



Strengthening Urban Engagement in Universities in Africa and Asia: International Forum hosted by the Philippines Normal University in Manila

Tuesday 28 August 2018, Public and Alumni Affairs Hall, Philippine Normal University, Taft Avenue, Manila

The Strengthening Urban Engagement of Universities in Asia and Africa (SUEUAA) project is funded by the British Academy under the Cities and Infrastructure programme of its Global Challenges Research Fund. The project, led by the University of Glasgow, includes six international partners from Iran, Iraq, the Philippines, South Africa and is a collaborative study between University of Glasgow (Scotland), and Universities in Iran (University of Kurdistan), Iraq (University of Duhok), the Philippines (Philippine Normal University), Zimbabwe (University of Harare), Tanzania (University of Dar-es-Salaam), and South Africa (University of Johannesburg).

The project addresses a core problem in emerging economies of strengthening the urban engagement role of universities, and ways they contribute to developing sustainable cities in the context of the major social, cultural, environmental and economic challenges facing the global south. It uses a set of well-proven benchmarking tools as its principal method, and seeks to strengthen the capacity of universities to contribute to city resilience towards natural and human-made disasters. Examples of urban engagement include supporting the development of physical infrastructure, ecological sustainability, and social inclusion (including of migrants). It calls upon contributions from science and engineering, the arts, environmental sciences, social sciences and business studies. It assesses the extent to which universities in 6 countries under study can respond to demands of society, and how through dialogue with city stakeholders this can be enhanced and impact on policy; it uses a collaborative team from the UK and emerging economies.

This event presents cases of engagement from our six countries and will be of interest to academics, policy-makers and officials in cities and students from around the world. It will include a keynote from Dr Mario Delos Reyes (University of the Philippines), plenary sessions from Local Government officials and academics on the subject of interventions at the city level, and a presentation by Professor Roberta Piazza (University of Catania, Italy) on the topic of forced migration. This event also features a showcase of work currently being undertaken by the SUEUAA team, and provides opportunity and space for discussion.

All are welcome and there is no charge for the event. Details of the programme and how to register follow.



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Programme

0800 - 0900: **Registration**

0900 - 0930: **Welcome Remarks**

Dr. Ma. Antoinette C. Montealegre
OIC, Office of the President, Philippine Normal University

Prof. Michael Osborne
*Director of [PASCAL Observatory](#)
Director of [Centre for Research and Development in Adult and Lifelong Learning](#), University of Glasgow, Scotland*

09.30 - 1015: **Keynote Address**

Dr Mario Delos Reyes
*Dean, School of Urban and Regional Planning,
University of the Philippines*

1015 -1045: **Break**

1045 - 1200: **Plenary Session** *"Initiatives and interventions on community issues"*

Local Government Officials: Atty. Ericson Alcovendaz
City administrator, Manila

Ms. Benita C. Tanyag
Officer-in-Charge
Department of Social Welfare and
Development, Manila

Dr. Jenilyn Rose B. Corpuz
Superintendent, Division of City Schools, Manila

Academe: Engr. Felipe Ronald M. Argamosa
*Vice President for Research and Extension
and*
Dr. Mila V. Espinosa
*Director, University Extension Services
Technological University of the Philippines*

Dr. Serafin Arviola
*Director, Community Partnership and Extension
Office
Philippine Normal University*



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1200 -1230 **Open Forum and group discussion**

1230 -13.30 **Lunch**

1330 - 1415 **Plenary Speakers**

Ma. Crisanta N. Flores

Director, Padayon Public Service Office

Tony Meloto,

Chairman and founder of Gawad Kalinga, a Philippine-based movement that aims to end poverty for 5 million families, by first restoring the dignity of the poor.

1415 -1515 **Panel discussion**

“University responses to city issues: international perspectives”

SUEUAA colleagues discuss how Universities in their cities are responding to issues.

1515 -1530 **Break**

1530 -1630 **Panel discussion**

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1630 – 1700 **Final Keynote**

Professor Roberta Piazza, President of the Community Engagement Research Centre, University of Catania. The case of Forced Migration from Syria and other Middle Eastern States to Italy

1645 -1730 **Open Forum and group discussion**



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Instructions for delegates

Registration

Please register for the event using this weblink. All are welcome. **There is no fee.**

<https://goo.gl/forms/n7zPEUvQdLeiLOYe2>

The International Forum will take place at Public and Alumni Affairs Hall, Philippine Normal University, Taft Avenue, Manila

There is a map below.



Travel information

For those local to Manila, the venue is accessible by private and public transport

For those travelling to Manila for the event:

- There are many domestic and international flights to Ninoy Aquino International Airport in Manila, and we recommend onward travel by taxi to the venue. The journey takes approximately 1 hour.





Accommodation Options

Delegates wishing to stay over in Manila, we can suggest the following hotels:

Option one: H2O Hotel

Luneta, Ermita, 1000 Manila, Philippine

Website: <https://www.hotelh2o.com/>

sales@hotelh2o.com

Option two: Rizal Park Hotel

South Road Drive T.M. Kalaw Exension, Ermita, Ermita, 1000 Manila,

Philippine <http://www.rizalparkhotel.com.ph/>

reservations@rizalparkhotel.com.ph

Option three: Luneta Hotel

414 T.M. Kalaw Avenue, Ermita, Ermita, 1000 Manila, Philippine

<http://www.thelunetahotelmanila.com/>

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