

# THIRD WORLD STUDIES CENTER ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT

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## I. Executive Summary

### A. RESEARCH

1. The concluded research project “Cinematography and the Filmic Articulation of the ‘Filipino Experience’” is now in its publication phase.
2. The TWSC has twelve ongoing research projects that are funded by the University of the Philippines and foreign research funding institutions.
3. The director, the TWSC research staff, and the EIDR research team presented their papers in different conferences both here and abroad.

### B. PUBLICATION AND NEW MEDIA RELEASES

1. The TWSC published one issue of *Kasarinlan: Philippine Journal of Third World Studies* and is working on three forthcoming issues.
2. The TWSC is editing and preparing two volumes of the “*Third World Perspectives on Politics (TWPoP): Selected and Annotated Readings in Eight Volumes*” series for publication.
3. The TWSC has uploaded audiovisual recordings of its training and advocacy activities and video documentaries on YouTube.com.

### C. TRAINING AND ADVOCACY

1. The TWSC, in partnership with other institutions, organized a four-part public forum series, two public forums, four public lectures, three roundtable discussions, three workshops, and two conferences.
2. TWSC organized a documentary film showcase for the video documentaries it produced.

### D. EXCHANGE

1. From January 2016 to December 2016, the TWSC had seven visiting research fellows.
2. From January 2016 to December 2016, the TWSC had three volunteer-interns.
3. The TWSC produced a video documentary in partnership with the University of Montreal.

### E. SPECIAL PROJECTS

TWSC continued to pursue the proposed TWSC Charter this year.

### F. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. The TWSC made several improvements to and maintained its office infrastructure and acquired several new pieces of equipment.
2. The members of the TWSC staff attended several seminar-workshops.

### G. HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

The TWSC staff have received the following honors and recognitions: 2016 University of the Philippines Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award in Historical Scholarship and Research, 2016 Gawad Chanselor sa Natatanging Research, Extension, and Professional Staff, and Parangal para sa KAPPamilya 2016.

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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:	None
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
	Beatriz Cecilia D. Montenegro (1 February 2016–31 October 2016) Research Associate (Non-UP Contractual)
	Christian Victor A. Masangkay (Original contract: 1 July 2016–31 December 2016) Research Associate (Non-UP Contractual)

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Administrative Staff: Marilou V. Sustituido (until September 2016)  
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 to December 2016.

#### 1. Completed Research Projects

##### a) 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. 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. In 2016, the project was officially concluded as she received the remaining ten percent of her grant. It is now in its publication phase.

Flaviano submitted a draft article to OVCRD and Humanities Diliman on 4 January 2016. On May 2016, she submitted a shortened and revised version of her draft article, as recommended by *Humanities Diliman's* editorial staff. The manuscript is now under peer review.

Project leader: Emerald O. Flaviano



2. On-Going Research Projects

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

(1) 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.

Ariate and Reyes are working on the manuscript. They plan to submit it to *Journal of Academic Ethics*.

Project leader: Miguel Paolo P. Reyes

Project co-leader: Joel F. Ariate Jr.

(2) 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. She was able to submit the first few chapters to her adviser on May 2015. In 2016, she has presented the findings of her study from all four stakeholders in different fora. In the same year, she added to her review of literature emergent scholarship on feminist political economy of pollution. Currently, she continues to write her thesis.

Project leader: Elinor May Cruz

(3) 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

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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 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. In 2015, 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. By May 2015, Ariate started consolidating three conference paper for main research output. This research has no update for 2016.

Project leader: Joel F. Ariate Jr.

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

#### **(1) Dishonesty and Disgrace: A History of 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 and should have ended a year later. 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.

On 1 March 2016, Ariate and Reyes made a ten-minute presentation of the key findings of this research project at the 2016 Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs Symposium for Creative Work and Research Grant and Enhanced Creative Work and Research Grant Recipients at the Institute of Environmental Science and Meteorology Auditorium, UP Diliman. This was followed by a lively discussion regarding the authorship practices in the sciences compared to that of the humanities. The participants also mentioned pedagogical interventions to address the concerns raised by Ariate and Reyes. The presentation was briefly mentioned in a news release from OVPA. Ariate plans to submit an article to *Journal of Academic Ethics*.

Project leader: Joel F. Ariate Jr.





**(2) The Mass Transit System in Metro Manila:  
From Tranvia to MRT, 1888–2014**

This 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.

The program's first year concluded in October 2016 and it is now running in its second year. It has five research projects (1A, 1B, 2, 3, and 4) and it will also produce two video documentaries on mass transit in Metro Manila.

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, Marco Stefan B. Lagman (assistant professor, Department of Geography), Emerald Flaviano, Miguel Paolo Reyes, and Joel Ariate Jr. (research staff, TWSC).

Program manager: Elinor May K. Cruz

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

**(1) 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 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

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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. In November 2016, Dr. Caouette planned to forward to Flaviano a list of priority individuals whose transcripts will be cleaned up and made public.

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

### (2) 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.

In 2016, transcripts were cleaned in preparation for the publication of four articles in *Kasarinlan*. Two of the four articles have been submitted to *Kasarinlan*.

Project leader: Joel F. Ariate Jr.

### (3) Marcos Pa Rin! Ang mga Pamana at Sumpang Rehimeng Marcos

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 an issue of *Kasarinlan* out of the compiled resources from the series —speakers’ paper presentations, rapporteur’s reports, and audiovisual recordings of the five (5) public forums. The issue will be Vol. 28, Nos. 1-2 (2013): Marcos Pa Rin! Authoritarianism in the Philippines. The transcripts and concept papers of Marcos Pa Rin! Forums and Ang Bangkay ni Duterte Forum have been compiled for the issue. The issue might also include documents that are obscure but publicly accessible online and relevant to the proceedings of the forums. Permission from the authors and/or previous publishers of these documents will be acquired.

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

### d) Consortium for the Asian Democracy Index

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,



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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.

Reyes went to Hong Kong to discuss with MT Solutions (MT), a potential private partner of CADI, possible support of CADI's activities. MT is interested in developing a political risk analysis tool for investment purposes. The company has committed to provide funding for CADI's website.

Several members of CADI--namely Reyes, Clarinda Lusterio Berja (UP Manila), Naruemon Thabchumpon (Chulalongkorn University), Banajit Hussain (New Socialist Initiative), and Seyed Masoud Mousavi Shafae (Terbiat Modares University)--- presented papers as a panel in the 2016 Philippine Political Science Association conference in Albay on 21-22 April 2016.

2016 ADI Conference will be on 28-29 November 2016 in Chulalongkorn University. The theme of the conference is "the rise of authoritarianism". Discussions focused on 1) further modification of the ADI indicators, 2) ways of comparing findings, e.g., standard clustering of scores [e.g., quartiles] at the (field) subprinciple level, and 3) venues for future meetings, including the ICAS conference in July 2017 and the Seoul Democracy Forum (if CADI is invited) in September-October 2017.

In 2016, the conduct of the 2016 Asian Democracy Index Politics survey in the Philippines was started. In the same year, the fourth volume of the *Asian Democracy Review* was also published.

Researcher-in-charge: Miguel Paolo P. Reyes

### e) **Sumitomo Foundation Fiscal 2011 Grant for Japan-related Research Projects**

#### (1) **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 is still unconcluded in 2016 due to changes in personnel.

Project leader: Zuraida D. Cabilo-Villanueva

Project co-leader: Joel F. Ariate Jr.



**f) Prof. Kazuhiro Ota's JSPS Fair Trade Research**

No update.

**g) Insight Grants Program of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada**

**(1) The Political Economy of Resources and Violence in the Philippines: Comparative and Historical Study of Three Peripheral Regions**

On 20 April 2016, Dr. Dominique Caouette of the University of Montreal informed TWSC that the proposal with the Center as co-proponent has been approved by the Insight Grants Program of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. This research project will focus on three municipalities from Palawan, Negros, and Cotabato.

Christina Sayson was hired to be the research assistant of this project, but she decided not to renew her six-month contract with the project after it ended. During her stay as the project research assistant, she was able to produce an annotated bibliography and establish some networks. A new research assistant, John Edison T. Ubaldo, was hired and he will start on April 2017.

Project proponent: Dominique Caouette

Project co-proponent: Ricardo T. Jose

**3. Proposed Research Projects**

**a) OVCRD Outright Grant**

**(1) 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) OVPAA Enhanced Creative Work and Research Grants**

**(1) 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

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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.

Based on the list of funded projects posted in the OVPA website, the proposal was not approved for funding.

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

### c) **Sumitomo Foundation Grant for Japan-related Research Projects**

#### (1) **The Development of Mass Transit in the Philippines and the Philippine-Japan Reparations Agreement, 1956-1977**

An offshoot of the EIDR research program, this research proposal seeks to examine the execution of the reparations agreement between Philippines and Japan during its entire years of effectivity, focusing on transportation development projects related to mass transit.

In October 2016, the proposal for the research grant was submitted to the Sumitomo Foundation. It was, however, not approved for funding in March 2017.

Project proponents: Ricardo T. Jose

Project co-proponents: Joel F. Ariate Jr., Miguel Paolo P. Reyes, Elinor May K. Cruz

## 4. **Research Dissemination**

### a) **Ricardo T. Jose, PhD**

- i. Directors NDCP lecture on History and .. National defense act.
- ii. LIKAS Philippines West Sea (Feb 3, PH400)
- iii. Leprosy: History, Memories, Stigma and Human Rights (UP Diliman, 17-18 February 2016)
- iv. Screening of the documentary “Unsundered II” at the University of the Philippines Los Baños, 22 February 2016
- v. DLSU Japanese Studies Program International Conference (17-18 March 2016)
- vi. Ateneo JSP International Conference on War and Memory (Richmond Hotel, 5-6 March 2016)
- vii. History of Philippine Security Policy (18 March 2016, National Defense College of the Philippines)
- viii. 70 Years of Philippine-Chile Relations (19-21 April 2016)
- ix. Never Again, Never Forget: Martial Law, the Academe, and the Public (28-29 April 2016, PH400)
- x. Araw ng Kagitingan (28 April to 1 May 2016, University of Guam)
- xi. Youth and Nationalism (CSSP Extramurals, PH 400, 15 April 2016)

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- xii. The Director's participation in this event was paid by the organizers. He took the opportunity to network among the other participants of the event. EXCLUDE???
  - xiii. Conference at Sophia University (Tokyo, 17 June)
  - xiv. Unveiling of Elpidio Quirino Marker (Hibiya Park, Tokyo, 18 June)
  - xv. Bantayog ng mga Bayani forum, memorial ceremony for Senator Salonga (23 June 2016)
- b) Joel F. Ariate Jr.**
- i. 2016 Symposium for (Enhanced) Creative Work and Research Grant Recipients, Institute of Environmental Science and Meteorology Auditorium, UP Diliman, 1-2 March 2016
- c) Miguel Paolo P. Reyes**
- i. Conference on Digital Humanities 2015, (The Open University of Hong Kong (Jubilee College), 17-18 December 2015)
  - ii. 2016 Symposium for (Enhanced) Creative Work and Research Grant Recipients, Institute of Environmental Science and Meteorology Auditorium, UP Diliman, 1-2 March 2016
  - iii. 2016 International Conference of the Philippine Political Science Association (Legazpi City, Albay, 21-22 April 2016)
  - iv. The 40th Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Kyoto University Southeast Asia Seminar, "The Promise and Challenge of Democracy in 21st Century Southeast Asia," (Yangon, Myanmar, 19-22 November 2016)
- d) Elinor May K. Cruz**
- i. CSSP Week Department of Sociology Kababawan Series: "Confidently Beautiful with a Heart: A Sociological Look at Beauty Pageants" (Palma Hall 207, 18 February 2016)
- e) Emerald O. Flaviano**
- i. 9th Biennial Association for Southeast Asian Cinemas Conference (University of Nottingham, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 20-22 July 2016)
- f) EIDR Research Team**
- i. 2016 Research Symposium for (Enhanced) Creative Work and Research Grant on February 23-24, 2016 at the National Institute of Physics-Intel Center for Science Innovation (NIP-iCSI), UP Diliman
  - ii. 10th International Conference on Philippine Studies (Silliman University, Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental, 6-8 July 2016)

### **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 2015 TWSC Writeshop Papers (Vol. 30, 1) have been published and uploaded online.

The following are the forthcoming issues of *Kasarinlan*: Mendiola Narratives (Vol. 27, 1-2), 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

##### (1) Third World Perspectives on Politics (TWPOP)

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.

The series is set to release its third and fourth volume, *Vol. 3 The Politics of Southeast Asia* and *Vol. 4 Research and Realities: Politics in the Third World*. Publication preparations were made throughout 2016.

#### c) Papers Published by the TWSC Staff in Other Publications

##### (1) Joel F. Ariate Jr. and Miguel Paolo P. Reyes

- a. File No. 60
  - i. “File No. 60: Marcos’ Invented Heroism” (<http://verafiles.org/file-no-60-marcos-invented-heroism/>), part 1, 2 July 2016
  - ii. “File No. 60: A Family Affair” (<http://verafiles.org/file-no-60-a-family-affair/>), part 2, 3 July 2016
  - iii. “File No. 60: Debunking the Marcos War Myth” (<http://verafiles.org/file-no-60-debunking-the-marcos-war-myth/>), part 3, 4 July 2016.
- b. “Ruling in 1935 Nalundasan Case May yet Bar Marcos Burial at LNMB” 16 November 2016





## 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

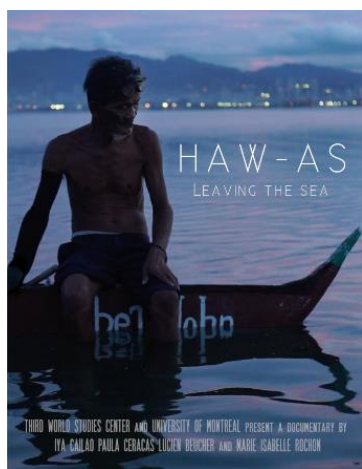
TWSC also makes use of Scribd.com and Academia.edu to disseminate its out-of-print and/or sole copyright publications for free. TWSC's Scribd.com site is at <http://www.scribd.com/UPTWSC>, while its Academia.edu site is at <http://up-diliman.academia.edu/UPTWSC>. Project-specific online publications can also be accessed via the "microsites" of these projects, i.e., the 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>). The following videos have been uploaded this year:

- i. Public Forum: 2016 UP TWSC Public Forum Series "Anim na Tanong sa Anim na Taon: Ang mga Agham Panlipunan at Pilosopiya at ang Papalitang Rehimeng Aquino" and the public forum "Ang Bangkay ni Duterte: Isang Pamublikong Lamay para kay Pangulong Marcos Bago Siya Ipalibing ni Pangulong Duterte sa Libingan ng mga Bayani"
- ii. Video-Documentary: "Sa Rio Tuba" and "Naglalahong Pamana (Fading Heritage)"
- iii. Co-sponsored by TWSC: "Constitution Rewriting: Theory and Practice" and "A People's Tribute to Comandante Fidel"
- iv. TWSC anniversary celebration: "TWSC in Its 40th Year: An International Conference" (teaser) and "The Third World Studies Center at 40" (audio-visual presentation)

### 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. 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, have been uploaded to TWSC's YouTube channel (see

<http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLn0xe1K6IleNbVH1CLNyqkPzA1DDEU0YE>).

The documentary produced in 2016 is entitled *Haw-as: Leaving the Sea*. The production crew includes Patricia-Ruth B. Cailao (University of the Philippines Diliman), Paula Mae Y. Ceracas (University of



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the Philippines Diliman), Lucien Beucher (University of Montreal), and Marie Isabelle Rochon (University of Montreal).

It will be uploaded to the TWSC YouTube channel in                     .

Coordinator: Miguel Paolo P. Reyes

### e) **Advertisement and Documentation**

#### (1) **The TWSC Weblog and Website**

The TWSC weblog ([www.uptwsc.blogspot.com](http://www.uptwsc.blogspot.com)) is regularly updated to broadcast TWSC activities. TWSC's website is also updated to reflect current personnel, research projects, and publications. From 11 April 2006 to 31 December 2016, 301 entries have been made available online. In 2016, the Center's blog has 12,897 visitors and 3,791 reloads, with a total of 16,688, a 50.93 percent growth compared to the previous year (based on [cqcounter.com](http://cqcounter.com)).

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.

#### (2) **TWSC's Social Networking Sites**

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 are also continuously so that the Center's publications are given more exposure to a broader readership online. As of 17 March 2017, TWSC has 3,333 "likes" on Facebook, 665 "followers" on Twitter, 000 document views on Scribd.com, and 470 followers and 829 total 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, TWSC's YouTube channel has 260 subscribers and 87,212 views.

### f) **Utilization of TWSC Knowledge Products**

#### (1) **Siok Hui Leong of The Star (Malaysia) for "Kadena"**

Leong is a journalist for a Malaysian newspaper called The Star. She got in touch to ask permission to use screenshots from Kadena and mention the documentary for an article she is writing. She became aware of Kadena after attending Velo-City Global 2016, an international cycling conference, held in Taipei during which she heard Julia Nebrija of Inclusive Mobility Network presenting about the documentary.

#### (2) **OCEANA for "Haw-as"**

OCEANA is a nongovernmental organization that helped the UdM-TWSC video documentary team in its production of "Haw-as." After the premier of "Haw-as" in Sinelaysay, OCEANA asked TWSC if they can have a copy of the documentary for them to use it in their NGO agenda. A Terms of Reference between OCEANA and TWSC was made for the utilization of "Haw-as."

### 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 training and advocacy activities carried out by the Center from January 2016 to December 2016.



**1. Anim na Tanong sa Anim na Taon: Ang mga Agham Panlipunan at Pilosopiya at Ang Papalitang Rehimeng Aquino**

May sapat bang nasasabi ang mga disiplina ng agham panlipunan at pilosopiya sa usapin ng pagpapalit ng administrasyon, sa pagtataya ng nagawa nito, at sa paghahanda para sa susunod? O naging mga “analyst”/“expert” na tagatingi na lamang ng sound bites ang mga akademiko sa mga TV news magazine shows? Nagiging palamuti na nga lang ba ang mga akademiko para sa mga balita na nangangailangan ng tagapagsalitag may autoridad para pagtibayin lamang ang mga litaw naman nang mga obserbasyon? Taga-tuon na lamang ba sila ng pansin ng publiko sa mga isyung ang pagiging napapanahon ay dikta ng news cycle at ng mga nilutong iskandalo? Hindi iilan sa mga kilalang akademiko ang may sariling pulpito sa midya, pero kadalasan reaktibo ang pagsusulat nila at ang pagsusuri ay minadali para makahabol sa init ng balita. May ilan pa ngang tahasang propagandista ng mga interes na pasimple o garapalan nilang pinagsisilbihan.

Sinasabi ng UP Charter na bahagi ng serbisyo publiko ng unibersidad ang pagbibigay nito ng dalubhasa at teknikal na gabay sa pamahalaan, sa pribadong sektor, at sa lipunang sibil nang hindi ikinokompromiso ang panuntunan nito ng husay. Natutugunan ba ito ng mga akademikong taga-agham panlipunan at pilosopiya sa labas ng kundisyong itinakda ng midya? Ano ang masasabi ng mga disiplina sa yugtong ito ng pagpapalit ng mga nasa kapangyarihan? Nakabatay ang paniningil na ito sa pagpapalagay na nasa interes ng mga akademiko, lalo na ng mga nasa nasabing disiplina, na suriin ang kontemporaryong kalagayan ng lipunan. Pero tila napag-iiwanan na ang mga disiplinang ito at hindi makaambag sa paglikha ng bago at kritikal na diskurso tungkol sa mga napapanahong isyung panlipunan. Hiwalay na usapin rin kung naipapaunawa nga ba ang mga kritikal na pananaw na ito sa publikong dapat sana dito makikinabang.

Inilulunsad ng Third World Studies Center (TWSC) ang serye ng mga public forum na ito upang direktang tugunan ng mga disiplina at ng kanilang mga hinirang na akademiko ang kambal na hamon ng limitado, pili, at pilit na pampublikong pakikisangkot at ng inaasahang husay na dapat na dinadala nila sa mga isyung pampubliko na ginagarantiya ng UP Charter. Sa punto de bista ng bawat disiplina, paano ba dapat unawain ang pagtatapos ng isang rehimen at ang paglipat ng kapangyarihan tungo sa isa pa? Ano bang dapat mga parametro para sukatin ang nagawa, at hindi—pero dapat—ginawa ng bawat administrasyon? Sa forum series na ito ay bibigyan ng espasyo para talakayin sa publiko ng bawat disiplina—higit pa sa sound bites at timeliness ng isyu—nang may lalim at lawak ang mga isyu na sa kanilang palagay ay dapat napagtuunan ng patapos ng rehimeng Aquino at/o mapagtuunan ng hahaliling gobyerno sa 2016, ayon sa mga partikular na interes ng kani-kanilang disiplina. May partikular na urgency ang diskusyong ito, lalo pa’t nakataya dito ang pagpapatuloy ng mga tinaguriang repormistang polisiya ng kasalukuyang administrasyon.

Pagpapatuloy ang public forum series na ito sa pagsasaligsig ng TWSC sa rehimeng Aquino. Noong 2011 ay nagkaroon ng forum series na sumubok pangunahan kung papaano patatakbuhan ni Aquino ang kanyang administrasyon. Pinamagatang “The B.S. Aquino Administration: Possible Perversities, Perverted Possibilities,” lumutang sa apat na forum sa serye na ito ang kalauna’y naging pangunahing pagkukulang ng administrasyon--ang hindi pagtupad sa mga matatapang na pangako ng reporma na siyang mismong nagpapanalo kay Aquino sa pagkapangulo. Napako nga ang mga pangako dahil sa pagpapabor ni Aquino sa mga “kaibigan, kaklase at kabarilan” bilang mga tao sa kanyang gobyerno at sa mismong pagpo-protekta sa kanila mula sa pag-uusig sa tuwing masasangkot sa mga anomalya (hal. sina dating DILG Undersecretary Rico Puno at dating PNP Director General Alan Purisima).

Kaakibat rin na layon ng public forum series na ito na kasangkutin ang mga batang henerasyon sa paglikha ng bago at kritikal na diskurso sa mga isyung bumagabag sa kasalukuyang administrasyon at patuloy pa ring babagabag sa mga susunod. Ang talakayang ito ay inaasahang kokontra sa nakababahalang pag-arangkada ng mga grupo sa social media na nagsasabing Ginintuang Panahon ang mga taong nasa ilalim ang Pilipinas ng diktadurang Marcos—na kinabibilangan sa karamihan ng mga kabataang pumupuna sa mga pagkukulang ng administrasyong Aquino bilang munisyon sa pagbalewala



sa mga alaala ng pang-aabuso ng diktadura at sa argumentong wala namang naidulot na kongkretong benepisyo sa bansa ang EDSA 1 at lalo pa ngang naghirap ang Pilipinas.

Nagkaroon ng apat (4) na public forum sa serye, kung saan isang forum ang gaganapin sa bawat buwan mula Enero hanggang Abril 2016. Ang bawat departamento ng Kolehiyo ng Agham Panlipunan at Pilosopiya ng UP Diliman ay iimbitahang magpadala ng isang kinatawan na maghahain ng anim na tanong, na maglalagay ng mga isyung panlipunan na sa palagay ng bawat disiplina ay karapat-dapat na pag-ukulan ng pansin—bagay na hindi naibigay, o kung ibinigay man ay hindi sapat, ng gobyernong Aquino—ng pamahalaan. Gugrupuhin ang mga kinatawang ito batay sa ipiprisintang mga tanong para maging tampok na tagapagsalita—dalawa (2) sa bawat isa—sa mga public forum ng serye. Magi-imbaita rin ng tig-isang (1) reactor mula sa mga kaugnay na disiplina para magbigay ng iba at/o komplementaryong perspektiba sa mga isyung ihahain ng mga tagapagsalita. Pangunahing magiging audience ng mga forum ang mga mag-aaral na undergraduate ng UP Diliman at iba pang mga unibersidad at kolehiyo.

Ang Forum Series na ito ay suportado ng UP Padayon Public Service Office ng UP Office of the Vice President for Public Affairs. Ang presentasyon ng mga speaker sa apat na public forum ay itatampok sa UP sa Halalan website, na proyekto ng UP Padayon na naglalayong mapakinabangan ang kasanayan ng mga akademiko sa UP upang mapaabot sa publiko ang mga matalim at mas malalimang pagtalakay ng mga mahahalagang pambansang isyu na siya namang magiging impluwensiya sa mga desisyon ng mga botante sa Halalan 2016.

## **2. Public Forums**

### **a) Ang Bangkay ni Duterte: Isang Pampublikong Lamay para kay Pangulong Marcos Bago Siya Ipalibing ni Pangulong Duterte sa Libingan ng mga Bayani**

Karay-karay ni Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte papasok sa Malacañang ang nakakasulasok na usapin ng pagpapalibing sa dating pangulo at diktador na si Ferdinand Marcos sa Libingan ng mga Bayani. Ipapalibing n'ya raw si Marcos sa nasabing libingan dahil naging sundalo naman ito noong Ikalawang Digmaang Pandaigdig. Totoong naging sundalo si Marcos sa panahong iyon. Pero anong klaseng sundalo? Sundalong nanraraket, sundalong nanggagantso, sundalong sinungaling, sundalong namemeke ng ranggo, sundalong nag-iimbento ng mga medalya at titulo, sundalong pinagpasasaan ang isyu ng mga beterano, sundalong kinatasan ang mga bayad-pinsala sa digmaan, sundalong dinambong sa mahigit dalawampung taon ang yaman ng bayan, sundalong binayoneta ang demokrasya. Lahat ng uri ng pagkasundalong ito ni Marcos, patutunayan ng mga respetadong iskolar, mamamahayag, at pampublikong intelektuwal na magsasalita sa forum na ito. Sa harap ng mga atras-abanteng pahayag ni Pangulong Duterte, pakinggan natin ang mga katotohanan ng kasaysayan na hindi nababawi o nababaluktot. Paano paghihilumin ni Pangulong Duterte ang pagkakahati ng mga Pilipino, kung gagawin niya ito sa pamamagitan ng pagpaparaya lamang sa kagustuhan ng “halos lahat ng Ilokano”? “Someone has to give” sabi niya. Pero bakit ang 70,000 na nakulong, 34,000 na tinortyur, 3,240 na pinatay, at ang kanilang mga pamilyang naulila ang kailangang ilang ulit pang magparaya? Hindi ba pantapal lang ni Pangulong Duterte ang layuning pagkaisahin ang bansa para mas mapagyaman pa ang pakikipagkaibigan niya sa mga Marcos? “Will it unite Filipinos? I don’t know, but I know there is one hatred I can erase,” sabi niya. Hindi ba’t buburahin rin ng pangulo ang malinaw na husga ng kasaysayan na ang rehimeng Marcos ay isa sa pinakamasahol na panahon sa ating kasaysayan? Hindi tiyak ni Pangulong Duterte na sa pagpapalibing na ito ay mapag-iisa niya ang bansa. Pero tiyak na sa pagbaon kay Pangulong Marcos sa Libingan ng mga Bayani magiging katanggap-tanggap ang kasinungalingan at ang pagiging mandarambong kabayanihan na rin.

Sa forum na ito, walang palusot na biro lang ang mga pahayag, hindi kailangang hulaan ang kahulugan. Sa unang araw ng pagkaluklok n'ya sa panguluhan, samantalain natin ang pagkakataong ito na magtipon at mag-usap bago n'ya tayo lahat masabihan ng, "Shut up!"



### **b) Russia-ASEAN Relations: Overtures and Opportunities**

Russia first opened formal relations with ASEAN in 1991, but recently ratcheted up its visibility in Southeast Asia, hosting three regional conferences in 2016 and more actively engaging in bilateral negotiations with its member-states toward forging broader and closer partnerships with its eastern neighbors. Russia's diplomatic offensive indicates its interest in claiming a place in Asia's shifting economic and security architecture. But how does Russia see its role in the region's geopolitical dynamics in which the US and a rising China present distinct poles? What are Russia's economic, political and security interests in Southeast Asia and the Philippines, in particular? The public forum aims to tackle these questions at a time when the Philippine government itself has signified its willingness to explore a strategic partnership with Russia.

This forum, co-sponsored by TWSC, was held on 25 November 2016, at the Ambion Room, 1st Floor, College of Law.

### **3. Lectures Co-sponsored by TWSC**

- a) "Mindanao: Nationalism, Jihadism and Frustrated Peace" by Dr. Nathan Quimpo on Monday, 15 February 2016, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Seminar Room, Hall of Wisdom, GT-Toyota Asian Cultural Center, Asian Center, University of the Philippines Diliman
- b) "The Commodity Export, Growth, and Distribution Connection in Southeast Asia, 1500–1940," by Professor Jeffrey Gale Williamson, PhD on 9 March 2016, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the 2F, Seminar Room, Hall of Wisdom, GT-Toyota Asian Cultural Center, Asian Center, University of the Philippines Diliman
- c) "Indonesia Today: The Return of Organized Labor in Contemporary Politics" by Dr. Max Lane on Monday, 25 April 2016, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Seminar Room, Hall of Wisdom, GT-Toyota Asian Cultural Center, Asian Center, University of the Philippines Diliman
- d) "Constitution Re-writing: Theory and Practice" by Kimana Zulueta-Fülscher, PhD, on 21 October 2016 (Friday) at the Ambion Room, College of Law, Malcolm Hall

### **4. Roundtable Discussions**

- a) Anarcha-Feminists in the Philippines for International Women's Month
- b) Environmental Migration, by Elena Giacomelli, University of Trento, Italy
- c) Climate Justice and Ecological Sustainability in the Philippines, by Bradley Cardozo, University of California Los Angeles, USA

### **5. Workshops**

#### **a) The 2016 TWSC Writeshop**

The Third World Studies Center (TWSC) launches the 2016 TWSC Writeshop in continuing its commitment to build the capacity of early career researchers, junior faculty members, and graduate students in the social sciences. As a premiere social science research center in the College of Social Sciences and Philosophy, University of the Philippines-Diliman, the TWSC continues to develop critical, alternative paradigms to promote progressive scholarship by undertaking pioneering research and publishing original, empirically-grounded, and innovative studies.

Originally meant as a capacity-building workshop on social science research in 2010, the TWSC Writeshop transformed into a unique publication platform for early career researchers, junior faculty members, and graduate students in the social sciences. Since 2014, successful Writeshop participants

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were not only given the opportunity to interact with experts from the academe and the publishing industry, but also the opportunity to produce a publishable manuscript for the TWSC's internationally refereed and CHED-accredited (A-2, Very Good - Excellent) journal *Kasarinlan: Philippine Journal of Third World Studies*. The 2016 TWSC Writeshop sustains this academic tradition and more.

The 2016 TWSC Writeshop marks another milestone as it transitions from module-based discussions to manuscript-driven mentoring in the form of intensive yet collegial small-group discussions. The mentors, established scholars in their respective fields and the *Kasarinlan* editorial staff, will bring into line problematization, researcher positionality and ethics, and crafting meaningful narratives based on empirical work to equip the participants in making a contribution in social science scholarship, i.e., by creating a publishable work. In seeing through the TWSC Writeshop's goal, the Writeshop culminates with the publication of successful manuscripts in a special issue in *Kasarinlan*.

Dr. Bienvenido Lumbera, National Artist for Literature, delivered a keynote speech, while Professor Randy David, UP Professor Emeritus, delivered a plenary talk. Mentors for the small-group discussions for each manuscript are Dr. Ferdinand Llanes, Dr. Raul Pertierra, Dr. Jaime Veneracion, Prof. Regalado Jose, and Dr. Violeda Umali. Facilitators for the discussions are *Kasarinlan* managing editor Joel Ariate Jr., associate editors May Cruz, Miguel Reyes, Emerald Flaviano, and Christian Masangkay.

The writeshop was held on 7-9 November 2016 at the Third World Studies Center.

### **b) Seminar-Workshop on Land Access Issues in Southeast Asia**

Among the consistent results of the Consortium for the Asian Democracy Index (CADI) surveys conducted in selected Southeast Asian countries since 2011 is the dismal state of asset distribution—i.e., land ownership—in those countries. Meanwhile, the work of the International Research Network on Exploitation and Usage of Nature, Land, and Resources in Africa, Asia and Latin America, or REINVENTERRA, since 2014 has highlighted various issues on access to natural resources and the conditions under which they are exploited, e.g., various forms of (state-sanctioned) land-grabbing. This by-invitation seminar-workshop brings together researchers affiliated with either of these two networks, as well as other researchers working on land access issues, at the Third World Studies Center (TWSC) of the University of the Philippines, where access to critical resources is a constant concern; among other activities, in February 2015, the Center served as secretariat of the international conference entitled “Contested Access to Land in the Philippines and Indonesia: How Can the Rural Poor (Re)gain Control?”

Participants in this seminar-workshop had the freedom to discuss any contentious land access issue or issues particular to their country or the region—from how palm oil plantations are encroaching upon the ancestral domain of indigenous peoples, to how agrarian reform is progressing (if at all). Also among the participants of this workshop were a team of young video documentary filmmakers who will show their work-in-progress, a short documentary on land reclamation in the Philippine province of Cebu.

Among the aims of the workshop was to draw parallels in the land access/appropriation/transformation issues in different Southeast Asian countries. Questions tackled were in the vein of “Who is benefitting from land grabbing, or the continued non-implementation of land reform?” or “Can the displacement of certain communities for particular massive infrastructure projects be justified?” The proceedings of the seminar-workshop may be transcribed and published in an issue of TWSC's journal, *Kasarinlan: Philippine Journal of Third World Studies*.

The conference-workshop was held on 29 July 2016 at the Third World Studies Center, University of the Philippines Diliman.

### **c) Politics, Power, and Social Transformation in the Philippines: Towards a Contemporary Research Agenda**

The Third World Studies Center of the University of the Philippines-Diliman and the Conflict Research Group of the Ghent University jointly organized the workshop “Politics and Power in the Philippines:



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Towards a Contemporary Research Agenda.” It was held on 3-4 February 2017 at the Third World Studies Center, Lower Ground Floor, Palma Hall, College of Social Sciences and Philosophy, University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City.

The election of President Rodrigo Duterte, the ongoing insurgencies and peace processes, the evolving role of (social) media, and the imposition of controversial policies such as the hero’s burial of former president Ferdinand Marcos and the war on drugs are but some of the recent developments that warrant academic reflection on the way we think about politics and power in the context of social transformation.

While public discussion about these matters is flourishing, academic reflection can help us to contextualize and historicize some of these events. It is with these considerations in mind that the organizing institutions aim to bring together a group of scholars around the following three objectives:

1. to create a space for, and build upon, discussion and reflection on Philippine politics and society;
2. to discuss directions for a contemporary research agenda; and
3. to explore opportunities for collaborative outputs and enhancing the impact of engaged scholarship.

Participating scholars in this workshop were asked to share their reflections on the field of Philippine studies and politics and to consider the need for new theoretical and methodological approaches that can generate new insights into contemporary Philippine society and politics. Following from these reflections and group discussions, the workshop identified key themes, issues and approaches that can constitute a contemporary research agenda on politics and power in the Philippines. Finally, the workshop explored opportunities and concrete suggestions for further collaboration around this research agenda.

### 6. Conferences

#### a) "Never Again, Never Forget: Martial Law, the Academe, and the Public" (28-29 April 2016, PH400)

The Department of History, University of the Philippines Diliman, has sought the help of TWSC in documenting its conference on Martial Law. It was held on April 28-29, 2016 at Room 400 Palma Hall, University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City

#### b) ASEAN and Japanese Studies: Futures and Critical Approaches

“ASEAN and Japanese Studies: Futures and Critical Approaches” is the fifth International conference of the Japanese Studies Association in Southeast Asia and it is co-sponsored by TWSC. It was held on 15-16 December 2016 at Radisson Blu Hotel in Cebu City.

JSA-ASEAN is a network among Japanese Studies scholars from Southeast Asia set up in 2005 to serve as a catalyst in promoting Japanese studies in this region. It is the only organization with the aim of bringing together major Japanese studies specialists from various Southeast Asian countries with their counterparts from Japan and other countries.

In order to stimulate interest and promote networks among scholars in Southeast Asia, JSA-ASEAN organizes a biennial conference as the major platform for a trans-disciplinary international exchange. This year’s theme is “ASEAN and Japanese Studies: Futures and Critical Approaches.” The year 2015 saw a series of events that would redirect and transform Japanese society: the apparent failure of Abenomics, the recurrent issue of Japan’s war responsibility at 70th Anniversary of end of World War II, public debates and actions against the Peace and Security Preservation Legislation, controversies about the preparation for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics, the gradual reinstatement of nuclear power generation, and the forceful implementation of the new Social Security and Tax Number System. The government’s campaign of Cool Japan seems to have lost its lure amidst the competition with the powerful cultural promotion of South Korea and China in the international market of economic



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as well as cultural commodities. Crucial cuts to humanities and social sciences at universities will possibly engender the expansive and in-depth impact on the future generation of Japan. At this crossroads, the conference invites scholars of Japanese Studies, from the region and beyond, to examine the past and the present of Japan, and explore the possibilities of its future.

Dr. Jose and Flaviano attended the conference. Flaviano documented the event.

### 7. Public Screenings

#### a) “Naglalahong Pamana”

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

- i. “Naglalahong Pamana” at the Singkuwento International Film Festival (SIMFF), Feb. 19 to 27 at the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) in Intramuros, Manila, and from March 2 to 4 and March 7 to 8 at the UPFI UP Diliman Quezon City
- ii. “Naglalahong Pamana” at the Active Vista International Human Rights Film Festival

#### b) Sinelaysay: A Documentary Film Showcase

For five years now, the Third World Studies Center and the University of Montreal have produced documentaries that tell the stories of the lives and struggles of Filipinos at the unmarked margins of society. This showcase features films focusing on such people against the backdrop of access to land and its uncertain, if not diminishing resources—a community that lives on the back of an active volcano for want of a liveable space, women mining the dregs of what was once a gold country, a worker living in a packed urban space and cycling through poverty and the deadly streets of a metropolis, a tribal leader bequeathing to his son a future that is about to vanish, and of families whose life stories swirl and eddy with the sludge of the mines on a river.

Held on 17 to 18 August 2016 at Room 207, Palma Hall, College of Social Sciences and Philosophy, University of the Philippines-Diliman, Sinelaysay premiered the latest documentary in this thematic series—a film about an aging couple who have lived off the sea that is now being gobbled up by a town’s hunger for land. This documentary is set in Brgy. Bang-Bang, Cordova, Cebu that has long been under threat by reclamation plans.

An open forum with the filmmakers of "Haw-as" followed every screening of that film. All screenings were free and open to the public.

### 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.

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## 1. Visiting Research Fellow 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 seven (7) VRFs from January 2016 to December 2016:

#	Name	Institutional affiliation, Country	Research	Duration of affiliation
1	Natsuko Shiraishi	Kyoto University, Japan	Negotiation of boundary: Ways of collectivity in the Philippines	June 1, 2014 - May 31, 2016
2	Suzy Kim Lee	New York University, USA	The Philippine state and its relationship with labor migration	January 14, 2015 - January 13, 2016
3	Nicole Cu-Unjieng	Yale University, USA	Visions of Political Possibility: The International Philippine Revolution and Transnational Southeast Asian Pan-Asianism	October 1, 2015 - February 29, 2016
4	Tamiki Hara	Hitotsubashi University, Japan	The Transformation of Elite Domination in the Post-Marcos Era: Neoliberalism and Decentralization	October 1 2015 - September 30, 2016
5	Eri Yamashita	Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Japan	Deafness with/out Filipino Deaf Culture: Through a Critical Ethnographic Exploration of the Social Relationships and identities of Filipino Deaf Dancers	November 3, 2015 - March 26, 2016
6	Elena Giacomelli	University of Trento, Italy	Environmental migration	1 July 2016 – 31 October 2016
7	Bradley Cardozo	University of California Los Angeles, USA	Climate Justice and Ecological Sustainability in the Philippines	18 August 2016 - 18 January 2017

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

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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 (4) volunteer-interns.

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#	Name	Degree	Institutional Affiliation	Duration
1	Jonathan Baldoza	Victor BA History	UP Diliman	July 2013 – June 2016
2	Angeli Fleur Nuque	MA Women and Development	UP Diliman	April 2016 - 2016
3	Johann Bulatao	Angelo BA Political Science	UP Manila	June – July 2016
4	Macy Ybanez	BA Political Science	UP Manila	June – July 2016

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Coordinator: Emerald O. Flaviano

### 3. Video-Documentary Internship

For further discussion, refer to section d) under IV. B. 2.

#### a) University of the Philippines Diliman

- i. Patricia-Ruth B. Cailao
- ii. Paula Mae Y. Ceracas

#### b) University of Montreal

- i. Lucien Beucher
- ii. Marie Isabelle Rochon

Coordinator: Miguel Paolo P. Reyes

### 4. 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) University of Montreal

The MoA was renewed in 2016.

#### b) Hitotsubashi University

The MoA was finalized in 2016.

#### c) Sungkonghoe University

Renewing the MoA seemed to be not feasible in 2016 due to political developments in South Korea.



**d) University of California Los Angeles**

The MoA was initiated and finalized in 2016 for Bradley Cardozo's fellowship.

**5. Other Networks**

**a) Membership in Professional Organizations**

- i. Philippine Political Science Association
  - a. Joel F. Ariate Jr.
  - b. Elinor May K. Cruz
  - c. Emerald O. Flaviano
  - d. Miguel Paolo P. Reyes
- ii. National Research Council of the Philippines
  - a. Ricardo T. Jose
- iii. Philippine National Historical Society
  - a. Ricardo T. Jose
- iv. Philippine Historical Association
  - a. Ricardo T. Jose
- v. Eastern Asia Society for Transportation Studies
  - a. Ricardo T. Jose
- vi. Eastern Asia Society for Transportation Studies-Transportation Science of the Philippines
  - a. Ricardo T. Jose
- vii. National Center for Transportation Studies
  - a. Ricardo T. Jose (Fellow)

**b) Services in College and University Committees**

- i. Ricardo T. Jose, PhD (Director)
  - a. Member, Committee on National Plans and Policies, University Council, University of the Philippines Diliman
- ii. Joel F. Ariate Jr. (University Researcher I)
  - a. UP System Research, Extension, and Professional Staff (REPS) Ad Hoc Committee
- iii. Miguel Paolo P. Reyes (University Research Associate II)
  - a. Member, CSSP College Administrative Personnel Committee (2013-Present)
- iv. Elinor May K. Cruz (University Research Associate I)
  - a. Member, Service Learning Outreach Pahinungod (SLO-Pahinungod) Committee CSSP-UPD (2013-Present)
  - b. Member, CSSP Welfare and Benefits Committee (2013-Present)
- v. Bienvenida C. Lacsamana (Administrative Assistant V)
  - a. Member, UP Diliman Housing Committee (01 June 2014-31 May 2016)
- vi. Marilou V. Sustituido (Administrative Office IV)
  - a. 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. Miguel Paolo P. Reyes (University Research Associate II)

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- a. Philippine Korean Studies Symposium  
Special Workshop for Academicians, Microtel UP Technohub, 20-22 July 2016
- b. International Workshop on the ADI and the State of Democratization in Asia: The Rise of Authoritarianism
- ii. Emerald O. Flaviano (University Research Associate I)
  - a. UNESCO-Memory of the World Documentary Heritage Awareness and Nomination Writeshop
  - b. Action Research lecture by CSSP
  - c. Sine Bughaw 2016: Sakuna (Ateneo de Manila University, 8 April 2016)

## E. Special Projects

### 1. The TWSC Charter

Through channels, on 05 January 2016 the Director wrote to Atty. Hector Danny D. Uy, UP Vice President for Legal Affairs. In said letter he asked policy questions regarding research centers wanting to enact a charter or some such document. The Dean's Office, upon receipt of the letter, instead of forwarding it to the Office of the Chancellor, asked the UP Diliman Legal Office to review it. This information was informally passed along to the TWSC by the staff of the Dean's office.

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

## F. Administrative Matters

### 1. Physical Improvement and Equipment Acquisition

From January 2016 to December 2016, 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. Emergency lamps
- ii. Printer (1)
- iii. UPS (2)
- iv. Water dispenser (1)
- v. 8TB external hard drive (1)

#### b) Donations

- i. From Cambridge University Press: *Dictator and Their Secret Police: Coercive Institutions and State Violence* by Sheena Chestnut Greitens
- ii. From Cambridge Scholars Publishing for review: *The Neo Abu Sayyaf: Criminality in the Sulu Archipelago of the Republic of the Philippines* by Bob East

#### c) Office Improvement

- i. Repair of sliding glass door
- ii. Repair of men's restroom door
- iii. Repair of defective coffeemaker
- iv. Replacement of lavatory faucets in women's restroom
- v. Clean up of air conditioner units

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## 2. Staff Development

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 TWSC staff attended the following seminar-workshops:

- a) **Elinor May Cruz**
  - i. Financial Management Information System
- b) **Francisco**
  - i. CSSP Workshop for REPS and Administrative Staff
  - ii. CSSP Staff Development Workshop
  - iii. CSSP Fire extinguisher use training
- c) **Sustituido**
  - i. CSSP Workshop for REPS and Administrative Staff
  - ii. CSSP Staff Development Workshop

## 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

1. **Ricardo T. Jose, PhD**
  - a. 2016 University of the Philippines Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award in Historical Scholarship and Research
  - b. Parangal para sa KAPPamilya 2016
2. **Elinor May K. Cruz**
  - a. 2016 Gawad Chanselor sa Natatanging Research, Extension, and Professional Staff
  - b. Parangal para sa KAPPamilya 2016
3. **Miguel Paolo P. Reyes**
  - a. Parangal para sa KAPPamilya 2016