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Housing has been a critical challenge among the poor in the Philippines. Given that decent housing and even housing alternatives are limited, many of the country's poor are forced to resort to informal settling and occupying indecent and often risky spaces, such as bridges, riverbanks, and streets **(Ballesteros and Ramos 2017)**.

This problem, however, is not only shared by the poorest of

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the poor. Even low-income families find it hard to secure their place in the formal housing market **(Ballesteros et. al 2015)**. For most of them, food and water simply weigh more than their roof.

Shelter deprivation is most prominent in Metro Manila, whose population has steadily ballooned to 13 million in recent years. In 2014 alone, the Philippine Statistics Authority noted that more than a fifth (23%) of families in Metro Manila lived in rented houses. Many of these units often lack basic services and are congested **(Ballesteros and Ramos 2017)**.

The government has implemented key housing programs to address these issues. One of these programs is the National Housing Authority (NHA) Resettlement Program, which involves the acquisition and development of land areas into serviced home lots or core housing units. While it includes in-city projects, which the poor usually prefer given their long-term benefits, **Ballesteros and Enaga (2013)** found that these projects are only found in the regions and provinces outside Metro Manila. Meanwhile, NHA did not develop an in-city resettlement site for families displaced by the North and South Rail project.

Another program is the National Shelter Program (NSP), which aimed to increase the housing stock for the country's poor. Despite this program, however, the housing figures barely improved. In terms of housing targets, the NSP only met a third of the total housing need and barely covered the housing backlog **(Ballesteros 2009)**. Overall, it only delivered 26 percent of its target.

The government must, therefore, look for alternative forms of low-cost

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL FOR PAPERS
MINDANAO PEACE STUDIES
CONFERENCE IV: Poverty Politics
and Peace
 8:00 AM| November 20-21, 2018
 Father Saturnino Urios University,
 Butuan City

CALL FOR PAPERS
 FOR
MINDANAO PEACE STUDIES CONFERENCE IV
THEME: Poverty, Politics and Peace

More than two years since President Duterte's coming to power, various sectors of Philippine society have shifted their focus to the functions, duties, and limitations of government. Academic institutions are traditionally bound to take neutral and objective stances in politics. What remains, nevertheless, are the responsibilities and privilege of academics to warn, enter discussions, and synthesize solutions for society's ills. This year's peace conference asks: Where does Peace lie in the storm of politics?

The fourth Mindanao Peace Studies Conference (MSPC) operates with the theme: Poverty, Politics, and Peace. Within the scope of Mindanao issues under martial law and as the Duterte administration proceeds with its massive counter-terrorism, Father Saturnino Urios University (FSUU) takes the opportunity to be open a space for dialogue and discussion among minorities, scholars, academics, scientists, government workers and non-government organizations, as well as other interested individuals, on the current state of Philippine politics. FSUU is welcoming paper presenters who wish to talk about power dynamics and its intersections with other disciplines, at both national and local levels.

Since indigenous peoples from Bukidnon, Misamis, Agusan, and Surigao have historically attended and participated in the MSPC, paper presenters are encouraged to discuss the following topics in their papers: resource-based conflicts, the struggle for women's rights, LGBTIQ+ representation, Mindanao's territorial, ethnic conflicts and their resolutions, the local and local reform, responsible land governance, and other related subjects. Of particular interest and due to recent developments in Mindanao and in other parts of the country, the organizers are seeking paper presenters on Internal Displaced Peoples (IDPs). The organizers find a discussion on the latest in report to be aligned with the politics of aid, insurance management, and empowerment. Papers on countering the radicalization of the young, a subject in many ways related to IDPs, will also be welcome contributions.

Recognizing the inclusive and non-homogeneous nature of academic inquiry, the MSPC will still accept papers which tackle cultural and developmental issues (themes from previous editions) in line with the objective of peacebuilding.

Interested presenters are requested to send abstracts (250-300 words) to mppsc@fsuu.edu.ph on or before September 20, 2018. Applications will be notified of their acceptance after their submission.

Accepted proposals will be delivered in the breakout sessions on the 20th and the 21st of November 2018 at the FSUU CBE Function Hall. First-time paper presenters will be accommodated in the Junior Scholar's Forum on the first day of the conference. Speakers are allotted 20 minutes (except 25-30 minutes each on an open forum follow). A limited budget is available to cover the transportation and accommodation costs of the paper presenters. Priority will be given to early proposals.

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- An Empirical Analysis of SME and Large Business Linkages: Evidence from the Philippines
- Leveraging Competition Policy for SME Development and Shared Prosperity
- Assessment of the Meetings, Incentives, Conventions and Exhibitions (MICE) Industry in the Philippines
- Fear of Crime and Saving Behavior
- Reassessing Fear of Crime: The Role of Broad Insecurities
- IT-BPO in the Philippines: A Driver of Shared Prosperity?
- The State of Shared Prosperity in the Philippines

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housing and innovative financing schemes that would provide Filipinos with secure safe and decent housing. It should also develop a reliable and sustainable database system for identifying beneficiaries of government housing programs, develop a standard system for updating the Comprehensive Land Use Plans, strengthen enforcement of property rights, rationalize housing subsidy, and increase public expenditure on housing (**Ballesteros 2009**).

The Socioeconomic Research Portal for the Philippines (SERP-P) has a collection of studies on housing, including those by **Ballesteros et. al. (2017)** on the assessment of the Community Mortgage Program implementation strategy, **Ballesteros (2009)** on revisiting housing policies for the poor, and **Ballesteros (2011)** on the fiscal costs of subsidies for socialized housing programs.

SERP-P Resources on Housing

- An Assessment of the Community Mortgage Program Implementation Strategy
- Unintended Consequences: The Folly of Uncritical Thinking
- Is the Community Mortgage Program Propoor?
- An Assessment of the Community Mortgage Programs of the Social Housing Finance Corporation
- Strengthening Mortgage-Backed Securitization in

the Philippines: The Role of the National Housing Mortgage Finance Corporation (NHMFC)

- Best Practices in Mortgage-backed Securitization for the Underserved Housing Market: Lessons for the Philippine Housing Finance
- Feasibility of Mortgage-Backed Securitization for the Underserved Housing Market in the Philippines
- Community-based Approaches Toward Upgrading of Informal Settlements: Alternative Strategies and Recommendations for Policymaking
- Efficiency and Effectiveness Review of the National Housing Authority Resettlement Program
- Analysis of the President's Budget for 2012
- Fiscal Costs of Subsidies for Socialized Housing Programs: an Update
- Housing Policy for the Poor: Revisiting UDHA and CISFA
- Toward a Strategic Urban Development and Housing Policy for the Philippines
- Options of public income support for the unemployed in the Philippines and social protection
- Rental Housing: Opening Doors for Low-income Households
- Housing Consumption in the Philippines

For more related studies, simply type "Housing" in the search box of the SERP-P website.



PIDS leads policy research month celebration focusing on FIRE. This September, we are once again celebrating the Development Policy Research Month (DPRM), a nationwide celebration, pursuant to Malacañang Proclamation No. 247, to promote awareness of the importance of policy research in the formulation of evidence-based policies, programs, and projects. Through this year's theme, "Harnessing the Fourth Industrial Revolution (FIRE): Creating Our Future Today" or in Filipino, "*Isulong Ang Fourth Industrial Revolution Tungo sa Katuparan ng Ating Kinabukasan Ngayon*", PIDS hopes to rouse the interest of policymakers and influence them to prioritize the FIRE in the national agenda. For more information about the DPRM, visit <https://dprm.pids.gov.ph/>

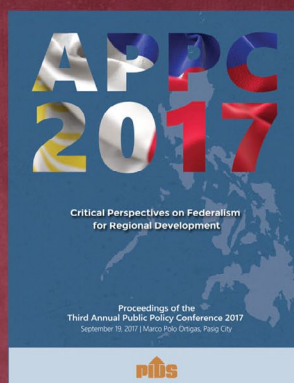
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- Critical Perspectives on Federalism for Regional Development (Proceedings of the Third Annual Public Policy Conference 2017)
- Effect of Supply Chain Integration on the Business Performance and Competitiveness of the Philippine Small and Medium Enterprises
- Duration of Export Relationships of Philippine MSMEs
- Measuring and Examining Innovation in Philippine Business and Industry
- Preparing the Philippines for the Fourth Industrial Revolution: A Scoping Study
- Agricultural Policy and Institutional Reforms in Thailand: Experiences, Impacts, and Lessons
- Agricultural Policy and Institutional Reforms in Singapore: Unique Food Challenges and Opportunities
- Agricultural Policy and Institutional Reforms in Myanmar: Experiences, Impacts, and Lessons
- Smallholder Commodity Systems in High-Value Crops: The Case of Calamansi and Jackfruit in the Philippines
- Proceedings of the Regional Workshop Food Reserves Management and Policies in Southeast Asia
- Policy Roundtable: Rice Policies Across Southeast Asia
- Proceedings of the Regional Forum: Farms, Food, and Futures: Toward Inclusive and Sustainable Agricultural and Rural Development in Southeast Asia
- Policy Roundtable Proceedings: Improving Agricultural Insurance for Climate Change Resilience in Southeast Asia
- 3rd IDRC-SEARCA Fellowship Plus Conference-Workshop - Report
- Digitalization and Food Security Amidst the Changing Landscape of Asian Agriculture
- Building Networks for Sustainable Community-based Forest Management: Lessons from the Assessment of Selected CBFM Projects in the Philippines
- Vulnerability to Poverty in the Philippines: An Examination of Trends from 2003 to 201

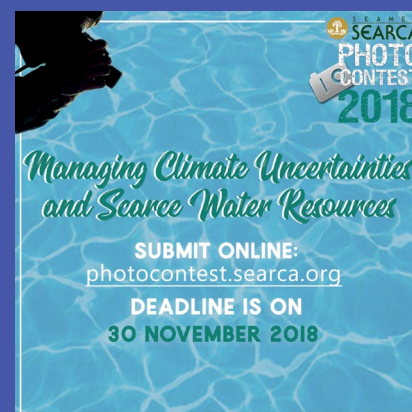
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Critical Perspectives on Federalism for Regional Development

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