

Editor's Notes

This issue of *Social Science Diliman* features articles that dwell on language, culture, history, and politics in contemporary Philippine society. Gopez and Demeterio analyze the pastoral letters issued by Catholic and Protestant organizations during the presidential term of Rodrigo Duterte (2016-2022). They argue that while the official statements of both the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) and United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP) can be generally typologized as "libertarian" and "progressive," those of UCCP's possessed more of these qualities than that of CBCP's. Jarin examines the linguistic landscape in the academic setting of the University of the Philippines Visayas (Miag-ao). He observes that Hiligaynon, Filipino, and English thrive in the university context with Filipino serving as the *lingua franca* for interpersonal communication among staff, faculty, and students. However, he also notes that the hard implementation of a language policy that favors one or two languages may negatively impact the widely practiced code-switching and linguistic accommodations in the community. Meanwhile, Resurreccion and Demeterio examine selected family-managed businesses in Batangas. They reveal an organized system of "cultural capital" transfer between generations that likely contributed to these family businesses' success. Finally, Santiago and Bolata trace the etymology of different toponyms (place names) in Marinduque. Their article shows the utility of toponyms as source material for understanding the cultural and natural histories of localities. Overall, these articles exemplify the different social science methods to understand various Philippine social phenomena. These methods include discourse analysis of published texts (Gopez and Demeterio), survey and key informant interview (Jarin, Resurreccion and Demeterio), and archival research (Santiago and Bolata). This issue also includes two critical reviews: (1) Ramon Guillermo's review of *Plural Entanglements: Philippine Studies* (2023) and (2) Tamara Ann Tinner's review of *Civilizational Imperatives: Americans, Moros, and the Colonial World* (2020).

We hope that the articles in this issue will be stimulating to students and researchers in the Philippine social sciences.

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