

Disasters in History: The Philippines in Comparative Perspective

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

24 October 2014 (Friday)

7:30 – 8:00 AM **Registration**

8:00 – 8:15 AM **Opening Ceremony**

8:15 – 8:45 AM **Keynote:** Greg Bankoff
Professor of Modern History
University of Hull

8:45 – 9:15 AM **Keynote:** Gemma Teresa T. Narisma
Associate Professor of Physics
School of Science and Engineering
Ateneo de Manila University

9:15 – 9:45 AM **Discussion:** Emma Porio
Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology
School of Social Sciences
Ateneo de Manila University

9:45 – 10:00 AM **Morning Refreshments**

10:00 – 12:30 PM **Panel 1: Observatories, Historical Data, and Information Flows**

Kerby Alvarez Meteorological Science and Modern Societies: The *Observatorio de Manila*
and the Hongkong Observatory ca. 19th Century

Ryosuke Kajita Earthquakes in Indonesia, 1500-1940: Using Historical Materials in the
Reconstruction of Old Data

Isabelle Parmentier	Asian Natural Disasters in 17th and 18th-century French and Belgian Newspapers: Knowledge and Information Flow
Reinabelle Reyes and Vernon Totanes	News Reporting on Volcano Eruptions in the Philippines from 1904–1919
12:30 – 1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 – 3:30 PM	Panel 2A: Natural Hazards and Social Inequalities
James Warren	Typhoons and Philippine Society and History
Hansley A Juliano and Jerik Cruz	A Feast for Crows?: Probing Disaster-Related Land Grabs in the Philippines
Jake Cadag and JC Galliard	Ethnic Groups' Accumulated Vulnerabilities: A Framework on Analysing the Spatiotemporal Dimensions of the Vulnerabilities of Ethnic Groups
	Panel 2B: Literary, Linguistic, and Theological Perspectives
Ruchie Mark Pototanon	Panahon – a Proto-Philippine Reconstruction of Weather Conditions and Possibilities for Disaster Prehistory
Rain Garcia Chua	Dismantling Disasters, Death, and Survival in Philippine Ecopoetry
Edilberto Jimenez	Reinterpreting Natural Disasters: From Natural Evil to Continuing Creation and Redemption through the Mysterious Story of Taal
3:30 – 3:45 PM	Afternoon Refreshments
3:45 – 6:15 PM	Panel 3: Community Responses to Disasters
Francis Geologo	Late Nineteenth Earthquakes in Spanish Colonial Manila: A Social History
Ma Luisa De Leon-Bolinao	Sliding Earth, Raging Waters: History, Response, and Recovery During the 1976 Moro Gulf and 2004 Sumatra-Andaman Twin Disasters
Soledad Natalia Dalisay	The Ravaging Storm: Responding to Typhoons in Two Towns in Tiwi, Albay, the Philippines
Ma Florina Orillos-Juan	A History of Rodent and Locust Outbreaks in Central Luzon after the 1990–1991 Geological Disasters
6:30 – 9:00 PM	Conference Dinner

25 October 2014 (Saturday)

8:00 – 10:00 AM Panel 4: Disasters, Social Memories, and Cultural Heritage

Boumsong Kim Memories and Knowledge of Disasters in Japan: A Historical Sketch

Benigno Balgos Social Memory of Disasters and Its Implications in Risk Reduction Policies:
Comparative Perspective of the Philippines and Indonesia

Reynaldo Lita Historic Preservation and the Future of Earthquake-Damaged Heritage Sites
in Bohol and Cebu

10:00 – 10:15 AM Morning Refreshments

10:15 – 11:45 AM Panel 5 (First Part): Metro Manila and Disasters

Michael Pante Postwar Urbanization and Flooding in the Peri-Urban Fringes of Metro
Manila

Kristian Saguin The Urban Production of Laguna Lake Flood

11:45 – 12:45 PM Lunch

12:45 – 2:15 PM Panel 5 (Second Part): Metro Manila and Disasters

Zenta Nishio How Does Disaster Uproot Livelihood of Squatter Communities? A Case
Study of an Evacuation Center in Metro Manila, Philippines

John Lee Candelaria Trash Slides and Transformation: Smokey Mountain and Payatas Years after
the Disaster

2:15 – 4:45 PM Panel 6: The Science of Weather Patterns and Natural Hazards

Masumi Zaiki,
Ikumi Akasaka,
and Togo Tsukahara Meteorological Observations in the Philippines and Other Southeast/East
Asian Countries since the 19th Century: History, Data Rescue, and Climate
Change

Larry Ger Aragon
and Racquel Francisco Analyzing Extreme Rainfall Events over Metropolitan Manila Area

Hisayuki Kubota Typhoon Landfall in the Philippines During the Past 110 Years Based on the
Recovery of Historical Typhoon Data

Glen Depra,
Emmanuel Sambale,
and Lourdes Simpol Assessment of Vulnerability to Extreme Flash Floods of Areas within the
Matina Watershed

4:45 – 5:15 PM

Concluding Discussion led by Keynote Speakers

5:15 – 5:30 PM

Closing Ceremony

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