

THE UBC PHILIPPINE STUDIES SERIES &
THE LIU INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL ISSUES

invite you to

Usapan: Edukasyon/Education

What are we teaching our children?



Tuesday, Dec. 20th

4:30-6:30pm

Liu Institute For Global Issues Boardroom
(Third Floor)

light refreshments will be served

1. Short Film Screening

Sablay
(2008, 5 min 30 sec, documentary)
by Dada Docot

SYNOPSIS As a verb, the Filipino word "sablay" means "to hang". "Sablay", in the context of the University of the Philippines, refers to the sash usually worn during graduation ceremonies as a symbol of academic excellence. A homophone, the word "sablay" can also mean "blunder," "error", or "mistake." Playing with the duality of the word, the short film discusses what studying at the Philippines' supposedly most elite and most advanced institution of learning actually means. What promises does the university offer its students, and what realities do the graduates face when they complete this so-called "red carpet to a better life" education? The film won the Grand Prize at the University of the Philippines' Centennial Anniversary Digital Filmmaking Competition.

DADA DOCOT is a PhD student in Anthropology at UBC.

2. Lecture: Lorina Calingasan

In the Philippines, social studies teachers or generally, teachers in basic education implement a curriculum produced by the government. Over a period of time, the curriculum is revised according to certain demands, goals and concerns. While changes in basic education curriculum are periodic, it is evident that some of its goals and expectations remain elusive and mistakes are somehow committed repeatedly. For this presentation, the focus will be on how the goal of critical and creative thinking, though explicitly articulated as a curriculum goal, remain elusive and (in)adequately translated. Moreover, the curriculum revisions are hardly distinguishable.

LORINA CALINGASAN teaches Social Studies in the College of Education, University of the Philippines (UP) in Diliman. She is currently doing her dissertation on the history of Social Studies curriculum in the Philippines under the Curriculum Studies department at the UP College of Education.

Followed by a Q&A period.

3. USAPAN 2012 Planning

UBC Philippine Studies Series will be hosting a number of USAPAN events in 2012. Please join us and help shape the events to come!

Post-usapan

KABABAYAN / FILIPINO STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF UBC is hosting a potluck mini Christmas gathering at:

7:00-11:30pm
Condo Function Room
5811 No. 3 Road
(near Lansdowne station)
Richmond, BC

\$3 at the door
games / karaoke / pool
light dinner & refreshments
no alcohol please

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