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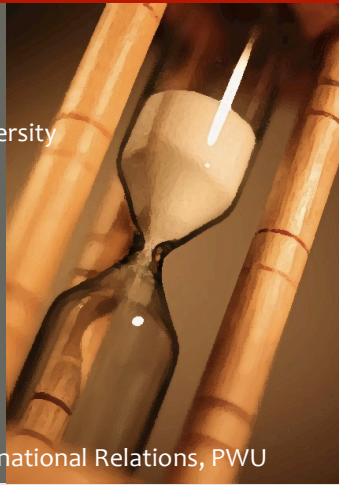
9:45: Opening Remarks:
Dr. Francisco Benitez,
President, Philippine Women's University

10:00: Public Debate**

Dr. Maruja Asis
Ambassador Luis Cruz
Dr. Stefan Rother

11:00: Open Forum

11:30: Closing Remarks:
Ambassador Rosario G. Manalo,
Founding Dean, HZB School of International Relations, PWU



* Registration starts at 9:30; coffee and snacks will be available

**Each speaker will be allotted 20 minutes.

Chair and Convenor:

Dr. Kevin H.R. Villanueva
Senior Research Advisor, HZB School of International Relations and Diplomacy
Director, ARiSE

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2015 is the year of ASEAN. Regional integration based on the three Community Pillars (Economic, Political-Security and Socio-Cultural) officially begins. To mark the event three institutions embark on a collaborative endeavor to create a public space for every individual and group in order to stimulate debate and to enable critical thinking, freedom of expression and respect for diversity of thought on the issues that impact on the creation of a regional identity and the harmonization of national policy on a regional scale.



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RESEARCHING REGIONALISM

The Case of ASEAN:

Harmonizing Migration Policy

Monday 4 May 2015, 9:30-11:45 am
14th Floor, DFA Building
2330 Roxas Blvd., Pasay City 1300 Philippines

A Public Debate by

- Office of United Nations and International Organizations, Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs
- HZB School of International Relations and Diplomacy, Philippine Women's University
- ARiSE – The ASEAN Research Institute for Strategic Studies and Enterprise



EXPERT PANEL:

DR. MARUJA ASIS is Director of Research and Publications at the Scalabrini Migration Center, Manila, Philippines. She is a sociologist who has long been working on international migration and social change in Asia. Her areas of interest and research experience include gender, family and migration; migration and development; and migration governance. She recently completed work on youth, employment and migration in the Philippines; assessment of pre-departure information programs for migrants in Indonesia, the Philippines and Nepal; and the displacement of Filipino workers in Libya and Syria. She is co-editor of the Asian and Pacific Migration Journal. She has authored various publications and has participated in many international conferences.



AMBASSADOR LUIS CRUZ is the Assistant Secretary for ASEAN Affairs at the Department of Foreign Affairs. He has served the country in the People's Republic of China (Beijing and Guangzhou), Malaysia and the Republic of Korea and has assumed various capacities, including Director General for ASEAN Affairs, Principal Assistant to the Undersecretary for Policy and Director for China Division. He was also the Assistant Secretary for ASEAN Affairs from 2006 until 2008, during which he chaired meetings of ASEAN functional committees. He has organized the ASEAN Open Lecture Series in various Philippine schools and universities to promote awareness about ASEAN and its impact on the young generation of Filipino students. He is recipient of the *Lakandula* Achievement Award from the Office of the President and the *Gawad Mabini* Leadership Award from the Department of Foreign Affairs for his outstanding work during the one-year Philippine chairmanship of ASEAN.



DR. STEFAN ROTHER is a Researcher and Lecturer at the Department of Political Science, University of Freiburg, Germany. He specializes in international migration, global governance, social movements, regional integration and non-/post-Western theories of international relations. His current research project is "Democratisation from below? Newly emerging transnational political spaces for migrants' rights activists in Southeast Asia". Dr. Rother was editorial manager of the *International Quarterly for Asian Studies* and Senior Researcher at the Arnold-Bergstraesser-Institute for Socio-cultural Research at the University of Freiburg. Where he was part of the research project, "Democratisation through Migration? Political Attitudes of Philippine Return Migrants". He has recently published articles in *Third World Quarterly*, *Cooperation and Conflict*, *European Journal of East Asian Studies*, *International Migration*, *Migration Studies*, the *German Journal for Political science (ZPol)*.



RESEARCHING ASEAN:

Harmonizing Migration Policy

Migration movements define the quality of human life. Individuals and communities have since time unremembered roamed the earth in search of food and shelter for its own survival. This phenomenon is ubiquitous and necessary in the project of ASEAN integration alongside capital and commercial goods. ASEAN is home to 600 million people, has the third-largest labor force in the world and is projected to rank as the fourth largest economy by 2050. Mobilizing human capital is a veritable challenge:

- How will this be done in the context of diverse and divergent socio-cultural traditions and national demographic trends?
- Does it open up opportunities for progressive change?
- What will be the most decisive roles and who will play them?

Office of United Nations and International Organizations of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA-UNIO)

DFA - UNIO is in charge of the Philippine Government's engagement with the United Nations System, the Red Cross Movement, the International Organization on Migration and other related International Organizations. UNIO exercises supervision over the Philippine Permanent Missions to the UN in New York, Geneva and Vienna. It also coordinates the UN-related work of other Philippine Embassies in Nairobi, Bangkok, Paris et al. UNIO is the DFA's focal office for cross-cutting issues such as Human Rights, Humanitarian Cooperation, and Climate Change. UNIO consists of six divisions: (1) Economic & Development, (2) Environment & Climate Change, (3) Governance, (4) Socio-Cultural, (5) Peace & Security and (6) Humanitarian & Human Rights.

Helena Z. Benitez School of International Relations and Diplomacy (HZB-SIRD)

HZB-SIRD offers education and training to students who wish to pursue a career in the Philippine Foreign Service, and to practitioners who want to enhance their professional and work qualifications. The School innovates and shares knowledge in international relations and diplomacy, practiced in government, the private sector, and by civil society, through its undergraduate and graduate programs. A PWU education is envisioned to develop in its students the values of love and respect for family, community and country, heritage and culture, including respect for ethnicity and diversity, observance of professional ethics and basics of proper behavior and the development of scientific technical competence through research and global citizenship.

The ASEAN Research Institute for Strategic Studies and Enterprise (ARiSE)

ARiSE envisions to be the first leading research institute in the Philippines that will provide strategic policy perspectives on ASEAN regional integration for institutions of higher learning, private enterprises and the various organs and decision-making bodies of the national government and ASEAN. It is a partnership between business and academia, a dynamic and forward-looking community of scholars and analysts committed and engaged in action-oriented research agitating for national development. ARiSE gathers the best of emerging scientific minds in the country around five high-impact knowledge area: international politics, business and seamless environments, education and social enterprise, migration and labour mobility, and ecosystems and bio-capacities.

