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Call for Papers

Philippine Political Science Association

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Legazpi City, Albay

Governance and the Politics of Change

Governance weaves together a web of norms, rules, and institutions that foster social order. The ecosystem of governance is anchored not only on the formal electoral systems for assigning power but also linked with the informal mechanisms that galvanize collective action. In 2016, the Philippines will reach the third decade since formal democracy was restored through people's power that ended authoritarian rule. Nevertheless, democracy remains fragile due to weak institutions and policies that fail to respond to the inequities in the distribution of power and wealth in society.

The quality of governance at the national and sub-national levels, measured through such criteria as transparency, accountability, participation, effectiveness, rule of law, innovation and peace and order, affects development outcomes. As the Philippines prepare to elect a new set of national and local leaders, it would be interesting to scrutinize the governance platforms offered in addressing collective action dilemmas that afflict citizens and communities, including poverty, corruption, crime, conflict and environmental damage. The use of a comparative government lens will help inform how the Philippines fare with other countries in overcoming barriers to social reform.

Considering that many collective action problems transcend political boundaries, it would be interesting to examine the regional and international governance architecture to resolve these issues. For instance, the 2015 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Summit in Manila emphasized the role of good governance as a key lever in building inclusive economies. As globalization continues to drive the flow of capital, goods, people, and information across borders, it is important to study how

these convergent processes interface and reshape the dynamics of national and local governance.

About the PPSA

The Philippine Political Science Association (PPSA) celebrates more than 50 years of path breaking contributions in the systematic study of politics through the professional development of its members and academic advances made in teaching, research, and publications. Through its activities in general and its annual conference in particular, the PPSA has continuously engaged academics, policymakers, civil society leaders, and public intellectuals on topics touching on theoretical and problematic issues in Political Science and allied disciplines.

The official publication of the PPSA is the *Philippine Political Science Journal*. It is an internationally refereed journal and is co-published by Routledge (a division of the Taylor and Francis Group). The journal is included in the Social Sciences Citation Index®.

Conference Topics

This is an open call for individual presentations as well as the creation of panels. The topics can cover (but are not limited to) the following:

- Governing institutions and institutionalizing governance
- Politics of governance: electoral politics vs. authoritarian elections
- Fostering open government and sustainable development
- Transparency and accountability
- Governance in the age of inequality
- Participatory local governance
- Governing migration in a period of global crisis
- The challenges and dilemmas of international governance
- Environmental governance, climate change and disaster management
- Political narratives vs. performance legitimacy as governance tools
- People power as a mode of political change
- Autonomous governance and federalism: prospects and challenges
- Governance and human security
- Changing politics: dynasties, diaspora and middle class politics
- The politics of identity and social inclusion
- The politics of mainstreaming gender
- Methodology panel: researching on the governance and the politics of change
- Pedagogy panel: teaching governance and the politics of change

Those who wish to make a presentation or convene a panel at the conference may send their proposals to PPSA2016Conference@gmail.com.

For individual presentations kindly submit your abstracts (maximum of 500 words) containing the research problem to be addressed and its added value to the existing literature. Panel proposals should also contain a panel description of not more than 500 words, aside from the individual abstracts of the papers included in the panel. Proposals will be peer reviewed.

Deadline for abstract proposals: January 31, 2016. The notification for acceptance of panel and paper proposals will be made on February 22, 2016.

Conference Fees

All participants including paper presenters are required to pay the conference fee of PHP 3,500. An early bird rate of PHP 3,000 is available for all those who will register on or before February 29, 2016.

Further Inquiries

For further inquiries on the arrangements for the conference, please contact Martin Josef E. Vivo at mjevivo1993@gmail.com.