Melbourne Filipino International Students at their inaugural Research Forum, 1st June, 2013.

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 10th report covers the 2013 academic year.
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, Maria Cameron, Michalis Michael, Neil Fettling, Peter Beilharz, Vince Alessi, Wendy Mee, Paul Northam, Sian Supski, Maitel Ladrado, Marby Villaceran, Angela Serrano, Nicholas Herriman, Timothy Andrews, Julian Potter, Christine Ellem, Chris Roche.


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 2013 we especially thank the initiative and enterprise of Vincent Alessi, Paul Northam, Neil Fettling, Peter Beilharz, Darwin Manubag, Julian Potter, Augustine Doronila, and Minerva Chaloping-March.

With the restructuring of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in 2013, the Centre is now part of a new research hub established by the Faculty. PASC is grateful for the research support and advice provided by Trish King. In December we moved into the NR-6 Building, sharing an office with the Thesis Eleven Centre for Cultural Sociology and general facilities including a seminar room and kitchen etc. with all of the other research centres associated with the Faculty.

EVENTS

TYPHOON YOLANDA (Haiyan)

PASC notes the horror and devastation of the super Typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan) that struck the Visayas on 7 November with sustained winds of over 230kms an hour and a peak of one minute winds of 315kms an hour, making it the most powerful tropical cyclone ever recorded to hit land. Up to 11 million people have been directly affected, there are at least 6,000 fatalities, 28,600 injured and a further 2,000 missing. The damage to food production is estimated to be at least 414 million US dollars with nearly as much again in infrastructure damage and costs. Tacloban City, Leyte, a city of 220,000 people was largely destroyed.

It amounts to little more than a widow’s mite but we are pleased that PASC members - and indeed the wider La Trobe University community - have responded quickly and generously. We ask that people to continue to donate through the main international aid organisations. Notwithstanding the fact that these are resilient communities that know how to live in such ecosystems, the recovery process after such an extraordinary storm is going to be long and slow.

PASC RESEARCH SEMINARS AT LA TROBE IN 2013:
FORUM PROGRAM

1:00-1:30pm  Opening Prayer
Philippine National Anthem
Australian National Anthem
Opening Remarks  Darwin Manubag
President – Filipino Australian Students
Council Victoria

Welcome Remarks  Trevor Hogan, PhD
Director, Philippines-Australia Studies Center,
Affiliated with the Institute for Human
Security,
Faculty of Humanities and Social
Sciences,
La Trobe University

Message  Jing Sosa
Chairperson, Filipino Community Council
of Victoria, Inc.

Rationale of the Forum  Abigail dela Cruz
Forum Moderator

Session 1: Media, Communications and Information Systems

1:30 – 1:45pm  Blogging Away from Home: Blogs as Discursive Platform of
Empowerment among OFW Bloggers, Earvin Cabalquinto, PhD
in Arts (Film, Media and Communication Studies), Monash
University

1:45 – 2:00pm  The Nation on the Early Evening News,
Estelle Marie "Maitel" Ladrido,
PhD in Media and Communications, Faculty of Humanities and
Social Sciences, La Trobe University

2:00 - 2:15pm  Measuring Service Value in a Business-to-Business Context of
Cloud Computing, Roland Padilla, PhD in Computing and
Information Systems, University of Melbourne

2:15-2:30 pm  Question and Answer
**Session 2: Macroeconomics, Social Innovation and Governance**

2:30 - 2:45pm  
*Disaster Risk Management and Local Governance: The Case of Iligan in Southern Philippines in the Aftermath of Typhoon Sendong, Darwin Manubag, PhD in Arts (Political Science), Monash University*

2:45-3:00pm  
*The Macroeconomic and Food Security Implications of Price Interventions in the Philippine Rice Market, Marc Jim Mariano, PhD in Economics, Monash University*

3:00 -3:15pm  
*Migration, Social Network and Social Innovation: The Case of the Happy Fish/Farm Kids Afterschool Care Program, Roy Ponce, Doctor of Education, Melbourne University*

2:15-3:30 pm  
*Question and Answer*

3:30- 4:00pm  
*Tea Break*

**Session 3: Biotechnology, Food Science and Environment**

4:00 -4:15pm  
*Membrane Fouling by Soluble Algal Organic Matter (sAOM) in Ceramic Microfiltration System, Ma. Catriona Devanadera, PhD in Environmental Engineering, UP Lab Link - RMIT University*

4:15-4:30pm  
*The Potential of Micro Algae as Alternative Source of Biodiesel and Feed Stock, Janhart Polizon, PhD (Botany Phycology/Environmental Science)*

4:30-4:45pm  
*Crop Improvement for the Changing Environment, Eden Jane Tongson, PhD in Land and Environment University of Melbourne*

4:45-5:00pm  
*Question and Answer*
Closing Ceremonies
5:00-5:30pm  Message  

Virginia Kalong, Consul a.h.
Philippine Embassy,
State of Victoria, Australia

Impressions

Distribution of Certificates and Tokens with FASTCO Officers

Acknowledgments of Sponsors and Filipino Academics in Melbourne  JoAnne Loquellano  
Project Chairperson and FASTCO Director
Charles Mott, deputy Director of PASC, called on the Ambassador of the Philippines to Australia, Her Excellency Belen F. Anota, at her Embassy in October. He briefed the Ambassador on the work of PASC and the University’s work in the Philippines and invited her or another representative of the Embassy to visit La Trobe. Several such visits are planned to occur in 2014.
October 3-5

PASC received a formal delegation from Far Eastern University:

MIGUEL M. CARPIO, Vice President for Academic Services, Far Eastern University, Manila
Architect and Environmental Planner

LORELEI D.C. DE VIANA, Dean Institute of Architecture and Fine Arts, Far Eastern University, Manila

MYRNA P. QUINTO, Dean Institute of Arts and Sciences, Far Eastern University, Manila
Mike Carpio talking to Anthony Jarvis, Associate Dean (International), FHUSS, and Charles Mott.

On October 5, PASC also hosted Professor Gerard Lico,

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Preliminary discussions were held with Andrew Butt, Department of Planning, on looking at an exchange and a joint-Masters degree agreement. This will be further explored when the Director and Andrew
are in Manila in February, 2014.

Trevor Hogan, Professor Gerard Lico, and Andrew Butt, Planning.

PROJECTS

ARTS LINKAGE PROJECT

The strength of the Arts Linkage Project between LUMA | La Trobe University Museum of Art and Ateneo Art Gallery was again demonstrated throughout 2013 with a number of key events and visits. After the successful 2011 exhibition Me Here Now, curated by LUMA and presented by Ateneo Art Gallery in Manila, Ateneo reciprocated with an exhibition of contemporary Filipino video art. The exhibition, titled Modes of Impact: Selections from the Ateneo Art Gallery Collection of Video Art, showcased four key works, including the work of Mark Salvatus a previous visitor to La Trobe as a winner of the Ateneo Art Awards. The works all investigated aspects of contemporary Filipino society and the nature of Manila as a major metropolis. As part of the exhibition exchange, LUMA was glad to host Joel de Leon, Assistant Curator from Ateneo Art Gallery, a long-time collaborator and friend. Joel was instrumental in the installation of the exhibition and informing staff and visitors of key conceptual ideas of the works presented.

In support of the above mentioned exhibition, LUMA in conjunction with La Trobe University’s Centre for Creative Arts co-presented the public lecture City Sense: Sensing Manila in the Arts by PhD student Gary Devilles. Gary is a postgraduate student in Humanities and Social Sciences at La Trobe University, working on his dissertation, City Sense: Sensing Manila in Literature, Arts, and Popular Culture. Gary is from the Philippines and has strong links with Ateneo de Manila University.
The VAC | La Trobe University Visual Arts Centre once again awarded a residency and exhibition to one of the winners of the Ateneo Art Awards. In 2013 visiting artist Martha Artienza presented her mesmerising three channel video work *My Navel is Buried in the Sea*, a 31 minute movie focusing on the fishermen and seafarers from Madridejos, in the Filipino province of Cebu. The work presents varying scenes and perspectives simultaneously, balancing alternating rhythms, settings and emotions. It explores the significance and the impact of the relationship between the sea and the people whose livelihood depends upon it. While in Australia Martha continued her research on port cities with visits and filming in Melbourne and Mildura.

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Creative Arts/Sociology

Principal Supervisor: Norie Neumark  
Co-supervisor: Trevor Hogan  

Media Studies/Sociology Program:

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

Sociology and Anthropology Program:

Principal Supervisor (Hogan); Co-Supervisor (Peter Beilharz).  
Principal Supervisor (Hogan); Co-Supervisor (Ramon Spaaij)  
Angela Serrano: ‘Sources of Solidarity in the Contemporary Armed Forces of the Philippines.’ (commenced June, 2010 – June, 2014)
**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 – June, 2014)

**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 2012-2013).

**PUBLICATIONS**

Through our collaboration between *Thesis Eleven* and *Budhi* journals:


**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 if mine closure: mining and communities in Benguet, Northern Philippines*. She obtained in 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 Philippine Department of Science and Technology BalikScientist grant (an expatriate Filipino Scientist travel grant for at least a 1 month stint) in 2009 and again in 2011. He has been hosted by the Environmental Science Dept of Ateneo de Manila University, the Institute of Chemistry, University of the Philippines(UP), Diliman College and the Institute of Biological Sciences, University of the Philippines, Los Banos College. In Nov - Dec 2013 and again in Feb-Mar 2014, he was one of the 1st participants of newly established UP Visiting Professor Program.
He was hosted by the Department of Forest Biological Sciences, College of Forestry and Natural Resources, University of the Philippines Los Baños. Concurrent to that he was also a recipient of a University of Melbourne Vice Chancellor’s Engagement grant awardee 2013-14 on a project entitled: ‘Post mining land remediation for developing countries - a novel and technologically appropriate pilot project in the Philippines’.

He is an expert on restoration ecology, mine site restoration, and biogeochemistry of toxic trace elements with 25 years of experience in different restoration research projects on mine sites from Western Australia and Victoria Australia. Augustine (a La Trobe University alumnus) shared his expertise as a Restoration Ecologist/Eco-chemist to the PASC partner Ateneo de Manila Departments 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.

In 2014, Dr Shio Segi will be joining our Centre.

**NETWORKS**

**RAFIL: ASIAN LITERATURE NETWORK**

No events in 2013.

Prof Harry Aveling, PhD DCA, Adjunct Professor, Asian Studies, La Trobe University, Victoria 3086, AUSTRALIA.

**STUDENT EXCHANGES**

Student exchanges are developing in importance. One La Trobe student, Dale World, spent a semester studying International Development at Ateneo in 2013. From Ateneo two students spent semesters on exchange at La Trobe, Jose Ben Campos (Philosophy) and Paula Isabel Ordone (Marketing and Management). Already there are several applications from La Trobe students to spend semesters at Ateneo in 2014. Such exchanges are a significant feature of relationships between our two universities, and help to promote friendly bilateral links between Australia and the Philippines.

As to students more broadly, La Trobe has 83 students from the Philippines, 60 of whom are in the IRON program (Initial Registration for Overseas Nurses), by which nurses from the Philippines qualify to work in Australia. The Philippines is an
important emerging market for La Trobe's efforts to attract more international students to study at its various campuses. Interest in the Philippines in studying in Australia is increasing and La Trobe is keen to receive more Filipino students.

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. 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/](http://pasn.ateneo.net/)

PASN is chaired by Professor Marlu Vilches, Chair of the School of Humanities.
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The Filipino Australian Students Council of Victoria (FASTCO Victoria)

The Filipino Australian Students Council of Victoria (FASTCO Victoria) is the official student body of all Filipino students residing in Victoria comprising all universities, colleges and training institution. It is recognized by the Philippine Consulate of Victoria, the Filipino Community Council of Victoria, Inc., the Filipino Catholic Chaplaincy of Victoria and the ASEAN Australia Students Council (ASCA). Founded last September 29, 2012, the aims and objectives of the association are:

a. To promote and maintain friendship, unity and cooperation among students of the different campuses by:
   - Helping new students adjust to their new environment by orienting them to the life in Victoria and to the facilities and services available to the respective campuses and helping them find accommodation and other necessities
   - Assisting students having academic difficulties in the university

b. To uphold the rights and welfare of the students in the Victoria and the respective campuses
c. To promote Filipino values, tradition and culture.
d. To act as a collective body in actions involving policies and guidelines on scholarships or any University related matters issued either by the University, the sponsoring agency or any legitimate office or institution in the Philippines.
e. To establish and maintain unity and cooperation with other Filipino organizations in Victoria.
f. To develop and maintain a harmonious and continuing relationship with other student organization, faculty, and staff of the campuses, other wider Filipino groups in Victoria and the ASEAN Student Council Australia.
g. To perform other functions that the body may deem beneficial to the association.

Its membership is open to all students who are currently enrolled in any of the universities, schools and training institutions of Victoria.

To ensure sustainability of the organization, the programs of FASTCO includes support to students particularly new international students/ADS scholars, migration/employment seminar, continuing education, training and research presentations, sports activities, participation to the ASEAN Australia Council events, cultural activities such as fiesta and Christmas, institutionalization of operation “bayanihan”, fund raising activities, community programs for the benefit of the Philippines, etc. FASTCO aims to strengthen the bond and camaraderie among the students (local and international) in Victoria and expand its network of FRIENDS who are willing to help the plight of students in Melbourne.

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Community and Family Services International (CFSI)  
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The School of Social Work and Social Policy continues its effective collaboration with the Manila based NGO Community and family Services International. Three or four students spend three months each year in the head office in Manila working on a range of community projects. The agency is a lead agency for humanitarian work recognised by the UN. It receives substantial project funds from such bodies as the World Bank, and is a partner with Philippine Government agencies in the distribution of aid, particularly in Mindanao. The La Trobe University Ombudsman Cliff Picton is a member of the Board of Trustees of CFSI.

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