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## What's next for Bangsamoro? Opportunities and Challenges after the election in Mindanao, The Philippines

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In January of this year, the Philippine Commission on Elections declared the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL) ratified, with more than 88% of votes in favor for establishing greater autonomy for the Muslim-majority region in the southern island of Mindanao. Now begins the difficult task of formally establishing the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region. As political bodies prepare for the transition and seek new opportunities of representation and peace, they will have to navigate through challenges new and old.



**Patricio “Jojo” Abinales** grew up on the northwestern side of the Philippine island of Mindanao. In 2011 he joined the faculty of the Asian Studies Program at UH-Manoa. Before he joined the UH Asian Studies Program faculty, Jojo was a visiting scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington DC, where he did research on the political economy of US economic assistance in Muslim Mindanao. His current research is on the puzzle of American popularity among Muslim Filipinos; violence and the fraternity system at Philippine institutions of higher learning; and the politics of rodent infestation in the Philippines and Southeast Asia.



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