies*

Kasarinlan: Philippine Journal of Third World Studies is an internationally refereed journal published twice a year. It provides a forum for critical and interdisciplinary perspectives on the Philippines and the Third World with special reference to political economy. Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Memorandum Order 9, s. 2010 accredited *Kasarinlan* as a Category A-2 (very good to excellent) research journal for 2009-2012. On 2 August 2013, it was reaccredited as a Category A-2 research journal for 2013-2015, as per CHED Memorandum Order No. 26, s. 2013. According to CHED Memorandum Order No. 5, s. 2012, the accreditation means that “for faculty members evaluated in compliance to publication requirements per CHED Memorandum Orders, publication in the journal is credited as an international level publication.”

The 2014 TWSC Writeshop Papers (Vol. 29, 1) have been published and uploaded online.

The following are the forthcoming issues of *Kasarinlan*: Mendiola Narratives (Vol. 27, 1), Open Issue (Vol. 27, 2), Marcos Pa Rin! (Vol. 28, 1-2), Risking Resources, Reckoning Risk: Natural Disasters in the Third World (Vol. 29, 2).

b. TWSC Publications and Other Manuscripts

i. Third World Perspectives on Politics Publication Series

In March 2011, the research-publication project “Third World Perspectives on Politics: Selected and Annotated Readings in Eight Volumes” undertaken under former director Dr. Teresa S. Encarnacion Tadem and funded by the OVCRD through its Outright Grant, concluded. In 2013, two volumes from the said project were prepared for publication by the UP Press—with assistance from Ariate and Reyes—for the envisioned Third World Perspectives on Politics (TWPOP) Series, with Dr. Encarnacion Tadem serving as series editor. The first volume, *Introduction to Philippine Politics: Local Politics, the State, Nation-Building, and Democratization* was edited by former director Dr. Atienza. It was launched in December 2013. The second volume, *Comparative Politics and Government: (Re)Democratization and Development*, was edited by former Deputy Director Frago-Marasigan and Dr. Encarnacion Tadem. It was launched in March 2014.

In the period covered, Bejarin and Valenzuela standardized and edited *The Politics of Southeast Asia* volume by Dr. Encarnacion Tadem and Dr. Noel Morada, and *Research and Realities: Politics in the Third World* by Dr. Maria Lourdes Rebullida.

c. Papers Published by the TWSC Staff in Other Publications

i. Elinor May K. Cruz (University Research Associate I)

- (1) Cruz, Elinor May and Trina Joyce Sajo. 2015. “Exploring the Cybersex Phenomenon in the Philippines.” *Electronic Journal of Information Systems in Developing Countries* Volume 69 <http://www.ejisdc.org/ojs2/index.php/ejisdc/issue/view/129>
- (2) Cruz, Elinor May and Trina Joyce Sajo. 2015. “Cybersex as affective labour: Critical interrogations of the Philippine ICT framework and the Cybercrime Prevention Act of 2012”. In *Impact of Information Society Research in the Global South*, ed. Chib, Arul, Julian May, Roxana Barrantes, 187 -202. Springer-Verlag



Singapur. http://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007%2F978-981-287-381-1_10

2. New Media Releases

a. *Kasarinlan* Online

Kasarinlan issues are uploaded to *Kasarinlan*'s website (<http://journals.upd.edu.ph/index.php/kasarinlan>), hosted by UP Diliman Journals Online, as soon as their contents are finalized for publication. The full content of all issues of *Kasarinlan* are freely accessible from the said website.

b. Digitized TWSC Publications

TWSC also makes use of Scribd.com and Academia.edu to disseminate its out-of-print and/or sole copyright publications for free. TWSC's Scribd.com site is at <http://www.scribd.com/UPTWSC>, while its Academia.edu site is at <http://up-diliman.academia.edu/UPTwsc>. Project-specific online publications can also be accessed via the "microsites" of these projects, i.e., the concluded Global Civil Society Movements project (<http://twsc.upd.edu.ph/research-GCSM.html>) and the ongoing ADI project (<http://twsc.upd.edu.ph/ADI.html>).

c. Edited Audiovisual Recordings

TWSC has been uploading audiovisual recordings of its training and advocacy activities in its YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/user/2009TWSC>). As of 4 February 2016, recordings of twenty-three (23) public lectures, eight (21) public forums, eleven (11) conferences, three (3) roundtable discussion, two (2) symposia and one (1) project presentation have been uploaded.

d. Video Documentaries

Since 2011, TWSC has been co-producing video documentaries with the University of Montreal. From 2011-2014, this collaboration was under the Student for Development Program. Since 2015, the production of TWSC-UdM documentaries is an activity of the network called REINVENTERRA (see Exchange, section 3 [International Linkages], b(i)). Under both programs, undergraduate students from UdM are teamed up with interns from the Philippines to form a production team tasked with making a short video documentary on a theme provided by the UdM. The production time for each documentary team is four months, which includes basic training on video documentary production. The video documentary, once finished, can then be used for teaching and awareness-raising by non-governmental and grassroots organizations. All documentaries, save for the most recent two, have been uploaded to TWSC's YouTube channel (see <http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLn0xe1K6IIeNbVH1CLNyqkPzA1DD EU0YE>).

Two (2) documentaries were produced in 2015. These are:

Title	Production crew	Poster
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<p><i>Sa Rio Tuba</i> (2015)</p>	<p>Rae Red (University of the Philippines-Diliman), director, cameraperson, and editor; Rosanna Tiranti (University of Montreal), sound recordist; Ken Bejer (University of Montreal), sound recordist and production manager; and Ervic Angeles (University of the Philippines-Diliman), camera person</p>	
<p><i>Naglalahong Pamana</i> (2015)</p>	<p>David Simantov Levi (University of Montreal), writer and cameraperson; Lucy Lavirotte (University of Montreal), logistics, sound recordist, and colorist; Berna Sastrillo (University of the Philippines - Diliman), logistics, interviewer, and editor; and Jerrica Manongdo (University of the Philippines-Diliman), cameraperson and sound designer</p>	

These will be uploaded to the TWSC YouTube channel in August 2016.

Coordinators: Joel F. Ariate Jr. and Emerald O. Flaviano

3. ADVERTISEMENT AND DOCUMENTATION

a. The TWSC Weblog and Website

The TWSC weblog (www.uptwsc.blogspot.com) is regularly updated to broadcast TWSC activities. As of 31 December 2015, 274 entries have been made available online. As of 3 March 2016, the Center’s blog has been accessed 115,373 times. TWSC’s website is also updated to reflect current personnel, research projects, and publications. The Center’s website has been visited 41,326 times as of 3 March 2016.

The research staff has been planning a redesign of the TWSC website to accommodate plans of making available online the growing size of data culled from TWSC’s numerous research projects. To this end, Bejarin was tasked to prepare a prototype for the proposed website design. This prototype was then forwarded to Francis Dale Ambrocio, Romeo Caparas III, and Josef Reyes, undergraduate students from the Department of Computer Science, University of the Philippines-Diliman. These students prepared a software requirements specification for the redesign of the Center’s website in partial fulfillment of requirements for their software engineering courses (CS 191 and 192). The students presented an initial draft of the website, following Bejarin’s prototype with several modifications to accommodate more efficient means of managing data and are set to upload the contents of the website. Flaviano is coordinating with the University Computer Center to assist Ambrocio, Caparas, and Reyes in setting up the website. The redesigned website is expected to be launched soon.

b. TWSC’s Social Networking Sites

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TWSC continues to use the social networking site Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/up.twsc>) to disseminate information about its forums, lectures, publications, and other activities. TWSC is also using Twitter (<https://twitter.com/UPThirdWorld>) for information dissemination due to the increasing popularity of the said social media platform among UP constituents and other stakeholders. Accounts in Scribd.com and Academia.edu have also been set up so that the Center's publications are given more exposure to a broader readership online. As of this writing, TWSC has 2,132 "likes" on Facebook, 571 "followers" on Twitter, 5,900 document views on Scribd.com, and 656 document views on Academia.edu.

TWSC's YouTube channel (<http://www.youtube.com/user/2009TWSC>) features recordings of past training and advocacy activities, as well as outputs of the Student for Development project. To date, the videos in TWSC's YouTube channel have been viewed 65,322 times. The channel has 185 subscribers.

C. TRAINING AND ADVOCACY

TWSC serves as a forum for the articulation and analyses of various issues as well as a mechanism for dialogue and debate among scholars, government actors, and the larger society. Such discussions feed into research projects and support class instruction, especially in courses on contemporary social, political, and economic concerns. TWSC also organizes training seminars for faculty, students, and civil society members on a range of issues and research methodologies. The following are the seventeen (17) training and advocacy activities carried out by the Center from January 2015 to December 2015.

1. Lecture Series

a. **2014 UP TWSC Public Lecture Series on Natural Disasters: Risking Resources, Reckoning Risk**

The 2014 UP TWSC public lecture series aims to broaden the scope of what Ulrich Beck referred to as "narrated attention" on risk from natural disasters and serve as a platform for the various forms of resources, what can be inferred to as knowledge practices on the Philippine encounters of natural disasters. The contemporary phenomenon of risk can be considered as "a new discursive culture of perception, communication and collective attempts to identify, define and resolve an unprecedented problem turned into a public and political issue." Risks from natural disasters served to encourage interiorization of the unique Pinoy trait of resiliency—a mode of self-regulation made manifest in Pinoy pride among Filipinos. However, the precarious present does not privilege specific forms of knowledge, as averred by risk theorists; but in fact invokes disparate and divergent rationality claims. The public lecture series thus aims to serve as a dais for what social scientists posit as "contradictory certainties" without privileging one discipline over the other but possibly towards their potential alignment to meaningfully reflect upon the precariousness we, as a country, are confronted with. The public lecture series presents speakers from a multidisciplinary of approaches in exploring attendant, taken for granted, and perhaps untapped knowledge practices arguably constitutive of the Philippine encounters of natural disasters. In broadening the discussion on how symbolic and material resources are paired up with unprecedented risks, there arises both the opportunity and the means for shared accountability in a country with limited resources and increasing vulnerability, where the government, as principal duty bearer, has chosen to merely scrimp and beg just to be able to secure its constituents.

The last lecture for this series was held on 27 January 2015. Atty. Rose Beatrix Cruz-Angeles, legal consultant of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, served as the lecturer, while Dr. Carlo Arcilla of the National Institute of Geological Sciences and Dr. Patrick Flores of the College of Arts and

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Letters (CAL) served as reactors. Dr. Elena Mirano, Dean of CAL, delivered the opening remarks for the lecture, which was held at the Pulungang Claro M. Recto, Bulwagang Rizal.

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Coordinators: Elinor May K. Cruz, Gumamela Celes C. Bejarin, and Jely A. Galang

2. Public Forums

a. Benedict Anderson: A Memorial

The Third World Studies Center was invited by the Asian Center to co-sponsor a memorial service for the late Dr. Benedict Anderson, held last 22 December 2015. The Center assisted in the dissemination of information and documented the service.

Other co-sponsors include the University of the Philippines Department of English and Comparative Literature, the Department of Political Science, and Anvil Publishing, Inc.

b. Higher Education for Sustainable Agriculture (HESA) and Food Security in the Philippines: An Academic-Government Dialogue

This forum, co-sponsored by the Center, discussed overlapping environmental-agricultural and education concerns in the Philippines. It aimed to better understand related government policies, programs, and institutions while examining implications for universities and research institutions nation-wide. The meeting explored challenges, capacities, best practices, and policy options for HESA in the Philippines while exchanging knowledge, and exploring interdisciplinary curriculum reform, teaching, and research-extension needs as a contribution to strengthening regional poverty reduction, food/nutritional security and environmental protection.

This forum between Philippine government officials and academics on HESA issues was held on 22 July 2015.

3. Lectures

a. Organized by TWSC

- i. "Filipinos in Northern Japan after the March 11 Earthquake," a public lecture by Dr. Takefumi Terada, 26 January 2015

b. Co-sponsored by TWSC

- i. Dialogue with UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food Professor Hilal Elver, 26 February 2015
- ii. "Pope Francis, Charlie Hebdo & Salman Rushie: Thoughts on Religion, War, and Peace," a public lecture by Richard Falk, 24 February 2015
- iii. "The Principle of Status Quo Post Bellum and the Legal Resolution of the Territorial Dispute between China and Japan over the Senkaku/Diaoyu Islands," a public lecture by Melissa H. Loja, 9 July 2015
- iv. "Zerowork: From Abolition of Work to instead of Work," a public lecture by Bob Black, 24 August 2015
- v. "Democratization Advocates in Vietnam, 1990s–2014," a public lecture by Dr. Benedict J. Tria Kerkvliet, 7 October 2015



4. Roundtable Discussions

- a. Decentralization and the Politics of Local Taxation, A Roundtable Discussion with Mr. Ryan Tans, PhD candidate, 11 May 2015**

5. Workshops

- a. The 2015 TWSC Writeshop, June 2015, TWSC**

The 2015 TWSC Writeshop sustains its efforts to engage social science students, early career researchers, and faculty members with the holistic process of academic research and publication. The 2015 TWSC Writeshop featured academic lectures, small group discussions with journal editors, and a plenary presentation as culminating activity for the Writeshop Fellows. The lectures encompassed: 1) problematizing theory in the social sciences; 2) the contribution of quantitative research to knowledge production in the social sciences; 3) the contribution of qualitative research to knowledge production in the social sciences; 4) research and publication ethics in the social sciences; and 5) the academic publication process.

National Artist F. Sionil Jose was the keynote speaker. Speakers to the writeshop modules consisted of Prof. Randolph S. David, Dr. Francis Gealogo, Dr. Raul Pertierra, Dr. Luisa T. Camagay, and Dr. Jose Neil C. Garcia. Facilitators to the small-group discussions consisted of Dr. Maria Ela L. Atienza, Dr. Augusto De Viana, Dr. Teresa Melgar, and Dr. Dr. Eufrazio Abaya.

In seeing through the TWSC Writeshop's goal in equipping successful applicants, the Writeshop extended to the publication process and concluded with the publication of the finished manuscripts in a special issue in *Kasarinlan*.

Co-sponsors: Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, Office of the Chancellor, College of Social Sciences and Philosophy, and Commission on Higher Education

Coordinators: Elinor May K. Cruz, Gumamela Celes C. Bejarin, and Jely A. Galang

- b. Reinventerra (Réseaud'études internationales sur la valorisation et l'exploitation de la nature, des terres et des ressources en Afrique, Asie et Amérique latine or International Research Network on Exploitation and Usage of Nature, Land, and Resources in Africa, Asia and Latin America) May 2015 Regional Workshop**

The first year of REINVENTERRA was devoted to the construction of sub-networks in each continental region. As part of the initiative to further the research agenda of the Asia regional sub-network, graduate students working with REINVENTERRA members joined the project. The graduate students were provided with funds to carry out fieldwork activities in Southeast Asia. The original research and information that will be gathered will be key in achieving a better understanding of the specific issues in some areas of the Philippines, Indonesia and Vietnam.

In order to contribute to the training of the twelve (12) graduate students from Canada and the Philippines who conducted their fieldwork in Southeast Asia in 2015, a methodology workshop was held in Manila from May 27 to 29. The general purpose of the workshop was to discuss methodological approaches and specific methods used in social sciences in a transdisciplinary fashion. The main objective was to hold presentations by the graduate students on their research methodologies and to allow for open discussions between students and researchers with in-depth fieldwork experiences.

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In particular, the first part of the workshop was an opportunity for each graduate student to present his research and raise questions and issues about methodology, followed by a discussion and an opportunity for students to engage with each other's methodology. The second part of the workshop was based on the contribution of experienced researchers who talked about their fieldwork experiences and engaged with graduate students' work. This was followed by the participation of thematic experts who provided specific details about ways to approach fieldwork challenges in given social, cultural, and institutional contexts. The third part of the workshop was a general plenary session in which students and experienced researchers engaged in an open discussion based on the questions raised by the students with regard to their impression and understanding of the previous discussions.

Participating experts included Dr. Eduardo C. Tadem (UP Asian Center), Dr. Teresa S. Encarnacion Tadem (Department of Political Science, UP Diliman), Atty. Gus Gatmaytan (Ateneo de Davao University), Meanne Manahan (Focus on the Global South), Atty. Grizelda Mayo-Anda (Environmental Legal Assistance Center, Inc.), Starjoan Villanueva (Alternate Forum for Research in Mindanao, Inc.). Participating graduate students came from the University of the Philippines, Université de Montréal, Université Laval, and Université du Québec à Montréal.

Coordinators: Joel F. Ariate Jr., Emerald O. Flaviano

c. Workshop on China Studies in the Philippines (18 August 2015)

The Third World Studies Center was invited by Dr. Tina Clemente of the UP Asian Center to co-sponsor the "Oral History of China/Chinese Studies Scholars in the Philippines: Inception Workshop." The Center provided venue and documentation of the workshop, which was held last 18 August 2015.

Point person: Emerald O. Flaviano

6. Conferences

a. University of Amsterdam's Conference and Workshop on Contested Access to Land in the Philippines and Indonesia: How Can the Rural Poor (Re)gain Control? (16-19 February 2015)

The current "global land grab"—the "explosion of (trans)national commercial land transactions mainly revolving around the production and export of food, animal feed, biofuels, timber and minerals" (Borras and Franco 2012, 34)¹—has gained much attention from researchers and activists in recent years. So do other types of land investments that alienate poor land users from their land, including investments for the creation of Special Economic Zones and tourist zones. Besides, in the Philippines, a post-land reform "land grab" may be ongoing, with poor beneficiaries of the redistributive land reform program (the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program, or CARP) leasing out their land to more capitalized entrepreneurs. These land deals are often contested by different parties involved (open or covert, collective or individual) concerning the rightfulness, methods, aims, terms and conditions of the deals.

The vulnerability of the rural poor in these land-deal processes is a major concern of researchers and nongovernmental organization (NGO) activists. Many rural poor lack control over the decision-making process in these investments, are faced with policies and implementation that are biased against them, and have limited means to advance their interests in the face of current power structures. They need to work hard to get their voice heard.

At the same time, the experience of researchers and activists "on the ground" has shown the complexities of these processes. For example, different (and competing) interest groups among the rural poor may be involved (indigenous people, migrant farmers, small owners and landless workers, women and men, etc.).

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Diverse power constellations offer different opportunities for stronger bargaining positions. Perceptions among the rural poor on the value of their land and a farming life may contrast considerably. And activists and rural land users may speak different ideological languages.

The aim of this conference is to critically reflect on these experiences and these complexities, in order to better understand how the rural poor can “(re)gain control,” that is, (re)gain effective influence over the processes that affect their control over land.

The conference gathered academic researchers, NGO practitioners, and policymakers (in all cases: people who can draw from their own experience based on intensive engagement with the issue) to discuss what, according to them, the problems with specific land deals actually are, for whom and why; to critically assess current problem definitions and solutions offered by NGO actors, state actors, and rural poor themselves; and to discuss actual experiences and pathways for rural poor to “(re)gain control.”

Invited researchers, NGO practitioners, and policymakers came from several countries, including the Philippines, Indonesia, Canada, and the Netherlands.

Co-sponsors: University of Amsterdam Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research, Asian Center, Third World Studies Center

Coordinators: Joel F. Ariate Jr. and Miguel Paolo Reyes

b. Occupation & Liberation: An International Conference on the Pacific War in the Philippines (3–5 September 2015)

In commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the end of the Pacific War, the University of the Philippines Department of History organized this conference, in cooperation with the Third World Studies Center and the Asian Center. As co-sponsor, the Center assisted in the dissemination of information about the conference and documented the plenary presentations in the conference.

The conference, which attracted foreign and local presenters, faculty and student participants from within and outside UP Diliman, was held for three (3) days, from 3 to 5 September 2015.

Point person: Emerald Flaviano

7. Public Screenings

a. Palawan Documentaries (20 August 2015)

i. Sa Rio Tuba

Summary: Rio Tuba in Palawan is the site of the one of the biggest nickel open pit mine in the Philippines. It is also home to a once thriving fishing community along the Togpon River. Bobby Siplan, fisherman, and Lagrimas Padilla, fish vendor, are both members of this community. Two lives whose daily struggle to make a living ebb and flow with the changes wrought upon the river by the mining industry. The mine promises a harvest of bounty. Bobby and Lagrimas think otherwise. This is their story.

Filmmakers: Rae Red, Rosanna Tiranti, Ken Bejer, and Ervic Angeles

ii. Naglalahong Pamana

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Summary: Panglima Kenisio Malasan is a traditional leader of a Palaw’an tribe. Through him, the tribe’s tradition is passed on to the next generation—a tradition rooted in the land. But the Panglima wonders how their way of life can endure in the face of relentless encroachment of palm oil plantations. In a poignant dialogue between father and son, the Panglima and his child share fears for the future of their tribe.

Filmmakers: David Levi, Lucy Lavirotte, Berna Sastrillo, and Jerrica Manongdo

b. *Bangsamoro: The Quest for Peace in Mindanao* (22 and 24 September 2015)

Summary: The Moros have long defended their right to self-determination. Since the Spanish colonization of what the *conquistadores* would later call the Philippines, up to the American occupation, Moros in Southern Philippines have battled invaders who sought to violently subdue them, in order to get hold of the resource-rich land and resources of Mindanao. Manila-based governments have engaged the Moros alternately in war and peace, and it wasn’t until recently, under the administration of Pres. Benigno Aquino III, that peace seemed to be within reach.

The peace was broken, however, on January 25 when members of the Philippine National Police’s Special Action Force launched an operation in Mamasapano, Maguindanao. The incident burst into the national consciousness, so to speak, and drew attention to the fragile peace that has been holding in Mindanao for at least three years now.

Not many have properly explained the history behind the Bangsamoro struggle for self-determination and explored the implications of the war to the people. This timely documentary is an attempt to discuss the roots of the conflict and present a deep understanding of the Bangsamoro’s struggle to attain genuine peace and autonomy.

Director: Boyette Rimban
 Produced by: K.A.K. Tri-Media Productions

D. EXCHANGE

TWSC develops ties and strengthens collaboration with individuals and institutions from the academe, government, and civil society through various undertakings. Through its Visiting Research Fellowship (VRF) program, TWSC advances networking and collaboration among social science scholars locally and internationally, particularly in the field of political economy and Philippine development issues. The Center also accepts volunteer interns to assist in and learn from the various research, publications, and training projects and activities of TWSC.

1. Visiting Research Fellowship Program

To advance networking and collaboration among social science scholars locally and internationally, TWSC grants research affiliation to students, faculty, and researchers whose researches fit within the core areas of specialization of the Center, with particular interests in the Philippines. The affiliation offers institutional support and provides for a VRF position in the university. TWSC had twelve (12) VRFs from January 2015 to December 2015:

#	Name	Institutional affiliation	Research	Duration of affiliation
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1	Ryan Tans	Emory University	Decentralization and the Politics of Local Taxation	September 1, 2014 - May 16, 2015
2	Natsuko Shiraishi	Kyoto University	Negotiation of boundary: Ways of collectivity in the Philippines	June 1, 2014 - May 31, 2016
3	Naoki Fujiwara	Kobe University	Urbanization in the course of Neoliberal Globalization.	October 6, 2014 - September 15, 2015
4	Aileen Toohey	Independent Scholar	Memorialization of the Second World War in the Philippines	1 December 2014 - 28 February, 2015
5	Olivia Wilkinson	Trinity College Dublin	Humanitarian Action in a Post-Secular World: Secular Humanitarian Organisations in Religious Contexts	February 1 - March 31, 2015
6	Suzy Kim Lee	New York University	The Philippine state and its relationship with labor migration	January 14, 2015 - January 13, 2016
7	Alex Chartrand	University of Montreal	The role of gender and identity politics for social mobilisation	May 17, 2015 - September 30, 2015
8	Catherine Lourdes Dy	Université Libre de Bruxelles and Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali Guido Carli	Re-establishing Agency in the Narrative of International Norm Diffusion Theories: A Postcolonial Critique Exploring the Case of Sexual and Reproductive Rights in the Philippines	July 1, 2015 - August 31, 2015
9	Kathia Lagace-Nadon	University of Montreal	Norms diffusion between ASEAN and EU	July 9 - November 9, 2015
10	Nicole CuUnjieng	Yale University	Visions of Political Possibility: The International Philippine Revolution and Transnational Southeast Asian Pan-Asianism	October 1, 2015 - February 29, 2016
11	Tamiki Hara	Hitotsubashi University	The Transformation of Elite Domination in the Post-Marcos Era: Neoliberalism and Decentralization	October 1 2015 - September 30, 2016
12	Eri Yamashita	Tokyo University of Foreign Studies	Deafness with/out Filipino Deaf Culture: Through a Critical Ethnographic Exploration of the Social	November 3, 2015 - March 26, 2016

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			Relationships and identities of Filipino Deaf Dancers	
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Coordinator: Elinor May Cruz

2. Volunteer-Internship Program

The TWSC Volunteer-Internship Program is designed for undergraduate, graduate and foreign exchange students specializing in development studies, with particular interest in critical political economy, democratization, and political culture. The program provides an opportunity for volunteer-interns to assist in and learn from the various research, publications, and training projects and activities of TWSC. Beginning in November 2012, TWSC volunteer-interns have also been required to undergo guided research toward the production of a research note for publication in *Kasarinlan*; all TWSC interns are given briefings by the research staff on how social science research is conducted. The TWSC internship is a non-salaried program and does not guarantee future employment in TWSC. In the period herein covered, there were four volunteer-interns.

#	Name	Institutional affiliation	Duration
1	Jonathan Victor C. Baldoza	BA History, University of the Philippines-Diliman	July 2013 - Present

Coordinator: Emerald O. Flaviano

3. Institutional Linkages

The TWSC continues to develop formal ties and strengthen collaboration with individuals and institutions from the academe, government, and civil society through Memoranda of Agreement/Understanding (MoAs/MoUs).

a. Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Kyoto University

The MoA with Kyoto University was renewed and will be effective until 2018.

b. Research Partnership with University of Montreal and L'Université du Québec à Montréal

The MoA between UP and the University of Montreal will expire in August 2016. The renewal of the MoA has been discussed with the Office of Extension Coordination.

i. Reinventerra (International Research Network on Exploitation and Usage of Nature, Land, and Resources in Africa, Asia and Latin America) with funding from Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Partnership Development Grant

Currently, in Canada and around the world, access to and control of natural resources and the conditions for their development are crucial challenges that cross and question the ways of organizing societies. Access to these resources is discussed most often sectorally - mines, forests, farmland - micro and macro geographical (Asia, Africa, North America, Latin America). But such divisions obscure the underlying dynamics common to transformations of natural resource management and territories at the local and

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global scale, while falsely directing regulatory responses and policies put forward to meet the converging crises that characterize the global political economy: financial crisis, energy crisis, food crisis and climate change. To get out of these silos, the network proposes to bring together academic bodies and organizations of civil society from the 3 regions (West Africa, Southeast Asia and Latin America). We aim to build interdisciplinary research partnership and the establishment of a joint research program to foster a multi-sectoral co-production of knowledge for an integrated understanding of these issues. The approaches in building the *network of international studies on the enhancement and exploitation of nature, land and resources in Africa, Asia and Latin America* (REINVENTERRA) will be enriched with the contributions of six main partners: Interdisciplinary Center International Society Development and Research (CIRDIS) at the University of Quebec in Montreal (UQAM) and the Centre for the Study of East Asia (CETASE) from the University of Montreal in Canada, Third World Studies Center (TWSC), University of the Philippines, Philippines, Southeast Asia, the Coalition for the Protection of African Genetic Heritage (COPAGEN), Bamako, Mali and the Group for Study and Research in Applied Sociology and Law (GERSDA) Faculty of Law and Economics, Bamako, West Africa and Latin American network coordinated by the Centro de Investigacion Sociedad y Políticas Públicas (CISPO), Universidad Los Lagos, Santiago, Chile and the Institute for Strategic Studies public policies (IEPPP), Managua, Nicaragua and other partners involved by creating spaces for dialogue (i) between researchers and organizations working on separate sectors (ii) and between networks in different regions. This network will among other partners to contribute to the production of new knowledge and enhance their search results on a larger scale through outreach to policymakers. (Details taken from the REINVENTERRA website: <http://www.cirdis.uqam.ca/spip.php?rubrique21>).

c. Hitotsubashi University

A Memorandum of Agreement between the University of the Philippines Diliman and Hitotsubashi University was initiated by TWSC in October 2015. The immediate beneficiary of this MoA will be TWSC visiting research fellow Tamiki Hara, who will be able to use it to apply for a long-term (47a2) visa. It was signed by Chancellor Tan on 16 November 2015. It is expected that it will be finalized in early 2016.

d. Consortium for the Asian Democracy Index (CADI)

CADI characterizes itself as “a network of research institutes and independent researchers working on the development of the Asian Democracy Index.” CADI currently has members in South Korea (the Democracy and Social Movements Institute), Taiwan (faculty members of the Department of Public Policy and Management of Shih Hsin University), Indonesia (DEMOS and Puskapol), the Philippines (TWSC), Malaysia (Andrew Aeria of the Universiti Malaysia Sarawak and Tan Seng Keat of the Merdeka Centre for Opinion Research), Thailand (faculty members of Chulalongkorn University), India (independent researchers affiliated with New Socialist Initiative and Amrapali Basumatary of Kirori Mal College, University of Delhi), and Iran (Dr. Seyyed Masoud Mousavi-Shafae of Tarbiat Modares University).

TWSC’s membership in CADI was formalized via a Memorandum of Agreement that was finalized on 23 November 2011. An appendix of the MoA, the “Moral Principles” of CADI, states that membership in the Consortium will be automatically renewed annually “while the Consortium exists.”

4. Other Networks

a. Membership in Professional Organizations

- i. Philippine Political Science Association
 - (1) Joel F. Ariate Jr.
 - (2) Elinor May K. Cruz
 - (3) Emerald O. Flaviano



- (4) Miguel Paolo P. Reyes
- ii. National Research Council of the Philippines
 - (1) Ricardo T. Jose
- iii. Philippine National Historical Society
 - (1) Ricardo T. Jose
- iv. Philippine Historical Association
 - (1) Ricardo T. Jose
- b. **Services in College and University Committees**
 - i. Ricardo T. Jose, PhD (Director)
 - ii. Miguel Paolo P. Reyes (University Research Associate II)
 - (1) Member, CSSP College Administrative Personnel Committee (2013-Present)
 - iii. Elinor May K. Cruz (University Research Associate I)
 - (1) Member, Service Learning Outreach Pahinungod (SLO-Pahinungod) Committee CSSP-UPD (2013-Present)
 - (2) Member, CSSP Welfare and Benefits Committee (2013-Present)
 - iv. Bienvenida C. Lacsamana (Administrative Assistant V)
 - (1) Member, UP Diliman Housing Committee (01 June 2014-31 May 2016)
 - v. Marilou V. Sustituido (Administrative Office IV)
 - (1) Member, CSSP Awards and Recognition Committee (2013-Present)
- c. **Attendance of the TWSC Staff in Various Forums, Conferences, Workshops, and Other Meetings as Representatives of the Center**
 - i. Ricardo T. Jose, PhD (Director)
 - (1) Dr. Jose was interviewed on the 3 March 2015 episode of the DZUP show, "UP Nating Mahal." As radio guest, he discussed TWSC and its programs and activities.
 - (2) Dr. Jose had an informal meeting with the NGO Bridge for Peace to talk about his work and studies. BfP is a Japanese anti-war NGO producing videos on Japanese involvement in the Second World War. They conduct interviews with war veterans and victims and show the videos they produce to Japanese school children.
 - ii. Joel F. Ariate Jr. (University Researcher I)
 - (1) REINVENTERRA (Réseau d'études internationales sur la valorisation et l'exploitation de la nature, des terres et des ressources en afrique, asie et amériquelatine or International Research Network on Exploitation and Usage of Nature, Land, and Resources in Africa, Asia and Latin America) Workshop, The Regional Center for Social Science and Sustainable Development, Chiang Mai University, Thailand, 04 June 2015. Participant, Reinventerra Asia Team Workshop at Chiang Mai, Chiang Mai University, 5-6 June 2015
 - (2) Land Grabbing, Conflict, and Agrarian-Environmental Transformations: Perspectives from East and Southeast Asia (An International Academic Conference), UNISERV Hostel, Chiang Mai University, Thailand, 5-6 June 2015.
 - (3) REINVENTERRA (Réseau d'études internationales sur la valorisation et l'exploitation de la nature, des terres et des ressources en afrique, asie et amériquelatine or International Research Network on Exploitation and Usage of Nature, Land, and Resources in Africa, Asia and Latin America) Conférence tricontinentale sur la mise en valeur des ressources naturelles, University of Quebec at Montreal, Quebec, Canada, 13-15 October 2015.



- (4) Moderator, Centennial Conference of the Political Science Department, Recto Hall, Bulwagang Rizal and Palma Hall, 22-23 October 2015

- iii. Miguel Paolo P. Reyes (University Research Associate II)
 - (1) Participant, Quo Vadis, Citizen Participation? The 2015 National Conference-Workshop on the State of Reform Agenda, Richmond Hotel Ortigas, 4-5 August 2015
- iv. Gumamela Celes C. Bejarin (Research Associate)
- v. Participant, UP Diliman REPS Consultative Conference, Malcolm Theater, 20 March 2015

E. SPECIAL PROJECTS

1. The TWSC Charter

A meeting was held on 24 March 2015 among representatives from TWSC, headed by Dr. Jose, and members of a College Executive Board ad hoc committee made up of Ciriaco Sayson, Jr., PhD (chair of the Department of Philosophy and committee chair), Maria Midea Kabamalan, PhD (director of the UP Population Institute), Jorge Tigno, DPA (chair of the Department of Political Science), and Ma. Mercedes Planta, PhD (Associate Dean for Research and Publications). The ad hoc committee gave some comments and suggestions for the improvement of TWSC's Charter.

The Dean and the ad hoc committee received a new draft of the Charter on 8 April 2015. The corrections, comments, and suggestions made on the new draft were addressed and resulted to a latest draft dated 12 May 2015. The latest draft was discussed in a CSSP CEB meeting on 17 August 2015. The CEB ad hoc committee and the TWSC staff met on 10 November 2015 to discuss the Charter. The meeting concluded with two resolutions. First, TWSC shall forward certain documents — the text of BOR decisions related to the official creation/recognition of TWSC, histories of TWSC, documents similar to the proposed charter— to the committee. Also, they shall contact one of UP's legal offices to find out whether the document it is proposing is legal or in accordance with UP's rules and regulations. At present, TWSC has complied with the first resolution and a letter is due to be sent to the Office of the Vice President for Legal Affairs.

In-charge: Ricardo T. Jose, PhD and Miguel Paolo P. Reyes

2. The Philippine Technocracy Transcripts

These transcripts are a product of the project "Economic Policymaking and the Philippine Development Experience," funded by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science. Prof. Yutaka Katayama, then of Kobe University, and UP School of Economics Professor Cayetano Paderanga were the project's co-coordinators. Project members included former director Dr. Encarnacion Tadem. The project's research assistants, who produced the raw transcripts, were housed in TWSC. Through a signed letter of entrustment dated 25 May 2014, TWSC has been authorized by Prof. Katayama to edit and publicize the transcripts online. Some of the transcripts of interview with the technocrats of Ferdinand Marcos were uploaded in the TWSC blog. Eventually, an online repository/microsite for these transcripts will be designed.

In-charge: Joel F. Ariate Jr. and Miguel Paolo P. Reyes



F. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Physical Improvement and Equipment Acquisition

From January 2015 to December 2015, the TWSC made several improvements to and maintained its office infrastructure and acquired several new pieces of equipment, relying on its Trust Funds, MOOE fund, and donations:

a. Equipment Acquisitions

- i. Printers (2)
- ii. CPU (1)
- iii. LCD Projector (1)
- iv. Fax Machine (1)
- v. Laser Pointer (1)
- vi. Microwave oven (1)
- vii. Coffeemaker (1)
- viii. Executive Chairs (3)
- ix. Computer Chairs (6)
- x. Emergency Lamps (2)

b. Donations

- The African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes donated *Conflict Adaptation to Climate Change in Africa* edited by Urmilla Bob and Salome Bronkhorts.
- Tania Murray Li also donated two copies of her new book, *Land's End: Capitalist Relations on an Indigenous Frontier*.
- The Center also received a copy of *Party System Institutionalization in Asia: Democracies, Autocracies, and the Shadows of the Past* edited by Allen Hicken and Erik Martinez Kuhonta from The Cambridge University Press.
- TWSC also received two books from and authored by the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process: *In Defense of the Draft Bangsamoro Basic Law: Selected Essays January - March 2015* and *Getting to Peace: GPH-MILF Peace Negotiations Opening Statements 2011-2014*.
- From Dr. Rosanne Rutten, TWSC received two books for donation to the College of Social Sciences and Philosophy Library: *Rethinking Revolutions and Collective Violence* by Rod Aya, and *Popular Intellectuals and Social Movements: Framing Protest in Asia, Africa, and Latin America*

c. Office Improvement

- i. Replacement of Front Door Lock
- ii. Repair of the Bookshelf with Glass Sliding Door
- iii. Repair of Toilet Flush in the Women's CR
- iv. Repair of Urinal in the Men's CR
- v. Repair of Air Conditioning Unit

2. Staff Development

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The members of the TWSC administrative staff are encouraged to look for opportunities for staff development whenever these are available. During the period covered, members of the administrative staff attended the following seminar-workshops:

a. **Marilou V. Sustituido (Administrative Officer IV)**

- i. e-UP Financial Management Information System Training 28 April 2015
- ii. e-UP Human Resource Information System Training, 13-14 August 2015

b. **Bienvenida C. Lacsamana (Administrative Assistant V)**

- i. Financial Management, School of Economics, 14, 21, & 28 March 2015
- ii. e-UP Financial Management Information System Training 28 April 2015
- iii. College of Social Sciences and Philosophy Records Management Training, 6-7 August 2015
- iv. e-UP Human Resource Information System Training, 13-14 August 2015
- v. College of Social Sciences and Philosophy Orientation e-UP Project, 26 October 2015

c. **Ireneo F. Francisco (Administrative Assistant I)**

- i. Human Resources Development Office, Strategic Performance Management System Briefing, 13 April 2015
- ii. Re-Orientation Workshop on Withholding Tax Matters, 13 April 2015, School of Labor and Industrial Relations Auditorium
- iii. e-UP Financial Management Information System, 27, 28, 30 April 2015

3. Other Administrative Matters

Staff meetings are held regularly every month, while Assessment and Planning Workshops are held twice every year. The TWSC also dutifully complies with the performance evaluation process of personnel twice every year (January-June and July-December). And as mandated in Republic Act No. 6713 or "Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees," Section 5b, TWSC submits an annual performance report to the Office of the UP Diliman Chancellor and to the Office of the CSSP Dean. In further compliance with said law, that the report "shall be open and available to the public within regular office hours," the digital copies of said reports are made available online through the TWSC website.

G. HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS (2015)

1. **Ricardo T. Jose (Director)**

- a. Awarded the Gawad Lagablab by the Philippine Science High School National Alumni Association

2. **Miguel Paolo P. Reyes (University Research Associate II)**

- a. 2015 Gawad Chanselor Para sa Natatanging REPS
- b. CSSP Pagkilala sa Natatanging Gawad for UP International Publication Award for a Journal Article

3. **Elinor May K. Cruz (University Research Associate I)**

- a. OVPAA International Publication Award for a Journal Article
- b. OVPAA International Publication Award for a Book Chapter

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