Call for Papers: The 5th Philippine Studies Conference in Japan (Nov. 2022)

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The Philippines in the 21st Century Asia: Retrospect and Prospect

Philippine studies have been in the interphases of various intellectual efforts. As a part of area studies, most of the scholars engaging in Philippine studies appreciate multidisciplinary approaches and are open to discussion beyond national borders. Since the first Philippine Studies Conference of Japan (PSCJ) in 2006, we have cultivated this tradition of multidisciplinary approaches with international settings.

While Philippine society has become globalized, academia has gradually broadened its eyesight into two frontiers: multispecies ethnography and international relations. The PSCJ steering committee appreciates the pioneering work of Tsurumi Yoshiyuki’s *Banana and the Japanese* (1982) and further studies on sea cucumber, whales, or a new generation of banana studies, which are arguably a part of multispecies ethnography in Anthropocene.

Meanwhile, the rise of China has brought international relations back into area studies. While more and more researchers have discussed Philippine foreign policy with geopolitical frameworks, they have not sufficiently collaborated with Filipinists. Such collaboration may generate new intellectual frontiers for both kinds of scholars. These are, of course, only segments of academic disciplines the PSCJ 2022 will cover. Since the COVID 19 pandemic started in early 2020, we have faced new challenges and revisited the old issues with new lenses. Following the tradition of halo halo, we welcome proposals for panels and individual presentations from various areas of inquiry, which would stimulate interdisciplinary discussion on a broad range of topics.

Topics of interest include but are not limited to:

- Economic liberalization, development policy and its effects on everyday lives in rural and urban contexts
- Emerging trends in gender and sexualities studies
- Shifts in international geopolitical and legal policy in the Post-EDSA Philippines
- New challenges of Bangsamoro and “Mindanao”
- Predicaments and resistance of Lumad people (IPs) in the age of development
- Emerging dynamism of ethnicities and identities
- New trends in transnational migration and the Filipino diaspora
- The Duterte administration: the ‘Drug War’, extra-judicial killings, emergent populism and civil society
- Risks and resilience amidst natural and man-made disasters in the past and present
- Continuity and discontinuity of natural resource management
Tourism and/or new insights into the cultural heritage and cultural resource management
Revisiting the Philippine Revolution and/or the Philippine historiography
Religious lives in historical and contemporary contexts
New media, “fake news” and the online public sphere
Film, literature, popular culture, and the arts in the past and present

Submission guidelines:
A panel with 3 presenters will run for 90 minutes while panels with 4 or 5 presenters will run for 120 minutes. For proposals that involve performances, the showing of films, or the like, please use the panel proposal format and describe your plan in the “note” section. Please submit your proposals for papers and panels by June 3, 2022 at the following website:

https://philippinestudiesgroupjapan.wordpress.com/

Notification of abstract acceptance will be sent by the end of July or beginning of August, 2022.

Regarding holding this conference online or in-person, as of this moment, the committee is still deciding the format of this conference due to the COVID 19 situation. An update will be posted in June.

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