Peace Warriors:  
The Transformation of the Armed Forces of the Philippines in Muslim Mindanao 

By 
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ABOUT THE LECTURE: 
The talk explores how the Philippine military has undergone a major orientation shift when it comes to fighting the separatist insurgency in the Muslim zones of the southern Philippine island of Mindanao. Criselda Yabes was allowed to embed herself with different units of the Philippine armed forces for long duration and the result of her exposure is the publication of her latest book Peace Warriors: On the Trail with Filipino Soldiers (Anvil, 2010). The book is the only one of its kind that looks at the Philippine military from within. Yabes will discuss what accounted for this shift in orientation and its implications on the future of the war in Mindanao.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER: 
Criselda Yabes was born in Zamboanga City, and graduated from the University of the Philippines-Diliman. She worked as a journalist in the 1980s, covering politics and military coups. She is author of The Boys from the Barracks (1991), an account of the emergence of the Reform the AFP Movement that tried to topple the Marcos dictatorship in 1986. She co-wrote with Marites Danguilan-Vitug Jalan-Jalan (1998), an account of their travels around maritime Southeast Asia. Her latest novel, Sarena’s Story: The Loss of a Kingdom won the University of the Philippines Literary Prize for Creative Non-Fiction. She is regarded as one of the country’s top women writers.

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