Since its inception at the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, the global war on drugs has remained a contentious issue. International evidence has illustrated that there was no clear link between a punitive approach or decriminalization and the increase or decrease of drug users. Despite this, some countries continue to adopt an enforcement-centric approach on the war on drugs.

At the same time, the Philippines welcomed the new administration under Pres. Rodrigo Duterte this year. The country also faced the administration’s enforcement-centered approach of campaigning against the use of illegal drugs. Oplan TokHang which means knock and plea, was launched by the Philippine National Police. As a response to the campaign, there has been an overwhelming number of surrenders. However, the number of drug-related deaths and killings during police operations or by some alleged vigilantes is alarmingly increasing as well. On the other hand, the people’s growing anxiety on this phenomenon has to be addressed. In the public safety module of a quarterly survey conducted by the Social Weather Stations, the presence of drug addicts in the neighborhood increased from 40% in 2008 to 60% in 2016.

This policy forum brings together international and local experts policymakers, and various stakeholders in the anti-illegal drugs campaign in Southeast Asia and beyond. It offers a unique opportunity to present different views and learning experiences of other countries. It aims to give a broader explanation of the country’s war against drugs and provide a possible alternative approach to the country’s situation.
PROGRAM

8.30 AM - 9.00 AM  Registration

9.00 AM - 9.10 AM  Welcome Remarks
ANTONETTE PALMA-ANGELES  
Vice President for the Ateneo Professional Schools

9.10 AM - 9.30 AM  Keynote Message
RISA HONTIVEROS  
Senator of the Philippines, 17th Congress

9.30 AM - 10:50 AM  Session 1
Anti-Drug Campaigns: Lessons from International Experience

GLORIA LAI  
Senior Policy Officer  
International Drug Policy Consortium  
*via video conference

RICKY GUNAWAN  
Director  
Community Legal Aid Institute in Jakarta

10.50 AM - 11.30 AM  Open Forum

Moderator:  
MARIO ANTONIO LOPEZ  
Asian Institute of Management

11.30 AM - 1.00 PM  Lunch

1.00 PM - 2.00 PM  Session 2
Multi-disciplinary Perspective on Anti-Drug Policy Reform

RAY PAOLO SANTIAGO  
Executive Director  
Ateneo Human Rights Center

MA. VILMA DIEZ  
Director III  
Dangerous Drugs Abuse Prevention and Treatment Program, Department of Health

ELMER SORIANO  
Managing Director  
Civika Asian Development
EMMA PORIO
Professor of Sociology, Ateneo de Manila University
Science Research Fellow, Manila Observatory

LUCIANO FELLONI
Vicar Forane
Our Lady of Lourdes Vicariate

2.00 PM - 2.15 PM Open Forum
Moderator:
MA. LUZ QUERUBIN
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
Ateneo School of Medicine and Public Health

2.15 PM - 3.00 PM Session 3
The Anti-Illlegal Drugs Campaign of the Duterte Administration

RENE PAMUSPUSAN
Chief
Law Enforcement Division of the Directorate for Operations, Philippine National Police

BENJAMIN REYES
Chairman
Dangerous Drugs Board

HILARIO DAVIDE III
Governor
Province of Cebu

3.00 PM - 3.30 PM Open Forum
Moderator:
QUINTIN PASTRANA
Bloomberg TV Philippines

Master of Ceremonies
MARIO ANTONIO LOPEZ
Professor, Asian Institute of Management
SPEAKERS

ANTONETTE PALMA-ANGELES

Antonette Palma-Angeles is Professor of Philosophy at the Ateneo de Manila University where is currently Vice President for the Professional Schools. She is one of the convenors of the Ateneo Leadership Institute and lay co-chair of the Jesuit Higher Education Leadership Program. She was Ateneo’s Academic Vice President from 1998 to 2009. She has been a visiting professor at Japan’s Kyushu University and Kyoto University. She has years of experience as leadership and ethics consultant. She is currently co-chair of the Ethics Committee of The Medical City and chair of its Ethics Transplant Committee. She is a trustee of the Ateneo de Naga and Board member of the US-based Colleagues in Jesuit Business Education (CJBE). Her current research interest is defining Filipino leadership. She received her PhD from the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven in Belgium.

RISA HONTIVEROS

Senator Risa Hontiveros was recently elected in the 17th Congress as Senator, placing 9th with almost 16 million votes. As Akbayan Partylist’s representative during the 13th and 14th Congress, then-Congresswoman Risa advocated a number of people-centered legislation, including the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program Extension with Reforms Law (CARPER) and the Cheaper Medicines Law. She also led civil society groups and advocates for the passage of the Reproductive Health Law, a landmark legislation that gives women and families access to reproductive health and modern family planning services. In 2014, she served as one of the members of the Board of Directors of the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation, Inc. or PhilHealth, where she pushed for expanded benefits and coverage especially for indigents and senior citizens.

GLORIA LAI

Gloria Lai most recently completed a double Masters programme in Public Policy that was split between the Central European University in Budapest and the Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University in The Hague. Prior to that, she worked as a senior policy advisor in the Illicit Drugs Section, Australian Government Attorney-General’s Department and the Law Enforcement Strategy Division, Australian Customs and Border Protection Service. She also holds undergraduate degrees in Law and Asian Studies (Chinese). Gloria leads on IDPC’s Asia regional programme, and is based in Bangkok, Thailand. She previously worked as a senior policy advisor on law enforcement and drugs, and as a lawyer, for the Australian Government.
RICKY GUNAWAN

Ricky Gunawan is an Indonesian human rights lawyer and the Director of the Community Legal Aid Institute (LBH Masyarakat), based in Jakarta. He earned his law degree from the University of Indonesia. He holds MA in Theory and Practice of Human Rights from the University of Essex, UK, with full scholarship from the Open Society Foundations. At LBH Masyarakat, he leads a group of dedicated lawyers in providing free legal services for the poor and marginalized groups, including people who use drugs, people living with HIV, sex workers, and LGBT. Ricky specializes his work on access to justice, law reform, fair trial, torture, death penalty, right to health, human rights and HIV, as well as human rights and drugs policy.

ARPEE SANTIAGO

Arpee Santiago is the Executive Director of the Ateneo Human Rights Center and the Secretary-General of the Working Group for an ASEAN Human Rights Mechanism, a recognized entity in the ASEAN Charter. He is active in litigation involving cases affecting vulnerable groups, particularly women, children, urban poor, and peasants. Arpee was a recipient of the Freedom Flame Award of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation (2014) and the inaugural ASEAN Peoples Award (2015). He has been a member of the Ateneo Law Faculty since 2003. He is also a Lecturer at the Institute of Law of the Far Eastern University. Arpee obtained his Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration from the University of the Philippines in 1996 and his Juris Doctor from the Ateneo de Manila University in 2001, where he also received the Roberto Gana Service Award.

MA. VILMA DIEZ

Ma. Vilma Diez is the current Director of the Office of Special Concerns – Dangerous Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Program (DDAPTP). She was transferred last Aug. from the Health Facilities & Services Regulatory Bureau of the DOH as its Deputy Director. Prior to this, she was the Assistant Regional Director at the National Capital and MiMaRoPa Regional Offices. Her richest experience was at the Local Government Unit, from being a resident doctor in 1986, she was promoted as Chief of a Municipal Hospital, then, was designated Provincial Epidemiologist before becoming the Chief of Cavite Provincial Hospital & at the same time, the Provincial Health Officer II of Cavite province for almost 14 years. She joined the DOH in 2014.
Dr. Elmer Soriano is the Managing Director of Civika Asian Development Academy. He has over 15 years of experience in public health and development management. He was actively involved in a governance innovations program in the Philippines. He has written a number of papers on health governance and has published works under the ILO, GTZ, WHO, and World Bank. Dr. Soriano holds an MPA from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Masters in Development Management from the Asian Institute of Management, and a doctor of medicine degree from the Philippines.

Dr. Emma Porio completed her doctorate in Sociology at the University of Hawaii (UH, Honolulu) on an East-West Center Fellowship grant. While at the University of Hawaii, she taught sociology and gender studies courses at the Department of Sociology and Women’s Studies Program. Upon her return to the Philippines in 1989, she taught at the Department of Sociology and Anthropology while doing research at the Institute of Philippine Culture where she initiated two programs: Urban Poor Studies and Coastal Resource Management. She was chairperson of the department from 1999-2001. Under her leadership, the department was chosen by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) as a Center of Excellence for Sociology. Her publications include Urban Governance and Poverty Alleviation in Southeast Asia (1997), Partnership with the Poor (1991), Pathways to Decentralization (1992) and Children in Drugs in the Philippines (2005). Currently, she is also a Science Research Fellow of the Manila Observatory.

Fr. Luciano Felloni is the Vicar Forane of the Our Lady of Lourdes Vicariate. He is also the Priest Coordinator of the Diocesan Ministry for the Pastoral Care of Children and Vulnerable Adults and the Priest-In-Charge of the Formation of Theologians of the Diocese. Prior to that, he was the Parish Priest of Mother of Divine Province Parish, Payatas, Quezon City in 2006, the Holy Trinity Parish, Commonwealth, Quezon City in 2013, and Vicar Forane of the Good Shepherd Vicariate in 2013. Fr. Felloni attended the Pontifical Catholic University of Buenos Aires Av. Alicia Moreau de Justo in Buenos Aires, Argentina from 1990-1992 and the Faculty of Sacred Theology, Loyola School of Theology, Ateneo De Manila University from 1993 to 2000.
BENJAMIN REYES

Secretary Benjamin Reyes is currently the Chairman of Dangerous Drugs Board. Before his appointment as Chair, Chairman Reyes was the Assistant Secretary of the Dangerous Drugs Board (2010). He also served as the Supervising Health Program Officer of the National Center for Health Promotion, Health Promotion Division (2004). His fields of expertise include public health, development management and drug abuse prevention and treatment.

HILARIO DAVIDE III

Hilario “Junjun” Davide III is the current Governor of the Province of Cebu. He is a two-term Cebu City councilor in the North District (2004-2009) and a founding partner of Calderon Davide Trinidad and Castillo Law Offices. Davide worked as Graft Investigation officer for the Office of the Ombudsman-Visayas. His previous positions include: Vice President of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines-Cebu City Chapter Foundation and President of the University of the Philippines Alumni Association Cebu Chapter Foundation Inc. He was also a former faculty member of the University of Cebu-College of Law.

Governor Junjun Davide is the eldest son of former Chief Justice Hilario “Jun” G. Davide, Jr. and the former Virginia Jimenea Perez. He completed elementary in Sacred Heart School for Boys and attended high school at the University of the Philippines Cebu. He earned a Political Science degree from the University of the Philippines Diliman and obtained a Bachelor of Law degree at the University of San Carlos in 1995. He passed the bar examinations in 1997.
MARIO ANTONIO LOPEZ

Professor Mario Antonio Lopez is on the core faculty of the Institute. He specializes in Human Behavior in Organizations. He teaches primarily for the Master in Management Program (MM). He also teaches programs at the Center for Development Management (CDM) and the Executive Education and Lifelong Learning Center (EXCELL). He has served as Assistant Dean for EXCELL and Associate Dean for the CDM. He holds a Master in Business Management from the Asian Institute of Management (1970) and a Master in Public Administration from the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government (1975) as a joint Center for Population Studies and Edward S. Mason Fellow for Economic Development. He completed his Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from the University of the Philippines (1968). He is currently completing his doctoral studies in development studies at the De La Salle University.

MA. LUZ QUERUBIN

Dr. Ma. Luz Querubin is currently the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs of the Ateneo School of Medicine and Public Health. She is engaged in the practice of Psychiatry both in the clinical and community health setting, with a particular advocacy for holistic care of patients afflicted with various medical and surgical problems. She is also involved in development of curricula, modules, learning materials and creation of learning environment for both undergraduate and post-graduate medicine and other allied health professions, including nurses and caregivers. She has numerous publications related to culture and psychiatry including a book that served as a digest of the national mental health situation in the Philippines. Dr. Querubin graduated class valedictorian with a degree in Psychology from the Ateneo de Manila University. She attended the University of the Philippines College of Medicine and completed her fellowship in Leadership in International Mental Health and Health Policy from the University of Melbourne-Harvard Medical School joint program.

QUINTIN PASTRANA

Quintin V. Pastrana is currently a Convenor at Movement for Good Governance. He is also an anchor and producer at Bloomberg TV Philippines. Quintin was educated at Georgetown, Oxford, and Cambridge. He is a Philippines 21 Fellow of Asia Society, the leading organization dedicated to promoting mutual understanding and strengthening partnerships among peoples, leaders and institutions of the US and Asia in the global context. He is also a corporate executive, founder and managing director of the Library Renewal Partnership.