

International Conference
**Federalism and Decentralization: Perceptions for
Political and Institutional Reforms in the Philippines**
4 – 5 September 2015
Hotel H2O, Manila, Philippines

Friday, 4 September 2015

08:00 – 08:30 **Registration**

08:30 – 08:45 **Opening Ceremonies** (National Anthem/Prayer)

09:00 – 09:30 **Welcome and Conference Introduction**

Prof. Edmund Tayao

Executive Director

LOGODEF University of Santo Tomas Manila

Dr. Wilhelm Hofmeister

Director

Regional Programme Political Dialogue with Asia

Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) Singapore

09:30 – 09:50 **Federalism in Europe, America and Africa: A Comparative Analysis**

Dr. Jörg Broschek

Associate Professor

Wilfrid Laurier University Canada

09:50 – 10:15 **Open Forum/ Discussion**

10:15 – 10:30 Tea/Coffee Break

10:30 – 10:50 **Structuring Governance in a Weak State: Federalism and Multilevel Governance**

Mr. Felix Knüpling

Head of Programs

Forum of Federations

Office Berlin Germany

10:50 – 11:15 **Open Forum/ Discussion**



- 11:15 – 11:35 **Spanish Decentralization and Functional Federalism: Alternative to Shared-Sovereignty**
- Dr. Francisco Javier Moreno-Fuentes**
Researcher
Instituto de Políticas y Bienes Públicos Spain
- 11:35 – 12:00 **Open Forum/ Discussion**
- 12:00 – 13:30 Lunch
- 13:30 – 14:00 **Crafting State Nations: India’s Federalism as a Case for Developing Democracies**
- Dr. George Mathew**
Chairman
Institute of Social Sciences India
- 14:00 – 14:30 **Open Forum/ Discussion**
- 14:30 – 15:00 **Federalism in Australia Revisited**
- Prof. A J Brown**
Professor
Griffith University Australia
- 15:00 – 15:30 **Open Forum/ Discussion**
- 15:30 – 15:45 Tea/Coffee Break
- 15:45 – 16:10 **Hybrid Federalism In Asia**
- Dr. Laura Allison**
Research Fellow
Nanyang Technological University Singapore
- 16:10 – 16:45 **Open Forum/ Discussion**
- 16:45 – 17:15 **Political Engineering, Decentralization and Federalism in Southeast Asia: Strengths and Weaknesses of Governance**
- Dr. Patrick Ziegenhain**
Interim Professor
Goethe-University Germany
- 17:15 – 18:00 **Open Forum/ Discussion**

Saturday, 5th September, 2015

- 09:00 – 09:15 Recap of First Day
- 09:15 – 10:45 **Graduated Decentralization Strategies in Southeast Asia
(Comparative Panel Discussion)**
- Decentralisation In Malaysia**
- Prof. William Case**
 Professor
 City University of Hong Kong Hong Kong
- Decentralisation In Cambodia**
- Mr. Min Muny**
 Consultant on Decentralization and Deconcentration Cambodia
- 10:45 – 11:15 **Open Forum/ Discussion**
- 11:15 – 11:30 Tea/Coffee Break
- 11:00 – 11:30 **Graduated Decentralization Strategies in Southeast Asia II**
- Democratisation and Decentralisation in Indonesia**
- Prof. Purwo Santoso**
 Professor
 Gadjah Mada University Indonesia
- 11:30 – 12:00 **Open Forum/ Discussion**
- 12:00 – 13:30 Lunch
- 13:00 – 15:00 **The Philippine Discussion on Democratization, Decentralization and Federalism**
- Decentralisation Democratisation and Federalism in in the Philippines**
- Prof. Edmund Tayao**
 Executive Director
 LOGODEF University of Santo Tomas Manila



A More Objective Look at Federalism and Systems of Government

Dr. Paul Hutchcroft

Australia National University

Beginnings of Federalism: Regional Autonomy and Decentralization in the Philippines

Dr. Alex Brillantes

Commissioner of the Commission on Higher Education

University of the Philippines, Manila

15:00 – 15:30

Open Forum/ Discussion

15:30 – 15:45

Tea/ Coffee Break

15:30 – 17:00

Roundtable Discussion: Strategic Outlook For The Philippines

Moderator: Prof. Edmund Tayao

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Closing Ceremony