The 6th Community Development Society of the Philippines Asia-Pacific Conference

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CALL FOR PAPERS

Theme

"Strengthening People's Organizing for Community Development"

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BACKGROUND

Globally, recent political events have been marked by the twin advances of modern populism and authoritarianism. Benjamin Moffitt, a fellow at Sweden's Uppsala University, identified three core elements of modern populism, namely: (1) frames either leftist or rightist politics as a battle between the will of ordinary people and corrupt or self-serving elites; (2) deliberate use of "bad manners" to shock the establishment and prove the politician's credentials as one of "the people"; and (3) the use or manufacture of a crisis to justify the call to revolt. Modern authoritarianism, on the other hand, simply means the absence of democracy. Erica Frantz of the Michigan State University sheds two important features of modern authoritarianism, namely: (1) eating out of democracy from within which means dismantling the institutions designed to check authority and protect human rights (e.g. the judiciary and the media); and (2) use of personalist rule characterized by installation of loyalists in key positions of power, use of popular sentiment as a way of justifying decisions, and maintaining security forces loyal to the leader. Modern day authoritarians in various countries in the world today started out as modern day populists who were democratically elected. These leaders argue that since they are the living embodiment of the masses duly elected by the people, people should put their complete trust in them and continue to grant them extraordinary powers so they can successfully solve

the people's problems. But studies and life lessons in history have shown that this kind of subservience to a populist authority has led to the marginalization of many people because the policies such leaders enact are often anti-poor, discriminatory, repressive, and violent. In spite of this, many people are committed to reclaiming power and are collectively organizing to: (1) expose and challenge dominant and oppressive structures in society, (2) hold government and big business accountable in the context of human rights, and (3) shape their own empowerment and development.

CONFERENCE GOAL AND SUB-THEMES

This year's conference generally seeks to serve as a venue for concerned individuals, groups, and organizations to reaffirm the value of grassroots organizing and leadership in addressing local, national, and global issues and concerns. Specifically, it aims to showcase how community organizing is applied in the following conference subthemes:

- Participatory and Indigenous Governance
- Emerging Forms of Social Movements
- Organizing for Environmental and Climate Justice
- Organizing for Gender Justice
- Peoples' Science and Technology
- Emancipatory Arts and Culture
- Community-based Responses for Safety and Security

The organizers encourage authors to submit work- in-progress papers and use the conference as a venue to reflect on ideas and engage on future directions of community development practice, education, research, and advocacy.

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

At the end of the conference, the participants will be able to:

- Learn practical and innovative strategies in community development practice, education, research and advocacy
- Share ideas and experiences of community organizing towards community development
- Synthesize knowledge on the identified sub-themes
- Establish networks among community development practitioners and academics

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

1. Abstracts should not be longer than 300 words. The paper's argument must be clearly articulated and situated in community development literature. The text should be written in plain English and, as much as possible, must be free from jargon.
2. Authors must indicate the sub-theme area in which their proposals may fall.

3. Submissions should include the author's name, institutional affiliation, and contact information (email address, mobile/telephone number, and mailing address).
4. Abstracts should be sent to *cdspconference2020@gmail.com* not later than 28 February 2020.
5. For inquiries, please contact CDSP Conference Secretariat thru email address: *cdspconference2020@gmail.com.*

REGISTRATION FEES

For Philippine-based delegates:

The registration fee for working professionals is P3,500 inclusive of meals, snacks, and conference kit. An additional payment of Php 1,000 is required if you wish to avail of the two-year CDSP membership.

Undergraduate students may avail of a reduced rate of P2,000 which also includes meals, snacks, and conference kit. An additional payment of Php 600 is required if they wish to avail of the two-year CDSP membership.

For Foreigners from Non-OECD countries

The registration fee is P5,000 (approx. 100 USD) inclusive of meals, snacks, and conference kit. Undergraduate students may avail of a reduced rate of P3,000 (approx. 55 USD) which also includes meals, snacks, and conference kit.

For Foreigners from OECD countries

The registration fee is P8,000 (approx. 160 USD) inclusive of meals, snacks, and conference kit. Undergraduate students may avail of a reduced rate of P4,000 (approx. 75 USD) which also includes meals, snacks, and conference kit.

*Early bird registrants will get a Php 500 discount (exclusive of membership fee).

PAYMENT METHOD
You may deposit your payment using the following bank information:

Bank: Chinabank
Account Name: Community Development Society of the Philippines, Inc.
Checking Account Number: 126-161301-5

Check payments must be in the name of Community Development Society of the Philippines, Inc. We shall provide Official Receipts upon presentation of deposit slip which can be emailed to comdevsocietyphilippines@gmail.com.

ACCOMMODATION
Accommodation is not included in the registration fee. Participants should make their own arrangements. The organizers will provide a list of suggested accommodation in the coming

weeks.

KEY DATES

Deadline	Date
Abstract Submission	February 28, 2020
Announcement of accepted papers	April 15, 2020
Payment Deadline for Early Bird Registration and Accepted paper presenters (this is needed to be included in the Book of Abstracts)	June 30, 2020
Payment Deadline for Regular Registration	August 31, 2020
Final Paper Submission (for those interested to have a chance to be published in the Community Development Journal Review)	August 31, 2020