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This initiative maps the trade, investment, employment, business, diplomacy, security, education, tourism, and people-to-people connections between the United States and the Indo-Pacific at the national, state, and local levels. This website, publication, and one-page summaries for states and congressional districts are resources for understanding the robust and dynamic US-Indo-Pacific relationship.



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EWCW Publications on US-Philippine Relations

On two occasions, the East-West Center in Washington (EWCW) has partnered with scholars at Ateneo University to produce policy briefs on US-Philippine relations, which were published in the Center's *Asia Pacific Bulletin*. The first collection, released in December 2020, explored Filipino perspectives on foreign policy under Duterte and the nation's balancing act between the United States, China, other regional powers, and domestic forces. The most recent collection was a joint effort between EWCW and the US Embassy in the Philippines and was published in June 2022. This collection assessed the depth and breadth of US-Philippine relations, elucidating a wide range of commercial, diplomatic, security, and people-to-people ties between the United States and the Philippines.

Geopolitics of the Philippines and the US-Philippine Alliance



The New Normal of President Duterte's Independent Foreign Policy

By Julio Amador and Deryk Baladajay, Senior Research Fellow and Research Assistant, at the Ateneo School of Government in the Philippines

"Diplomacy" with China Made the Philippines a COVID-19 Hotspot in Southeast Asia

By Sheena A. Valenzuela, Research Associate at the Ateneo School of Government in the Philippines

China's Belt and Road Initiative in the Philippines

By Jonina O. Fernando, Master's student in Public Management at the Ateneo School of Government in the Philippines

A Search for Independence in President Duterte's Foreign Policy

By Denise Layla P. Miram, Master's student in Public Management at the Ateneo School of Government in the Philippines

Philippine Diplomacy and Foreign Policy: "Quo Vadis?"

By Reiner Subijano, Master's student in Public Management at the Ateneo School of Government in the Philippines

Philippine Perspectives on the 75th Anniversary of US-Philippines Bilateral Relations



75 Years Of Philippines-US Relations: From Strategic Partnership to Multifaceted Relationship

By Dr. Maria Elissa J. Lao & Severo Madrona Jr., PhD, faculty at Ateneo de Manila University

Challenges and Gains in Military Relations Between the Philippines and the United States

By Leslie V. Advincula-Lopez, PhD, Development Studies Program and Institute of Philippine Culture Ateneo de Manila University

US-Philippine Defense Cooperation for Maritime Security

By Jennifer Oreta, PhD, Coordinator of Ateneo Initiative for Southeast Asian Studies, and Assistant Professor of the Department of Political Science, Ateneo de Manila University Philippines

Philippine-United States Trade Relations: Looking Back and a Way Forward

By Marissa Maricosa A. Paderon, PhD, Associate Professor of the Department of Economics at the Ateneo de Manila University and current Commissioner at the Philippine Tariff Commission

A Proverbial Shot in the Arm: US Investment Is Key to Boost Philippine Economic Recovery and Resilience

By Ser Percival K. Peña-Reyes, PhD, Director of the Ateneo Center for Economic Research and Development

Running Out of Gas in the Philippines: A Boon or Bane?

By Majah-Leah V. Ravago, PhD, Associate Professor at the Department of Economics, Ateneo de Manila University, former Program Director of a USAID energy policy grant, and East-West Center Graduate Fellowship alumnae

The Complex History of US-Philippine Health Partnership

By Diana J. Mendoza, PhD, Assistant professor of political science at the Ateneo de Manila University and director of the Ateneo Initiative for Southeast Asian Studies

The Philippines-US Development Partnership

By Leslie V. Advincula-Lopez, PhD, Development Studies Program and Institute of Philippine Culture Ateneo de Manila University

Consolidation, Contestation and Convergence: Revisiting American Influence on the Development of Philippine Social Sciences

By Enrique Nino Leviste, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Ateneo de Manila University

Examining Philippine-US Cooperation Amid the Covid-19 Pandemic: Setting a Broader Agenda for Educating Filipino Children and Youth

By Ma. Glenda Lopez Wui, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Ateneo de Manila University



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US-Philippines Alliance Fellows

The US-Philippines Alliance Fellowship—funded by the US Embassy in Manila—provides rising Filipino scholars and experts the opportunity to conduct analyses along the following themes: national security, international relations, and international trade and investment in the Indo-Pacific. During a 2–3-month residency in Washington,

Mr. Renato Acosta

Title and Affiliation: Reporter, BusinessMirror
Topic: *Abrogating the Visiting Forces Agreement: Its Effects on Philippines' Security and Stability in Southeast Asia*



Mr. Francisco Ashley Acedillo

Title and Affiliation: Chief of Staff & Cybersecurity Adviser Senate of the Philippines
Topic: *Securing a Digital Nation: Insights and Lessons from the United States for Its Ally, the Philippines*



Dr. Jay Tristan Tarruela

Title and Affiliation: Commander, Philippine Coast Guard
Topic: *Transparency, Maritime Security, and the Philippine Coast Guard in the South China Sea*



DC, participants advance their research by engaging with the US policy community via East-West Center connections and resources. In addition to a monthly stipend and round-trip economy airfare to Washington, DC, fellows receive access to office space, a computer, and other relevant office resources.

Ms. Rhisan Morales

Title and Affiliation: Director, Ateneo Center for Politics and International Affairs, International Studies Department, Community Center, Ateneo de Davao University
Topic: *New War in the South China Sea: Framing China's Unrestricted Warfare and the Role of the US Indo-Pacific Strategy*



Dr. Majah Leah V. Ravago

Title and Affiliation: Associate Professor, Ateneo de Manila University
Topic: *Energy Transition from a Developing Country Perspective: The Case of the Philippines*



US-ROK-Japan Trilateral Global Leadership Youth Summit



The US-ROK-Japan Trilateral Global Leadership Youth Summit is a leadership initiative implemented by

the EWC, with funding and support from US Embassy Seoul and Tokyo, as well as the Ministry of Education, Republic of Korea. The program is for emerging leaders from the United States, the Republic of Korea, and Japan, with additional representatives from Southeast Asia (including the Philippines) and the Pacific Islands. The 3-day summit in Busan from July 11 to 13, 2024, will address issues such as climate change, economic innovation, and national security concerns through simulations of Camp David and a competitive pitch competition.

Program Participant



Sarah Jane Fabito
Executive Director of Women in Tech - Batangas chapter in the Philippines

R.I.C.E.



R.I.C.E. Recipient

Greg Brown
Senior Analyst, Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI)

Awarded \$48,812 to convene a workshop in the Philippines on the US-Australia alliance and Southeast Asia and produce a series of Asia-Pacific Bulletins.



The East-West Center (EWC) welcomes scholars, policy experts, non-government organization / civil society organization (NGO/CSO) members, researchers, or journalists from the Indo-Pacific region, including the United States, to undertake research or other projects on topics related to the domestic/international governance, environmental issues, political economy issues around trade, technology and integration, and geopolitics in the Indo-Pacific.

Young Professionals Program

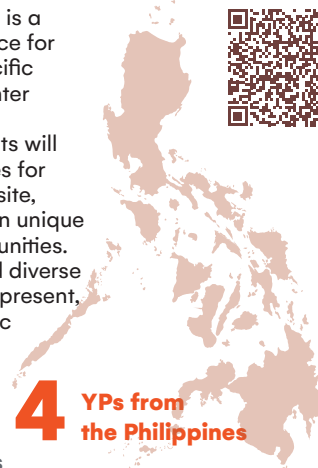
The Young Professionals Program is a leadership development experience for emerging leaders in US-Indo-Pacific affairs, held at the East-West Center in Washington's DC office. Young Professionals Program participants will have opportunities to write articles for the Asia Matters for America website, conduct research, and take part in unique professional development opportunities. Participants will join a unique and diverse network of participants past and present, with an interest in US-Indo-Pacific relations.



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Participants

23
Nationalities
Represented

4 YPs from
the Philippines



The East-West Center promotes better relations and understanding among the people and nations of the United States, Asia, and the Pacific through cooperative study research and dialogue. Established by the US Congress in 1960, the Center serves as a resource for information and analysis on critical issues of common

concern, bringing people together to exchange views, build expertise, and develop policy options. The East-West Center in Washington, a program of the East-West Center, advances US-Indo-Pacific relations by creating innovative content, publications, exchanges, and outreach activities.