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Fields of interest: institutional change and state-building in fragile states; political economy and the politics of economic policies; governance and corruption; agriculture and trade policy
Languages: Filipino (mother language); English (fluent); Spanish (intermediate); Visayan (fluent)

Education

- 10.2007-present London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)
PhD Candidate, Development Studies Institute (DESTIN)
Research project: “The Politics of Production: Colombian Coffee and Philippine Coconut in the 20th Century”
- 10.2003-11.2004 LSE DESTIN
MSc in Development Management, with Distinction
Dissertation: “Democratisation by Technocratic Design: The Case of Social Funds in the Philippines”
Award: Best Performance Prize in Development Management
- 6.1993-4.1999 University of the Philippines, School of Economics Quezon City, Philippines (UPSE)
MA in Economics
Dissertation: “Patterns of Industrial Location in the Philippines: The Liberalizing Period”
Award: UP Economics Foundation Scholar
- 6.1988-4.1992 UPSE
BSc in Economics
Award: Dean’s Medal

Academic Prizes

- LSE Crisis States Research Centre Scholar, 2007-2010 (London, UK)
- LSE DESTIN Best Performance Prize in MSc in Development Management, 2004 (London, UK)
- British Council Chevening Scholar, 2003-2004 (London, UK)
- Outstanding Monograph Award 2003, National Academy of Science and Technology, Philippines, as co-author of *Managing Urbanization under a Decentralized Governance Framework* (Manila, Philippines)

Teaching experience

- 10.2010-present The School of Oriental and African Studies (London, UK)
Teaching Fellow
- Holds undergrad tutorial classes for the undergraduate course “Theory and Evidence in Contemporary Development”
- 11.2007-3.2007 Miriam College International Studies Department (Quezon City, Philippines)
Lecturer
- Taught the undergrad course “International Economics” and the graduate course “International Economics and Finance”; devised course syllabus, lectured and administered grades
- 6.1998-3.2000 Miriam College International Studies Department (Quezon City, Philippines)
Lecturer
- Taught the courses “Theories of Development” and “International Economics”; devised course syllabus, lectured and administered grades; advised thesis writers.
- 6.1994-3.1995 UP School of Economics (Quezon City, Philippines)
Teaching fellow
- Held tutorial classes for the courses “Introduction to Economics” and “Microeconomics”; composed exams, quizzes and essay requirements, led weekly discussion sessions, graded all written work and determined final grades

Long-term career appointments

- 8.1999-6.2007 Institute for Popular Democracy (Manila, Philippines)
Deputy Executive Director
- As deputy executive director, functioned as over-all research manager; in particular, coordinated and implemented research programmes on local governance, social movements, applied information technology, and political reforms.
 - Headed the Economics Research Department from 2000 to 2003 and led a staff of five research associates in conceptualizing, implementing and monitoring major research, training and development projects on themes related to local governance and fiscal decentralization; poverty analysis and economic development; privatization and deregulation policies.
- 11.1996-7.1999 Management and Organisational Development for Empowerment (Manila, Philippines)
In-House Economist
- Conceptualized, implemented and managed research projects related to food security and international trade, including monitoring the state of the Philippine grains sector

Short-term career appointments

- 10.2007-10.2010 LSE Crisis States Research Centre
Research associate
- Undertook research on the politics of resource mobilization and taxation in the Philippines and Colombia
- 1.2007-6.2008 The World Bank
Consultant
- Headed a research team analyzing the institutional environment for social accountability and local governance in the Philippines and the impact of the Bank's Community Driven Development projects on this environment
- 6.2006-4.2007 Learning Initiative on Citizen Participation and Local Governance in Southeast Asia (LOGOLINK- Southeast Asia)
Consultant
- Part of a regional team evaluating the state of decentralization in Southeast Asia; devised the Philippine report
- 8.2005-10.2005 Risk Asia, Inc.
Consultant
- Evaluated the impact of the Philippine Rural Reconstruction Movement's Sustainable Rural District Development Program (SRDDP) in Nueva Ecija, Philippines.
- 10.2004-10.2005 London School of Economics Crisis States Research Centre
Research assistant
- Collected data, conducted interviews and assisted Dr. James Putzel, director of the research center, in his research project on Philippine democratic transition and the "anti-politics machine".
- 2.2004-4.2004 ActionAid-UK
Consultant
- As a requirement for Development Management coursework in LSE, took part in a consultancy project that aimed to evaluate the effectiveness of UK DFID-finance technical assistance. The project documented and evaluated the empirical trends in UK allocations to technical assistance from 1990-2000, DFID rules governing TA contracts, extent to which the untying of UK aid has led shifts in where contracts were being awarded, and TA contributions to poverty reduction in the developing world.
- 12.1996-9.1998 Dr. Eduardo Gonzalez and the United Nations Population Fund-Settlements Growth Zones and Urbanisation Project
Consultant
- Conducted research on the growth poles strategy and its impact on industrialisation and urbanisation in the Philippines.

Publications/Monographs

“Notes from the Field: Taxation, State-building and Conflict in Colombia”. Manuscript presented in a seminar at Crisis States Research Centre. March 2010.

“Re-examining the case for strategic rice reserves in Southeast Asia”. Briefing Paper written for OXFAM-East Asia and the Pacific. November, 2008.

“Decentralisation and Democratic Deepening in the Philippines” in *Decentralisation Interrupted*, Institute for Popular Democracy and LOGOLINK: Manila, Philippines, 2007.

“Democratisation by Technocratic Design: The Case of Social Funds in the Philippines”, DESTIN Working Paper No. 55, 2007.

“State Intervention in the Rice Sector: The Case of Thailand”, in *State Intervention in the Rice Sector in Selected Countries: Implications for the Philippines*, Rice Watch and Action Network: Quezon City, Philippines, 2004.

“Decentralizing Basic Services in the Philippines: A Review of Institutional Issues”, in *Investing in People: the Philippine 20/20 Initiative*, Development Academy of the Philippines: Manila, Philippines, 2002.

Managing Urbanization under a Decentralized Framework, with Dr. Eduardo Gonzalez, et al., Philippine Institute of Development Studies: Makati, Philippines, 2001

State Intervention and Private Sector Participation in Philippine Rice Marketing, Quezon City, Philippines: Management and Organizational Development for Empowerment (MODE) and the Southeast Asian Council for Food Security and Fair Trade, 2000.

“Food Security Perspectives: Focus on Asia and the Philippines”, with Dr. Angelina Briones, in *“The United Nations and the Global Environment in the 21st Century: From Common Challenges to Shared Responsibilities*, edited by Pamela S. Chasek. United Nations University (UNU) Press: Tokyo, Japan, 1999

References

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