MIGRATION, ELECTIONS, AND MUSLIMS: A SYMPOSIUM ON MINDANAO

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Panel Discussion and Forum

“Migrants of Mindanao: Perils, Debacle and Recovery,”
Dr. Faina Abaya-Ulindang, Mindanao State University-Marawi campus

“Electoral Issues from the Perspective of Public School Teachers during the 2004 and 2007 Elections in Lanao,”
Dr. Samuel E. Anonas, Mindanao State University-Marawi City

“Religious Discrimination in the Southern Philippines: Implications to the Peace Process,”
Dr. Jamail Kamlian, Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology

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MIGRANTS OF MINDANAO: PERILS, DEBACLES AND RECOVERY
Faina Abaya-Ulindang, PhD

This paper explores into the lives of second generation Mindanaoan settlers, particularly those whose parents were supported by government resettlement projects during the Commonwealth and Magsaysay administrations in the Cotabato provinces and Kapatagan, Lanao del Sur. Sporadic interviews also from the migrants themselves as well as written both primary and secondary sources are the main bases for this study. It covers three periods in Mindanao’s history to highlight the transformation of this hitherto hinterland into a vibrant region today.

Dr. Ulindang holds a PhD (History) from the University of the Philippines. She is currently the Coordinator for Research and Extension, College of Social Sciences and Humanities, Mindanao State University in Marawi City campus. Dr. Ulindang teaches history in both undergraduate and graduate levels, as well as Philippine Studies in the same university.

ELECTORAL ISSUES FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS DURING THE 2004 AND 2007 ELECTIONS IN LANAO
Samuel E. Anonas, PhD

Prior to the automation of Philippine elections in 2010, most, if not all, of the elections held were allegedly rigged to favor a candidate or a group of candidates. Allegations of electoral violations moved to high gear in the 2004 presidential election especially in Muslim Mindanao with the “Hello Garci” scandal, which almost cost Gloria Macapagal Arroyo her presidency. The same allegations of electoral rigging occurred in the 2007 mid-term elections for senators, congressmen and local elective officials, particularly in Lanao del Sur, which is dubbed as the “cheating capital” in the Philippines. This study looks into some ground realities in Mindanao, particularly in the two Lanao provinces and their capital cities.

Dr. Anonas finished his PhD in Philippine Studies, Bachelor of Laws, and Master in Public Administration at Mindanao State University – Main Campus and his Master of Arts in Political Science at the University of the Philippines – Diliman. He served as Chairman of Political Science in 1993-1995 and Special Assistant to the Office of the President of the Mindanao State University System in 2011-2012. At present, he is the Dean of the College of Social Sciences and Humanities, MSU Main Campus, Marawi City, Philippines.

RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION IN THE SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES: IMPLICATIONS TO THE MINDANAO PEACE PROCESS
Jamail A. Kamlian, PhD

This presentation explores into the nature, characteristic and probable causes of religious discrimination, particularly against Muslims. Author argues that this social malady is particularly driven by differences in customs, belief and history between Muslims and Christians. This presentation will also attempt to suggest some policy recommendations in order to minimize, if not eradicate, the said social problem.

Dr. Kamlian finished his PhD in Philippine Studies at the University of the Philippines – Diliman. He now teaches as Full Professor at Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology. He authored the book, Bangsamoro: Society and Culture, 1999. He served as MSU-IIT Vice-Chancellor for Research and Extension in 2000-2003. At present, he is the Chief of Staff at the Office of the Chancellor and the Institute Secretary.