

PASC ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2012

PHILIPPINES AUSTRALIA STUDIES CENTRE



Some of the delegates at the 'After Mining' Workshop, University of the Philippines, Baguio, January, 2012.

ABOUT US

The *Philippines Australia Studies Centre* (PASC) at La Trobe was formally established at a meeting on 8 October, 2003. PASC is a joint venture between La Trobe University and Ateneo de Manila University (Ateneo) in the Philippines, and stems from the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the two universities in March 2000 and renewed for a further 5 years in June, 2005. We have had a student exchange agreement since 2007 and we renewed our MOU in 2010. We have had four bilateral meetings: three in Manila (January, 2000; February, 2005; June, 2007; June, 2011); and two in Melbourne (April, 2001, July, 2009) and one each in Bangkok (June, 2007) and Perth and Mildura and Bendigo (July, 2009). In addition in June, 2011 an Ateneo delegation attended the Festival of Ideas on Popular Print and Visual Cultures organized by the *Thesis Eleven* Centre for Cultural Sociology and hosted by La Trobe University in Melbourne and Bendigo. The Philippines Australia Studies Network (PASN) office is established at Ateneo de Manila University with matching resources. Both PASC and PASN are committed to extending the research network. To that end La Trobe University signed an MOU with the University of the Philippines (January, 2010).

This our 9th report covers the 2012 academic year.

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OBJECTIVES

The Centre has 9 main aims, as set out in its Constitution:

1. To encourage the development and application of Filipino and Australian research through publishing and presenting material in printed and electronic form and through delivering educational workshops, forums and conferences;
2. To facilitate exchanges between Philippines and Australia of Filipino and Australian scholars;
3. To encourage Filipino students to enrol in Australian postgraduate programs and vice versa;
4. To promote studies of the Philippines and Australia in regional and global settings;
5. To co-operate and collaborate with the Philippines-Australia Studies Network (PASN) at Ateneo de Manila University;
6. To encourage student exchange programs between the two nations through the University and Ateneo de Manila University;
7. To significantly expand the opportunities for research in the region especially in facilitating the socio-economic goals of development, justice, poverty eradication, health, trade, and good governance;
8. To promote the teaching and research activities of members of staff of Ateneo de Manila University and the University through the development of projects that require collaborative team research;
9. To improve and deepen relations, networks and mutual understanding between the Philippines and Australia through education, exchanges, research collaboration, and bilateral meetings.

MEMBERSHIP

Office bearers: Dr Trevor Hogan (director), Prof. Charles Mott (deputy director).

General Members: Dennis Altman, Gary Devilles, Edwin Wise, Harry Aveling, Joe Camilleri, Larry Marshall, Margarita Frederico, Maria Cameron, Michalis Michael, Neil Fetting, Peter Beilharz, Randy LaPolla, Simon Barraclough, , Vince Alessi, Vivian Lin, Wendy Mee, Paul Northam, Sian Supski, Anthony Rodriguez-Jiminez, Andrew Morrison, Maitel Ladrido, Marby Villaceran, Angela Serrano, Nicholas Herriman, Christine Ellem.

Associate Members: Maridel Anandar, Bobby Benedicto, Barry Carr, Lisandro Claudio, Augustine Doronila, Joel Kahn, Malou Logan, Beryl Langer, Lilac Limpangog, Revyi Marinas, Deirdre McKay, Al Noveloso, Peter Murphy, Robert Nery, Jan Ong, Vienna Parreno, Cliff Picton, Michael Pinches, Max Richter, Kathleen Weekley, Rommel Curaming, Luis David, Rosemarie Edillon, Joseph Salazar, Mary Thomas, Skilty Labastilla, Darwin Manubag.

Informal membership of PASC is open to all interested parties.

ADMINISTRATION

PASC La Trobe was established through a seeding grant from La Trobe International and is hosted by the School of Social Sciences. The Centre relies on the goodwill and initiative of interested parties across the University. We are particularly indebted to the hard unsung work of its members and in 2012 we especially thank the initiative and enterprise of Christine Ellem, Vince Alessi, Paul

Northam, Neil Fetting, Peter Beilharz, Darwin Manubag, Augustine Doronila, and Minerva Chaloping-March.

In 2011 we received two boosts: PASC was affiliated with the Institute for Human Security. Tracy Lee provided her usual efficient and good humoured administrative support to the Centre especially in organizing its financial matters and logistical support to the PSLP project and its key officer, Dr Minnie Chaloping-March. Second, PASC was made a centre of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. It now has a modest three year working budget and administrative structure in place.

GRANTS

MANAGING MINING AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE PHILIPPINES

PASC put in for a large **AUSAID ADRAS** grant with our visiting research fellow, Dr Minerva Chaloping-March as Chief Investigator. We were shortlisted but after a nerve-wracking summer of waiting we received the heartbreaking news in March that we were close but no cigar in this round. There has been no announcement yet of a second round. The project is alive (see visiting fellows' report) but we will be seeking injection of funds in 2014. FOR a longer report on this project proposal see the Appendix.



Our intrepid researchers from 4 universities (University of the Philippines, Ateneo de Manila University, University of Melbourne and La Trobe University) seeking a light at the end of the tunnel for future grant for this project, Benguet Province, Cordillera Mountains, Philippines, January, 2012.

EVENTS

'Fostering Collaborative Actions Towards A Sustainable Post-Mine Future' **University of the Philippines, Baguio Campus, Baguio, 24-26 January**



Indigenous Dancers from the Benguet Province with the organisers, Dr Minnie Chaloping-March and Dr Augustine Doronila at the After Mining Workshop, January, 2012.

The Project Team collaborated with the Cordillera Studies Centre (University of the Philippines-Baguio) and AdeMU's Environmental Science Department in organizing the workshop with the theme *'Fostering Collaborative Actions Towards A Sustainable Post-Mine Future'*. The workshop was an inaugural one because it was the first formal occasion for multiple stakeholders of mining to come together for discussions on rehabilitation of mining landscapes in the Philippines. A key input into the three-day workshop was the presentation of the national director of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau, Mr. Leo Jasareno, on the state of affairs of rehabilitation of mined lands in the country. Dr. Chaloping-March of PASC talked about *'Life-of-mine and mine closure: international trends'*. Similarly, Dr. Augustine Doronila, PASC honorary research fellow, provided a presentation on 'phytoremediation & rehabilitation of mined lands'. The fieldwork, formal discussions, and correspondences with many individuals and organizations in various sectors culminated in a multi-stakeholder planning workshop on 24-26 January 2012. The planning workshop was attended by 101 participants, exceeding 60 which was the target number of invitees. The participants represented diverse but important sectors and perspectives:

- a) academic and research institutions (including PASC, represented by the director and research fellow)

- b) private consulting companies
- c) government agencies led by the Mines and Geosciences Bureau
- d) local government (barangay, municipality and provincial levels)
- e) non-profit organizations working for communities
- f) community organizations
- g) Chamber of Mines of the Philippines representing the country's broad mining industry
- h) individual mining companies (gold, copper, nickel)
- i) professional associations led by the Society of Philippine Mining Engineers

Project Convenor and Workshop Organiser: Dr Minerva Chaloping-March, Research Fellow, PASC.



ACADEMIC RESEARCH WORKING GROUP



LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKING GROUP

PASC RESEARCH SEMINARS AT LA TROBE IN 2012

5 March

Mary Thomas (English Program/Asian Studies)

Murakami Haruki – Hard-Boiled with Japanese Spaghetti

14 May

Joseph Salazar (Sociology):

Of Imeldic Feasts and an Infinity of Last Suppers: Rethinking Philippine Food Cultures.

28 May

Dr Minerva Chaloping-March (anthropologist and Research Fellow, PASC)

‘AFTER MINING: Developing Management Strategies for Community-based Ecological Restoration Projects of Mined Lands in the Philippines (and Australia).’

VISITS

February-March

Dr John Tebbutt (Media Studies and Journalism), as part of his overseas studies program in which he is undertaking research on radio journalism in Asia-Pacific region, spent two months at the Asian Center for Journalism at Ateneo de Manila University.

17 September

An eight person delegation from Central Philippine University, led by its President, Dr. Ted Robles, was formally received by the university. Charles Mott represented PASC.

PROJECTS

'After Mining' Public Sector Linkage Program

PASC implemented and completed the 'After Mining' Public Sector Linkage Program during the period April 2011 to March 2012. Funded by AusAID, the project was spearheaded by Dr. Minerva Chaloping-March (PASC Honorary Research Fellow) as Project Manager. Minerva is a development anthropologist specializing on mining and social sustainability, social imperatives of mine projects, and post-mine scenarios. Dr. Augustine Doronila (also a PASC Honorary Research Fellow), a restoration ecologist based at the School of Chemistry, University of Melbourne served as co-manager of the project.

The Project aimed to bring together and reinforce community based efforts in the Philippines, using Australian experiences as learning cases, to redress degradation of mined lands particularly those associated with large-scale mining. The Project initiated and established linkages with organizations whose mandate or function and interests are associated – directly or indirectly – with mining activities. Fieldwork in Australia consisted of visiting a number of mines whose experiences with actual or future mine closure can serve as learning cases for the Philippines. The Australian mines include:

- a) Woodcutters Mine (operated by Newmont Mining), which demonstrates the close working relationship of the mining company with the Warai and Kungarakan people to achieve the social, economic and ecological outcomes desired by stakeholder families around the mine area;
- b) Rum Jungle, which provides a valuable case for rehabilitation activities carried out since the early 1990s and the political-economic issues and controversies surrounding it at present; and
- c) Ranger Uranium mine (operated by Rio Tinto's Energy Resources Australia), which maintains experimental sites for ecological restoration and water conservation.

The Project Team also benefitted from discussions with:

- a) Dr. Howard Smith, Project Officer of the Northern Land Council whose mandate includes protecting the land of the Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory;
- b) Mrs. Lenore Dembsky, a representative of the *Kungarakan* and *Warai* Aboriginal people, on their working with Newmont Mining in rehabilitating lands used by Woodcutter's mine; and
- c) Mr. Geoff Kyle and other officers of the Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation on the experiences of the [Mirarr](#) Aboriginal people with ERA's Ranger mine.

In the Philippines, the Project Team carried out interviews and focus-group discussions with individual mining companies, and the Chamber of Mines of the Philippines. Dr. Chaloping-March and Geoff Araula, a PASC affiliate researcher, undertook the same activities with national government agencies such as the Mines and Geosciences Bureau, Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau, National Commission on Indigenous Peoples; Department of Science and Technology, and the Commission on Higher Education. They also met up with local government units (province, municipality and barangay levels), community organizations, and academic

institutions particularly those with research and extension programs in environment and natural resource management.

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ARTS LINKAGE PROJECT



Kawayan de Guia, Installation shot, *Buaya*, 2012, La Trobe University Visual Arts Centre

LUMA and Ateneo Art Gallery continued its strong arts linkage partnership in 2012. After presenting the LUMA exhibition *Me Here Now* in Manila in 2011, Ateneo agreed to continue the exhibition exchange project by committing to curate and forward an exhibition to Australia for LUMA's 2013 exhibition program.

The two institutions continued their partnership arrangement for the Ateneo Art Awards, the most prestigious award for Filipino artists under the age of 35, by awarding a residency to one of the winning artists in Australia. In April 2012 the VAC | La Trobe University Visual Arts Centre in Bendigo hosted Kawayan de Guia. During his residency Kawayan created a new work, *Lolong*, a twelve foot crocodile made of cheap leather wallets acquired from the chaotic Dibsoria market in Manila. The work, which was initially inspired by Kawayan's association of the movie *Crocodile Dundee* with Australia, commented on the nature of cash driven societies and the Philippines' long-standing troubles with corruption. The work, created in nine days, was shown at the Visual Arts Centre before being shipped to Manila for a viewing in that city.

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Ph.D. RESEARCH (current)

3 completions in 2012 (that will be formally awarded in 2013): congratulations to Drs Edillon, Thomas and Salazar respectively.

Creative Arts/Sociology

Principal Supervisor: Norie Neumark

Co-supervisor: Trevor Hogan

Gary C. Devilles: 'City Sense: Sensing Manila in Literature, Visual Arts and Popular Culture'.

Economics Program:

Principal Supervisor: Sisira Jayasuriya

Rosemarie G. Edillon: 'Towards an Understanding of Social Capital' (commenced 2008; completed at end of 2012).

English Program/Asian Studies Program:

Principal Supervisor (Chris Palmer; (English) Co-Supervisor: Kaori Okano (Asian Studies)

Mary Thomas: "'The influence of the structure and form of hard-boiled private eye fiction on selected novels of Haruki Murakami '

(Commenced: July 2009; completed at end of 2012)

Media Studies/Sociology Program:

Principal Supervisor (John Tebbutt, Media Studies); Co-Supervisors (Beilharz and Hogan)

Estelle 'Maitel' Ladrado: 'Filipino Among Filipinos: Investigating How Transnational Television Participates In National Identity Construction'
(June, 2010)

Sociology and Anthropology Program:

Principal Supervisor (Hogan); Co-Supervisor (Beilharz).

Joseph Salazar: 'Rewriting Pigafetta's Feast: Nationalism, Class and Culture in Philippine Cuisine'
(2009–completed at end of 2012)

Edwin Wise: 'Place, Space and Culture: A Study of Manila' (2007–2010; on leave 2011-12)

Principal Supervisor (Hogan); Co-Supervisor (Ramon Spaaij)

Angela Serrano: 'Motivations of the Military in organising Military Coups against the national government: a case study of the Oakwood Mutiny of 27 July 2003, Manila, (commenced June, 2010)

Principal Supervisor (Hogan); Co-Supervisor (Helen Lee)

Marby Villaceran: 'Philippine Women in the Australian Diaspora: Writing their own experiences and the art of creative storytelling' (commenced July, 2010)

Principal Supervisor (Helen Lee); Co-Supervisor (Hogan)

Skilty Labastilla: 'Transition from Youth to Adulthood by Males in Informal Settlements in Davao City, Mindanao' (2008-; 2012- returned to Ateneo de Manila University to resume teaching duties; suspended in 2012).

PUBLICATIONS

Thesis Eleven #112 and 114: by now you should have all had opportunity to see these two issues of the journal - #112 'manila's urbanism' and 'philippine visual culture' and #114 'disrespect and democracy' (in 2013) in which we feature 9 authors from Ateneo (7 in #112 and 2 in #114, 1 of whom is at Ateneo de Davao University).

1. By the Director:

Trevor Hogan

Chapters in Books:

'Southeast Asian Cities' in *Sociology: Antipodean Perspectives*. Edited with Peter Beilharz. Melbourne: Oxford University Press. 2nd edition.

Articles (refereed journals)

'Manila's urbanism and Philippine Visual Cultures', *Thesis Eleven*, 112, October: 3-9.

(with Peter Murphy) 'Discordant Order: Manila's Neo-Patrimonial Urbanism' *Thesis Eleven*, 112, October: 10-34.

(with Caleb J. Hogan) 'Gates and Borders: a photo essay of Manila's privatising urbanism' *Thesis Eleven*, 112, October: 35-50.

(with Tim Bunnell, C. P. Pow, Eka Permanasari, and Morshidi Sirat) 'Asian Urbanisms and the Privatization of Cities: between regional synthesis and the serial replication of case studies' *Cities*. 29:1, February: 59-63.

Publications through our journals' collaboration:

Devilles, Gary C. 'City Blindness; visibility and modernity in the works of Iza Caparas, Farley del Rosario and Daniel Aligaen', *Thesis Eleven*, 112, October: 51-63.

Fairley, Gina 'Outside In/Inside Out contemporary Philippine Art: observing artists, artworks, scenes and markets', *Thesis Eleven*, 112, October: 63-86.

Gustafson, Darren L. 'Jeepney Spirituality', *Thesis Eleven*, 112, October: 87-98.

Calano, Mark Joseph, 'Archiving Bodies: Kalinga *batek* and the im/possibility of an archive', *Thesis Eleven*, 112, October: 99-112.

Tan, Jean P., 'Missing Mother: migrant mothers, maternal surrogates, and the global economy of care', *Thesis Eleven*, 112, October: 113-132.

Salazar, Joseph T. 'Reconstituting the Philippine' public kitchens', *Thesis Eleven*, 112, October: 133-146.

Yapan, Alvin B. 'Contemporary Independent Film Producing in the Philippines: the case of *Ang Panggagahasa kay Fe (the rapture of Fe)*', *Thesis Eleven*, 112, October: 147-155.

Pamintuan, Jema M., 'Creating the film music in *The Rapture of Fe*: the poetics of tambuleleng's resonances', *Thesis Eleven*, 112, October: 156-162.

HONORARY RESEARCH FELLOWS

Dr Minerva Chaloping-March is a development Anthropologist with over 25 years in social research and development work including industry consulting, environmental management training, and impact assessment. Her key areas of interest include social dimensions of mining and mine closure, governance and local resource management, and corporate - community relations. Dr Chaloping-March was awarded a doctorate in the School of Philosophy, Anthropology and Social Inquiry at The University of Melbourne in 2008. Her topic was: *Managing the social impacts of mine closure: mining and communities in Benguet, Northern Philippines*. She obtained a Master of Philosophy at Department of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge in 1996 with a thesis entitled: *Power relations, regional autonomy and ethnic consciousness in the Cordillera, Northern Luzon, Philippines*. She also has a Master of Arts in Social and Development Studies at the University of the Philippines-Baguio where her thesis was entitled: *Sustainability of Household Well-Being: Goldpanning and Rice Farming in Dalupirip, Itogon, Benguet (Philippines)*.

Dr Augustine Doronila is research fellow from the School of Chemistry, University of Melbourne. He was awarded BalikScientist grant (an expatriate Filipino Scientist travel grant in February and July 2009). He was hosted by the Environmental Science Dept of Ateneo de Manila University and the Institute of Chemistry, University of the Philippines, Dilliman College. He is an expert on restoration ecology, mine site restoration, and biogeochemistry of toxic trace elements with 20 years experience in the field, having worked on different restoration research projects on mine sites from Western Australia and Victoria Australia. Augustine (a LaTrobe University alumnus) shared his expertise as a Restoration Ecologist to the PASC partner Ateneo de Manila Depts of Environmental Science and Sociology and Anthropology. It was also an opportunity for him to engage other academics from the University of the Philippines as well as officials of the different environmental agencies and representatives of the mining industry in order to face a real challenge to haul the Philippine mining industry from a highly destructive and alienating scenario to one where stewardship, responsibility for this temporary land use and just relinquishment are standard operating procedures and a non negotiable mindset.

NETWORKS

RAFIL: ASIAN LITERATURE NETWORK

There was no RAFIL meeting in 2012 but ADMU may see fit to hold one in 2014 as that the Malaysian offer has not come to anything.

The paper I gave at the 2011 RAFIL 3 Conference has recently been published in Malaysia: "The English Language and Global Literary Influences on the Work of Shahnun Ahmad," Malay Literature, Vol. 20, No. 1, 2013, pp. 18-37.

In 2012 I was Keynote Speaker at the Conference entitled "Travelling Texts: Translation and Globalization", held at the Ateneo de Manila University, 30-31 August 2012. (The other keynote speaker was Vicente Rafael.) My topic was "Translation and/as Research"; the paper was published in Kritika Kultura, No. 21/22, Aug. 2013 – Feb. 2014, pp. 164-184.

Earlier in 2012, I also published another article in the same ADMU journal: "'Sita Puts Out the Fire': Some Depictions of The Testing of Sita's Virtue in Indonesian, Malay and Thai Literature," Kritika Kultura, No. 18, Feb. 2012, pp. 25-43.

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STUDENT EXCHANGES

PASC supported the negotiation of a student exchange agreement between La Trobe and Ateneo de Manila universities, which provides for two semesters of fee-waiver exchange both ways each year. In Semester 2, 2011, Lyla Calsina went out on exchange while Gabrielle Villavicencio came in on exchange. PASC continues to urge La Trobe students to take advantage of this facility to study at this prestigious Filipino university, and will be happy to provide advice on request. Financial support is available for students going on exchange.

Philippines Australia Studies network (PASN)

Website: <http://pasn.ateneo.net/>

PASN is chaired by Professor Marlu Vilches, Chair of the School of Humanities.

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Barangay Australia and FASTCO!

Barangay Australia has been a network of Filipino (Pinoy) students as well as alumni and friends across the State of Victoria. It animates the community spirit of *bayanihan* (heroic duties) and *pakikipagkapwa* (fellowship) commonly found in the *barangay* (village) combined with learning and fun. While “Barangay Australia” was only coined in 2005 in conjunction with its first general assembly, it traces its beginnings with scholars from the Philippines who would exchange tips about life in Australia and offer their support.

Today, Barangay Australia aspires to be a cultural bridge between local Filipino students and their international counterparts and a unifying force across the state of Victoria. It operates through volunteer members acting as university-based coordinators and project coordinators at the network level.

And some specially good news from Darwin Manubag:

I would like to inform your good office that the Filipino students in Melbourne representing several universities have formally organized the Filipino Australian Students Council (FASTCO Victoria) under the supervision of the Philippine Consulate in Victoria and the Filipino Community Council in Victoria (FCCVI). FASTCO was organized last year with the presence of Consul Gigi Kalong. FASTCO is also affiliated with the ASEAN-Australia Youth Agenda. We have more than a hundred members coming from the different universities in Melbourne.

One of the projects that we are embarking on is the institutionalization of a Research Forum among Filipino Scholars/students who are undertaking researches here in Melbourne – and we look forward to organising our first event in 2013.

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Community and Family Services International (CFSI)

Website: <http://www.cfsi.ph/profile.htm>

CFSI continues to provide a range of services in response to ongoing conflict in Mindanao and the frequent natural disasters that are commonplace in the Philippines. As a result of the recent floods and the December 2011 typhoon we are currently distributing food aid to 600,000 people in Mindanao. Other aid is provided in the form of emergency supplies as aid to daily living for those in evacuation centres and emergency accommodation.

Unfortunately the aid effort is exacerbated by the ongoing civil conflict between the Government and the MILF (Muslim) insurgents. Efforts to broker a lasting peace repeatedly breakdown as one side or the other seeks a tactical advantage.

On a more positive note and looking ahead, October 2012 marks the 101th Anniversary of Arms for Hugging Project, one of the various initiatives of CFSI for children in conflict-affected areas. Under this initiative and with the support of various donors, CFSI has facilitated the establishment

of an elementary school, the first school building in Inug-Ug, Pagalungan, Maguindanao, a conflict affected community in Mindanao.

In Manila there are several long running projects assisting local barangays notably the project to assist children to return to fulltime education as an alternative to eking out a precarious living on the streets.

The School of Social Work and Social Policy at La Trobe and the Community and Family Services International continue to have a mutually productive working relationship. Now in its 12th year the Memorandum of Agreement has the University sending social work students to Manila for their 14 week professional placement. This year two La Trobe students and two from Monash University will be on placement. All students will enjoy the chance to work face to face with local people on social development type projects.

Cliff Picton the University Ombudsman continues in his role as a Trustee of CFSI and attends Board meetings on a regular basis in Manila.

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APPENDIX

Managing Mining and Development: Measuring positive impacts of the SDMP and mitigating the adverse social and environmental impacts of “illegal” small-scale mining in the Philippines

Theme: Mining for Development
Sub-Theme: Illegal mining

This research investigates: a) the social development management plan (SDMP), mandated by law by the Philippine Government in 2000 and to develop criteria for evaluating the impacts of SDMP capacity-building projects on mining-affected communities; and b) the historical, political, economic, cultural and environmental milieu of small-scale mining (SSM). It will produce a comprehensive overview of the SSM sector and identify key organizational, planning, and other forms of logistical support. The project aims to establish collaborative activities between large-scale corporate mining companies and small-scale mining groups, linking them within the frame of the SDMP.

Research Questions (s):

- What positive changes have the SDMP brought to communities? How can these changes be ‘measured’?
- What success criteria does the Mines and Geosciences Bureau apply to assess SDMP performance?
- At national and local levels, how will policy deal with different categories of ‘illegal mining’, i.e., ‘traditional/customary’, ‘gold-rush’, and new groups – with varying circumstances and historical, socio-political, cultural and economic contexts?
- Apart from what small-scale miners cite as ‘*inapplicability of the law*’ (Republic Act 7066 and Pres Decree 1899), what are other main challenges in establishing *Minahang Bayan* (‘People’s Mine’) and legalizing small-scale mining? Why?

Policy Relevance to Development and AusAID:

The research project is important because it addresses key priority development themes of AusAID such as: a) promoting opportunities for all, b) sustainable economic development, c) improving incomes, employment and enterprise opportunities for poor people, and d) improving governance in the Philippines to deliver services.

The SDMP is a critical support for poor communities to enhance their social and economic well-being. With no study at this stage to demonstrate that the scheme delivers tangible results, the research project – being the first to do so – is vitally important and timely.

Policy-making bodies and local government units are seeking more independent information towards better understand the complexity of interwoven issues surrounding development of communities and mining activities.

The research will generate information to help mining corporations, especially home-grown Filipino companies, raise their standards of corporate ethics of quality and integrity. The SDMP can be developed into a Framework that articulates strategic commitment of individual companies, and the broader Philippine minerals industry, to higher levels of transparency and accountability.

The research will produce information needed to support initiatives towards providing opportunities for all. Many small-scale miners care less about their “illegal” status because they feel there is no remedy to change it. Enhancing their capabilities to use available organizational and legislative tools towards licensing will dissuade them from remaining illegal.

Outputs and Deliverables

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The research project will produce academic papers. There is ample scholarship on small-scale mining. However, there is virtually nil body of knowledge on relations and interactions between large-scale corporate mines and illegal small-scale miners. Also, existing scholarship on ‘illegal’ mining do not include discussions on qualifying the heterogeneity of the trade. The research aims to produce papers for journal publication and conferences to redress this inadequacy.

The project will also produce policy briefs useful for: a) policy-making and implementation, and b) prompting healthy dialogue within and amongst key stakeholders. Both purposes will disseminate the broad and longer-term aims of the research project, i.e., develop and deliver capability-building programs for SDMP implementors and appropriate organizational-logistical support for the varying circumstances of small-scale miners in different regions of the country.

At this stage, the team has identified several venues for presenting relevant papers:

YEAR 1

- 2 seminar papers – to present during a two-day national seminar-workshop on SDMP attended by relevant staff of mining companies, MGB monitoring officers, and technical staff of congress and senate.
- 3 policy briefs based on results of online survey, outputs from SDMP seminar-workshop, and discussions during SSM seminar-workshop.
- 1 paper for presentation during the Annual meeting of Society for Applied Anthropology (held every March-April)
- 1 journal article on participatory GIS and spatial analysis of SSM activities
- 1 conference paper for presentation during the annual “Mining Philippines” held on September 2013 organized by the Chamber of Mines of the Philippines
- 1 conference paper for the Society for Ecological Restoration international conference
- 1 paper for the *Mining in the Pacific* conference (Nov 2013)

YEAR 2

- At least 2 policy briefs on small-scale mining based on case studies
- 1 paper for the Annual Meeting of Society for Applied Anthropology
- 1 paper for a local conference sponsored by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) or Conservation International (CI)
- 1 paper for the annual meeting of environmental scientists sponsored by University of the Philippines (Diliman)

All papers read at conferences and other forums will be appropriately revised for submission into peer reviewed journals

For YEAR 3, specific academic papers, reports and policy briefs to be produced will be discussed within the team as opportunities and appropriate venues will be identified during Years 1 and 2.

Provide a brief description of all other members of the study team

Team Member Name	Organisation	Role in Study Team (including time commitment)
• Dr Minerva Chaloping-March, PhD	• Philippines-Australia Studies Center (PASC), La Trobe University	• Principal Investigator to give 100 percent commitment.
• Dr Augustine Doronila, PhD	• University of Melbourne	• Co-investigator – 0.1 FTE Environmental Scientist, 0.1FTE Main collaborator-project implementors of Aus-AID-funded PASC project, “After Mining” PSLP (Apr 2010-March 2011)
• Dr Trevor Hogan, PhD	• Philippines-Australia Studies Center (PASC), La Trobe University	• Co-investigator Director, PASC, and Sociologist, 0.2FTE Main collaborator and project implementors of Aus-AID-funded PASC project, “After Mining” PSLP (Apr 2010-March 2011)
• Assoc Prof Trevor Budge, PhD	• La Trobe University	• Co-investigator Head, Department of Community Planning and Development, 0.1FTE

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Alan Cajes, MA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development Academy of the Philippines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-Investigator <p>Environmental management, disaster risk reduction, 0.3FTE; collaborator for PASC project, “After Mining” PSLP (Apr 2010-March 2011)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Alejandro N. Ciencia, Jr., PhD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cordillera Studies Center, University of the Philippines-Baguio 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-investigator <p>Political Science; 0.1FTE</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alicia Follosco, MSc GIS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cordillera Studies Center, University of the Philippines Baguio 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-investigator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A main project partner in a previous PASC project, “After Mining” PSLP (Apr 2010-March 2011)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Nicolas Herriman, PhD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • La Trobe University 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-investigator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthropologist, 0.1FTE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bonar Laureto, MSc 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philippine Business for Environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-investigator <p>Sustainability accounting and reporting, 0.3FTE</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Ray Madden, PhD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • La Trobe University 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-investigator <p>Convenor, Aboriginal Studies and Anthropologist, 0.1FTE</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Wendy Mee, PhD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • La Trobe University 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convenor, international Development program and Sociologist, 0.1 FTE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assoc Prof Tess Perez, PhD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Science Department, Ateneo de Manila University 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-investigator <p>Environmental Scientist, 0.1FTE; main collaborator for a previous PASC project, “After Mining” PSLP (Apr 2010-March 2011)</p>

Budget (A\$)

	First Year	Second Year	Third Year	Total
AusAID Funds Requested	291,110.69	285,867.84	298,983.96	875,962.49
Administering organisation contributions (inkind)	85,558.00	90,691.00	96,133.00	272382
Other Funding Sources	15560.53	1403.063	16942.91	33906.503
Amount to be requested from ARC (if submitting an ARC Linkage request)	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Total	392,229.22	377,961.90	412,059.87	1,182,250.99

Cost Sharing & Other Funding Sources

Organisation	Contribution: 1050 character limit, including spaces
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ateneo de Manila University 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equipment for monitoring soil, water and air quality
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cordillera Studies Center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> coordination with government agencies, mining companies and local governments Research facilities: desks and computers, conference room for meetings/discussions, audio-visual room for large seminars Staff for organizing r forums to disseminating research findings to various audiences including policy makers, private business and NGOs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> College of Social Sciences, University of the Philippines Baguio 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> off-loading from teaching duties for relevant staff for the research
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development Academy of the Philippines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> training facilities in Metro Manila and suburbs and Mindanao
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mines and Geosciences Bureau 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data on SDMP, advice on networks and SSM sites

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Philippine Business for Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• library resources on profiles of member mining companies and local governments• worth PhP300,000 (equivalent to \$7,000) of in-kind assistance (computers, printing, stationery, power fees, etc.)
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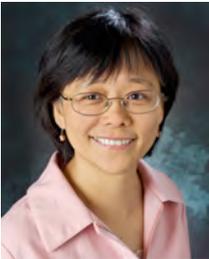
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