

ISPP Eastern Hemisphere Virtual Seminar Series – MAY 2021
May 28 (Friday), 2-4pm (Manila/Hong Kong Time)

Moderator: *Marshaley Baquiano* (University of the Philippines, Visayas)

Title: **Fearless, Powerful, Filipino: Identity Positioning in the Hashtag Activism of #BabaeAko (I am a Woman)**

Speaker: *Aniceta Patricia T. Alingasa* (University of the Philippines, Visayas)

Title: **A Walk Under the Rainbow Umbrella: LGBT Psychology in the Philippines**

Speaker: *Beatriz Torre* (University of the Philippines, Diliman)

Discussant: *Mira Alexis Ofreneo* (Ateneo de Manila University)

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Zoom Meeting Details:

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Title: *Fearless, powerful, Filipino: Identity positioning in the hashtag activism of #BabaeAko*

Abstract: This study investigated the discursive production and contestation of identities in the Philippine hashtag campaign, #BabaeAko (“I am a woman”). Using Slocum-Bradley’s Positioning Diamond (2009) it explored the relational process of identity negotiation between the women of the campaign and the President along with his supporters. Explicit utterance of the identity category “woman” with attributes of fearlessness and power, and sustaining such positioning across social episodes, allowed #BabaeAko advocates to resist oppressive attributions grounded on structural inequalities. In addition, the twofold storylines of calling out misogyny and calling for solidarity established the discursive activism of the campaign as both “talking back” and “calling for” likeminded individuals. Findings are further discussed in relation to hashtag feminism and political action along with the implications of identity claiming to feminist online mobilization.

About the speaker: Aniceta Patricia T. Alingasa is Assistant Professor at the Division of Social Sciences, University of the Philippines Visayas. She is also a fellow of the Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship fund. She has a Master of Arts degree in Social Psychology and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology. Her research interests include critical theory, digital activism, and computer mediated communication.

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Title: *A Walk Under the Rainbow Umbrella: LGBT Psychology in the Philippines*

Abstract: This talk discusses developments towards an LGBT psychology in the Philippines that seeks to promote the well-being and rights of LGBT Filipinos. This is framed within a series of critical events leading to: (1) an official policy by the Psychological Association of the Philippines (PAP) against anti-LGBT discrimination in 2011, the first in south-east Asia; (2) the institutionalisation in 2014 of the PAP’s LGBT Psychology Special Interest Group; and (3) a second official statement by the PAP on the psychological science of SOGIE. The talk will also cover organising efforts focused in four areas: research, education, advocacy, and practice, as well as our work with LGBT advocates and activists outside the profession of psychology. Reflections on these initial successes and lessons learned as well as next steps for the development of an LGBT-inclusive psychology in south-east Asia will also be discussed.

About the speaker: Beatriz A. Torre or Bea (she/her) is an assistant professor at the UP Diliman Department of Psychology and currently serves as the chairperson of the Psychological Association of the Philippines LGBT Psychology Special Interest Group (PAP LGBT Psychology SIG). She also teaches group fitness classes as a side hustle. She completed her BS and MA in Psychology at UP Diliman. Her master’s thesis on experiences of everyday sexism among Filipino women of diverse sexual orientations was recognized by the British Psychological Society – Psychology of Sexualities with a Post-Graduate Award and by the Psychological Association of the Philippines with an Outstanding Graduate Thesis Award. Her research interests include everyday forms of stigma and prejudice, friendships across sexual orientation, and exercise participation and motivation.