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I am delighted to witness the reminiscence of the Departments of Anthropology and Sociology' centenary of being together in one department for three decades in the past. I congratulate both departments and their Chairs, Professors Carlos Tatel, Jr., and Josephine Dionisio, for the initiative to look back. It is further commendable that all these took place at the height of a pandemic.

This initiative challenges both departments – and the rest of the university – to establish meaningful relationships and cooperative engagements. I say this without belittling healthy debates and divergences. However, such a cooperation would mean intellectual and professional humility, a key ingredient to the working politics of a university system.

I further congratulate the Department of Anthropology for the maiden issue of *Anthropozine*, an in-house publication of the University of the Philippines H.Otley Beyer Museum of Anthropology, with a desire to be accessible to the public in its form and language. This encourages non-academic readers to appreciate the role of the social sciences in their lives and in our national history. But I am certain that it will also re-energize the academic community.

I congratulate the professors and students of the Department of Anthropology of the College of Social Sciences and Philosophy, UP Diliman, that have worked to put together this new publication. I can assure you of support for the continuation of the *Anthropozine* both in print and online.

Mabuhay ang Antropolohiya at Sosyolohiya sa Unibersidad ng Pilipinas!

Atty. Angelo M. Jimenez
President, University of the Philippines

MENSAHE

Noong nakaraang taon, ipinagdiwang ng Kolehiyo ng Agham Panlipunan at Pilosopiya ang sentenaryo ng dalawa nilang disiplina. Pinamagatan itong *Divergences and Intersections: 100 Years of the UP Department of Anthropology and Sociology*. Mula roon, nagbunga ang Departamento ng Antropolohiya ng isang bagong panimula, ang kauna-unahang isyu ng *Anthropozine: Opisyal na publikasyon ng UP H. Otley Beyer Museum of Anthropology*. Ikinagagalak ko, at tiyak ng buong komunidad ng Unibersidad ng Pilipinas, ang paglulunsad na ito sa panibagong siglo ng kanilang departamento. Isang mainit na pagbati sa mga patnugot ng magasin-dyornal na ito.



Natatangi ang Antropolohiya sa lawak ng kaniyang sipat at lalim ng kaniyang pag-unawa sa pagdadalumat ng mga kasalukuyan at hinaharap na isyu ng tao at lipunan. Umaasa akong magiging isang daluyan ng kaalaman at masusing diskurso ang *Anthropozine* kung saan maipapamahagi ng ating mga butihing guro at mag-aaral ng Departamento ng Antropolohiya ang kanilang mga pananaliksik sa mas malawak na mambabasa. Kumpiyansa ako na maipamamalas ng publikasyong ito ang kanilang husay tungo sa pagpapaunlad ng kaalaman tungkol sa bayang ating pinaglilingkuran.

Muli, isang mainit na pagbati sa mga bumubuo ng *Anthropozine* at sa Departamento ng Antropolohiya, sa kanilang kauna-unahang isyu, at sa mga susunod pa. Nawa'y maging matagumpay ang inyong paglulunsad at magpatuloy ito sa mga susunod pang henerasyon ng mga antropologo sa panibagong siglo ng inyong departamento.

Dangal at Husay.

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Congratulations to the Department of Anthropology on the publication of this first issue of Anthropozine! This is a welcome addition to the publications of the College of Social Sciences and Philosophy, especially with the first issue coming as it does as an offshoot of the collaboration of two departments during the celebration of their centenary in 2022.

The celebration of the 100 years of Anthropology and Sociology, before branching off into separate units, came at the height of the Covid-19 pandemic which upended our lives and forced us into creative options for our teaching and research dissemination. So with the centennial celebration that had online events: the conversations with the Anthro-Socio elders and a visual exhibit of their shared institutional history. This magazine rekindles the collaboration between these two units as they move forward with their own vision for their disciplines.

Interdisciplinary collaboration should even be wider now, beyond the college and with other colleagues outside the confines of the university. It engages the students as well, beginning with the graduate students forum and workshops whose results will find its way in a future issue of Anthropozine. Let this issue showcase the continued leadership and outreach of Anthropology, with Sociology in this case.

Congratulations!

Maria Bernadette L. Abrera, PhD
Dean, College of Social Sciences and Philosophy

REMARKS FROM THE CONFERENCE COMMEMORATING THE CENTENNIAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (MARCH 22-23, 2022)

March 22, 2023



I want to congratulate and thank the Department of Anthropology, the Department of Sociology, and the College of Social Sciences and Philosophy for organizing this national conference entitled "Divergences and Intersections", to celebrate a hundred years of UP Anthropology and Sociology.

Napakalaking hamon sa ating lahat ang paglulunsad ng ganitong mga kaganapan, lalo na't tayo'y nasa gitna pa rin ng mga pagsubok na dulot ng pandemya at ng mga ligalig ng ating panahon. Ang kumperensoya ay gumugunita sa ika-100 anibersaryo ng minsang pagsasama ng larangan ng Antropolohiya at Sosyolohiya sa ilalim ng iisang departamento. Ngunit bukod sa paggunita sa pagsisimula at kasaysayan ng dalawang disiplina, mahalagang mabatid natin ang kumperensiyang ito ay nagmamapa rin ng kani-kaniyang direksyon na tinahak at pinagyaman ng naturang mga disiplinaryang oryentasyon ng agham-panlipunan.

Malinaw din na layon ng kumperensiyang ito na mabuksan ang posibilidad ng mga intellectual intersections at pagsasalo sa pagitan ng larangan ng Sosyolohiya, Antropolohiya, at maging iba pang mga akademikong disiplina. Binibigyang diin ng kumperensya na hindi natin dapat talikuran ang kahalagahan ng mga transdisciplinary approach upang higit pa nating mapasikhay ang mga isinasagawang pananaliksik at pag-aaral. Kinakailangan kilalanin ang mga disiplinaryang interseksiyong ito upang higit nating mapagyaman ang mga nililalang na produksyon ng mga kaalaman na may layong ipaunawa sa nakararami ang complexity ng ating kultura at kalagayang panlipunan at pambansa.

We further enrich our academic disciplines if we do not confine ourselves to these disciplinary silos. As scholars, it is our task to broaden our perspectives, to look at and learn from other theoretical and methodological approaches whether in the sciences, the humanities, the natural sciences, or mathematics. *Ang merger ng mga disiplina ay pamamaraan din upang basagin ang umiiral na hegemony kaugnay ng mga ampaop na mga ideya, ng mga academic classifications and heirarchy. Sa pagkakaroon ng mga paksa ukol sa diskurso ng pulitikal na partisipasyon, usapin ng kasarian at sekswalidad, indigenous knowledge, religion and migration, ugnayan ng kalusugan, kalikasan at siyensiya, at polisiya at pamamahala, naipamamalas ng kumperensiyang ito na lubos lamang nagkakabisa ang mga pananaliksik at ang larangan ng scholarship kung ito’y nailalapat sa mga usaping kinakaharap ng ating mamamayan, lipunan, kasaysayan, at bansa.*

Ika nga ng sociologist na si Pierre Bourdieu, “the function of sociology, as of every science, is to reveal that which is hidden.” Sa panahong lubos ang panunuot ng neoliberalismo sa muog ng akademiya, sa ating kultura, sa ating pang-araw-araw na mga pag-iral, at sa landas na tinutungo ng bansa, tungkulin natin bilang mga iskolar na siyasin at ilantad ang ugat ng mga tunggaliang kinahaharap ng ating bayan at lipunan. Ito’y sapagkat hindi lamang natin marapat na pag-aralan ang lipunan, kinakailangan din natin maging kalahok sa pagbabago nito.

Muli, nais kong batiin ang lahat ng mga naging bahagi ng kumperensiyang ito –congratulations sa inyong lahat, pagbati sa ika-100 anibersaryo ng Departamento ng Sosyolohiya at Antropolohiya.

Fidel R. Nemenzo

Chancellor, University of the Philippines Diliman (2020-2023)



The centennial occasioned a three-part year-long commemoration (“Divergences and Intersections: 100 Years of the UP Department of Anthropology and Sociology”) co-organized by the Departments of Anthropology and Sociology, and culminating in an online conference in March 2022. For the first event a ‘conversation on the journey of these two academic disciplines’ was held with our ‘elders’. The second event was an online exhibit narrating the story of the combination and the split of the two disciplines in UP. And the third event was the national conference. All these events were held online because of the pandemic, a testament to the power of collaboration between the two separate departments, anchored in the shared institutional history.

Nakakataba ng puso na may mga panayam sa pambansang kumperensiya na mula sa iba’t ibang mga disiplina sa labas ng tinaguriang “anthro-socio”. Batay sa record ng mga organizer, nanggaling din sa ibang mga disiplina at karera ang mga nagsipagdalo at bumisita. Hindi lang talaga ito kuwento ng anthro at socio. Kuwento ito ng akademyang Pilipino.

Kasama ng kapwa ko convenor na si Josephine Dionisio dating tagapangulo ng Departamento ng Sosyolohiya, conference coordinators na sina Noreen Sapalo, Pamela Faylona, Hannah Nario-Lopez, at Bubbles Asor, na may suporta nina Dekana Maria Bernadette L. Abrera at Chancellor Fidel Nemenzo, nagagalak ako sa sama-samang pagbabalik-tanaw at tanaw na pangmalayuan. Ibinahagi at inaalay natin ang munting kuwento ng “UP Anthro-Socio” sa buong komunidad ng anthropologists at sociologists sa Pilipinas. Masaganang ani ng pag-alaala at mabungang resulta ng pagbabahagi at pagkukuwento ng sarili.

Isang mainit na pagbati sa pambihirang selebrasyong ito, mula sa aming institusyon at komunidad tungo sa inyong mga institusyon at komunidad rin.

Padayon!

Carlos P. Tatel, Jr., PhD.

Tagapangulo, Departamento ng Antropolohiya (June 2020-May 2023)



From 1921 up to 1951, anthropology and sociology were housed together under one department while they were still establishing their respective roots in Philippine academia and society. A hundred years later and after developing divergent trajectories under separate departments, anthropologists and sociologists in UP sought to refresh in the collaboration between the two disciplines.

At a panel discussion that was organized in June 2021 by the Department of Sociology to kick off the commemoration, beloved and highly esteemed members from both disciplines, who were intellectual offspring of the joint department, shared their recollection and reflections about the establishment of their respective departments. Panelists included retired Professor Belen

Medina, Professor Emeritus Randolph David, and Professor Mary Racelis. The documentation of this panel discussion is published online as part of the joint recollection of the shared institutional history in UP of the two disciplines. [https://issuu.com/updsociology/docs/divergences_intersections].

From that engaging conversation, our mentors stress the following:

The curricula of anthropology and sociology in UP have changed over time to include diverse theoretical perspectives and state of the art developments in research methods. While the theoretical mooring of both disciplines was inescapably American in the beginning, home-grown scholars sought other ways of understanding that resonate better with the cultural and social phenomena that they encounter in the Philippines, i.e. critical theory, post-colonial theory, feminist theory, qualitative methods, etc. The search eventually resulted to curricular changes and in new research specializations for faculty and students through the years. Studying these changes in greater detail within the framework of both critical history and reflexivity may yield more specific lessons for curricular revisions and academic program development.

Even if their research practice at that time led them to divergent analytical lenses and separate field sites, cross-fertilization in terms of research techniques and analytical methods continued. This has bred a generation of anthropologists and sociologists who appreciate the value of collaborative interdisciplinary / transdisciplinary studies. Thus, interdisciplinary courses, such as Social Anthropology, where the strengths of each discipline in crafting and implementing research may be further enhanced should be pursued.

Decolonizing anthropology and sociology in the Philippines is a persistent challenge as both disciplines continue to seek relevant applications in public policy of their research results. One way of addressing this challenge is by revisiting or constructing theories that are more consciously decolonial and aimed towards cognitive justice. Examining the works by Jose Rizal and Apolinario Mabini in anthropology and sociology classes and finding their relevance to social scientific investigation as well as in resolving public issues is a step in this direction. The intention is to inspire similar conversations that could yield useful insights for the broader field of social sciences and philosophy, not only in Diliman or in UP, but also in the entire nation towards the development of a decolonial and more relevant social science and philosophy in the Philippines.

The idea of holding this year-long joint commemoration of the centennial of the Department of Anthropology and Sociology came from the Dean of the College of Social Sciences and Philosophy, Prof. Maria Bernadette Abrera. In our capacity as Chair of our respective departments, Prof. Carlos Tatel and I led the conceptualization process and implementation of all planned activities. The success of this joint commemoration is due to the tireless efforts and effective coordination of the younger faculty, students, and staff of both departments. With their mastery of social media and new technology, we were able to hold successful activities despite the pandemic.

Josephine C. Dionisio, PhD.

Chair, Department of Sociology (October 2018- October 2021)



The national conference, with the theme “Divergences and Intersections...” celebrated the centennial of the merging of the UP Departments of Sociology and Anthropology under one department in 1921, and also aimed “to revitalize and renew the intellectual cooperation and collaboration between Anthropology and Sociology, as well as forge ties with other disciplines.”

In the two days of the conference, the research presentations on various themes, such as anthropological and sociological theories and methods, citizenship and political participation, gender and sexuality, and synoptic analyses of the development of the two Departments, precisely laid the ground for the realization of such aims. Indeed it would be most interesting and exciting to see inter-disciplinary collaborations that could spring from this initial effort.

But I think this national conference is significant in another sense. I am reminded of Antonio Gramsci’s concept of “molecular spaces and efforts or struggles”. The socialist Gramsci used the concept to refer to the use and maximization of all spaces, even the tiniest ones, to build alternative institutions and processes that will help bring about a new, enlightened, progressive conception of the world – an alternative “*forma mentis*” (as some analysts call it), that will support and nurture an emancipatory vision anchored on more egalitarian and democratic arrangements in society.

This conference and the continuing efforts of our social scientists, colleagues, and graduate and undergraduate students to conduct and share their research amid our profound political, economic, and of course, health-related difficulties and struggles, embody precisely this maximization and carving out of meaningful molecular spaces for reflection.

The presentations we heard in the last few days of the conference shed new analytical light on old problems such as demolitions and food insecurity in poor communities. They have challenged us to think of the nation and local communities in ways that incorporate the significance of gender, or that integrate perspectives from ordinary citizens. They explored the promise of emerging perspectives like anarchism and relational approaches in the social sciences. They also sought to understand the making of solidaristic ties via initiatives like community pantries.

These efforts, and the others that I hope will continue to be generated in even the tiniest spaces of our times, are critical ingredients for shaping a better future, politically, economically, and socially. By allowing us to reflect critically on our societies from an introspective and comparative light, using the longstanding and emergent tools and perspectives of the social sciences to shed light on new and old problems, issues and concerns, we may be able to reshape our societies in ways that are more egalitarian, democratic, and yes, emancipatory.

Maraming salamat muli sa UP Department of Sociology, sa UP Department of Anthropology, sa Office of the UP Diliman Chancellor, sa College of Social Sciences and Philosophy, at sa lahat ng guro, kawani, at estudyante na nagtulong-tulong para maisakatuparan ito, at sa mga nagbigay ng mga presentasyon at mga nakinig mula sa iba-ibang lugar. Maraming salamat po.

Teresa R. Melgar, PhD.
Chair, Department of Sociology

Divergences and Intersections

Commemorating 100 Years: The UP Department of Anthropology and Sociology, 1921-1951

As part of the centennial of their merging under one department in 1921-1951 – the UP Departments of Anthropology and Sociology organized a national online conference on 23-24 March 2022 via Zoom and Facebook.

The coming together of the two disciplines, which lasted 30 years, was decisive in shaping their respective philosophies and public character. It was also during their tenure as one department that the pioneers of Philippine Anthropology and Sociology began to establish themselves. Thus, the now individual departments found common cause in recognizing their shared history, especially during the present time when they have seemingly diverged in terms of interests and future directions.

In its aim to revitalize and renew intellectual cooperation and collaboration between anthropo-logy and sociology, as well as forge ties with other disciplines, the centennial national conference featured a total of eight panel sessions and 27 research papers over two days. It was attended by at least 800 educators, students, and researchers from different schools, universities, and institutions in the Philippines.

The conference commenced with Dr. Belen T.G. Medina, Dr. Mary Racelis, and Dr. Nestor T. Castro as keynote speakers. Panels focused on anthropological and sociological theories and methods, citizenship and participation, gender and sexuality, and indigenous / Filipino anthropology

and sociology, current anthropological and sociological research and studies on themes such as religion and migration, health, environment, and sciences, and policy and governance. Research by students, both graduate and under-graduate, was also featured.

In acknowledgment of the pivotal role of professional organizations in the development of disciplines, officers of Ugnayang Pang-Aghamtao (UGAT/Anthropological Association of the Philippines) and the Philippine Sociological Society (PSS) presented their respective organizational histories together with their reflections about potential areas for collaboration and the promising future of anthropology and sociology in the Philippines.

A session in special tribute to deceased Sociology Professor Fe Arcinas was held in which UP Vice President for Academic Affairs and Sociology faculty Dr. Cynthia Rose Banzon-Bautista recalled Professor Arcinas' legacy, especially during UP's era of institution-building.

The final Keynote was given by former UP Diliman Chancellor, and Anthropology Professor Emeritus Dr. Michael L. Tan.

Dr. Carlos P. Tatel Jr and Dr. Josephine Dionisio, Chairpersons of the anthropology and sociology departments respectively, were the conveners of the year-long commemoration project.

❖ *Noreen Sapalo*

