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Areas of interest

Philippine & South East Asian Democratization Process; New Kinds of Political Parties; Participatory Democracy

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Books

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Of Bonds and Bondage. A Reader on Philippine Debt
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Jochen Hippler (ed) [The Democratisation of Disempowerment. The Problem of Democracy in the Third World](#), TNI/Pluto Press, 1995

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Chester Hartman and Pedro Vilanova (eds) Paradigms Lost. The Post Cold War Era, TNI/Pluto Press, Amsterdam/London, 1992

Journal Articles

[Strong Demands and Weak Institutions: The Origins and Evolution of the Democratic Deficit in the Philippines](#) Journal of East Asian Studies, May 2003 [PDF document]

Papers

[From Regime Crisis to System Change](#) TNI, 12 July 2006

[Constitutional Reform in the Philippines: Out of Crisis, What?](#) TNI, 19 February 2006

[Lo imposible no es tan fácil: Política participativa y gobernanza local en las Filipinas](#), Transnational Institute, June 2005

[Formal Democracy and its Alternatives in the Philippines: Parties, Elections and Social Movements](#)

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