

Panel, Euro SEAS:

(1) Title: Violence in Duterte's Philippines

(2) Convener: Steffen Jensen, Aalborg University

(3) Description and explanation of the chosen format:

The format of the panel will be in the form of a classic, academic panel with presentations and discussants. Each panelist will both present and will comment on one or two of the papers. By having presenters act as discussants, the panel will allow for a comparative discussion of violence in different contexts in contemporary Philippines. Draft versions of papers will be circulated before the conference to allow for preparation. We constitute a group of four presenters from different institutions working on different contexts. We will happily welcome papers from other scholars.

(4) Description of panel:

The reign of Duterte has been marked by extraordinary levels of violence from the war on drugs to the Marawi siege and the persecution and red-tagging of activists across the archipelago. This panel will explore these questions of violence, their emergence, effects and possible implication for Philippines, not least for members of marginalized communities. Duterte has not pioneered state violence. Philippine history is replete with violent social hierarchies, class struggle, revolutionary movement, counter-insurgencies, violent policing and state-endorsed torture, extra-judicial killings and disappearances, not least during the Marcos regime. At the same time, there have been strong political and social movements that have opposed violence and fought for social equality and dignity, not least emerging from the struggle against and transition from the Marcos regime. Since the Marcos era, the Philippines has become signatory to a host of international human rights conventions. This ambiguity and tension between violence and non-violence has also marked the Duterte presidency. This panel invites papers that explore the violent conflicts and the attempts to address the violence in Duterte's Philippines. This may include the following questions: What are the historical continuities in terms of violence? How do structures of gender, generation, class and ethnicity intersect in the production of violent contexts as well as their resolution? What are the implications of violence for ordinary Filipinos?

(5) We aim for a single session (1 x 90 min.) and have presently four presenters. Presenters as presently:

- a) Karl Hapal, University of the Philippines: The violence of and in social media
- b) Sif Lehmann, Aalborg University: Intimate and gendered insurgency in Muslim Mindanao.
- c) Dominique Caouette and John Edison Ubaldo, University of Montreal: "Everyday forms of exclusion: hidden and open violence in natural resources control and extraction in Southern Negros Occidental"
- d) Steffen Jensen and Karl Hapal: Communal intimacy and the violence of politics in the Philippine drug war.

As mentioned, we welcome other papers. The convener may not present to allow for extra papers. Alternatively, we may opt for a double session.

(6) As each presenter will also comment on papers, we have decided not to opt for a discussant.