



Prof. Wilfrido V. Villacorta

Professor Emeritus



Most important awards and recognition

Distinguished Leadership Award, conferred during the International Conference of the Philippine Political Science Association, 2016; Presidential Medal of Merit. Conferred by H.E. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, President of the Philippines, 2007; Professor *Emeritus*, De La Salle University, 2006; Outstanding Manilan Awardee (Education and Diplomacy), 2005; Member of the Curatorium, Xiamen Academy of International Law, 2005; Honorary Professor and International Academic Advisor, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University, Oita Prefecture, Japan, 2000; Academician, Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences. Appointed by Saint John Paul II, 1999; Fulbright-Freeman Foundation Distinguished Centennial Lecturer Award, 1998; Centenary of Benedictines in the Philippines Award in Education, 1995; Chevalier dans L'Ordre des Palmes Académiques. Conferred by the Government of France, 1992; President, Pi Gamma Mu-Beta Chapter – International Honor Society in Social Sciences (Philippines), 1991; Auditor, Phi Delta Kappa International Honor Society in Education (Philippines), 1989-92; Member, National Research Council of the Philippines, since 1983; Chairman, Philippine Social Science Council, 1980; Founding Vice-President, Philippine Political Science Association, 1976; Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Fellowship, 1969-70.

Summary of scientific research

My research has covered foreign policy, political culture and political economy in Northeast and Southeast Asia. In addition to my experience as an academic, my seven years in public service exposed me firsthand to the workings of diplomacy and policy-making and to the diversity of perspectives employed in the practice of governance and international relations. I was a delegate to the 1986 Constitutional Commission that framed the present Constitution of the Philippines, and served as the Deputy Secretary-General of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), and as the Philippine Ambassador and Permanent Representative to ASEAN. These opportunities enriched my knowledge and deepened my appreciation of political developments in my country and the Asia-Pacific region.

Latest publications (1995-2015)

Books: *Noytoy: Triumph of a People's Campaign*. Metro Manila: Anvil Publishing, Inc. 2011; *Perceptions of Japan and the Japanese by Filipinos and Indonesians: An Intergenerational Study*. Co-authored with Bachtar Alam (Executive Director, Center for Japanese Studies, University of Indonesia). Manila: De La Salle University Press, 2002; Edited Book: *Coalition-Building and APEC*. Makati City: Philippine APEC Study Center Network, Philippine Institute for Development Studies and Yuchengco Center, 2001; *The Language Provision of the 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines*. Co-authored with Andrew Gonzalez, FSC. Manila: Linguistic Society of the Philippines, 2001; *The Philippine Road to NICHood*. Co-edited with Scott Thompson (Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy). Manila: De La Salle University and Social Weather Stations, 1996; *The Political Economy of Japan's Foreign Policy towards ASEAN Countries*. Tokyo: Institute of Developing Economies, 1995. **Chapters in Books; Articles in Learned Journals:** "ASEAN-India Vision Statement: Evolving Role for India in the Asia-Pacific Region". *Realizing the ASEAN-India Vision for Partnership and Prosperity*. Ed. by Rumel Dahiya and Udai Bhanu Singh. Delhi: Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, 2015; "Solidarity in Diversity: Building an Identity for a People-Centered ASEAN Community". *Building ASEAN Identity on a Transnational Dimension*. Ed. by Yasushi Kikuchi and Vesselin Popovski. Tokyo: United Nations University, 2014; "Strengthening the Foundation for an ASEAN Community". *ASEAN Matters! Reflecting on the Association of Southeast Asian Nations*. Ed. by Lee Yoong Yoong. Singapore: Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore (NUS), Institute of Policy Studies, NUS, and World Scientific Publishing, 2011; "The Impact of Public Governance on the Rights of the Filipino Child". *The Future of Filipino Children: Development Issues and Trends*. Ed. by Florangel Rosario-Braid, Ramon Tuazon and Ann Lourdes Lopez. Metro Manila: UNICEF and Asian Institute of Communications and Journalism, 2010; [The Indivisibility of Rights of the Human Person, Catholic Social Doctrine and Human Rights](#), ed. by Roland Minnerath, Ombretta Fumagalli Carulli, and Vittorio Possenti, Vatican City: Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences, 2010; [Inter-regional Cooperation in Democracy Building: Prospects for Enhancing ASEAN-EU Engagement](#), *Democracy in Development. Global Consultations on the EU's Role in Democracy-Building*. Stockholm: International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance, 2009 (www.idea.int/eu); "The

ASEAN Charter as a Catalyst to the Realization of the ASEAN Economic Community”. *Soochow Law Journal*. Volume V, Number 1, January, 2008; “ASEAN-Japan Relations: The China Factor”. *Diplomatic Relations between Japan and Southeast Asia: Progress and Challenges through Half-a-Century*, Ed. by Ronald D. Holmes, Quezon City: Philippine Social Science Council and The Japan Foundation, 2007; [The Human Person in Theravada Buddhism and Islam: Implications for Governance in Southeast Asia](#), [Conceptualization of the Person in the Social Sciences](#), Edmond Malinvaud and Mary Ann Glendon (eds), Vatican City: Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences, 2006; “Political Relations between Japan and the Philippines during the Aquino and Ramos Administrations”. *Philippines-Japan Relations*. Ed. by Ikehata Setsuho and Lydia Yu Jose. Quezon City: Ateneo de Manila University Press, 2003; “The Strategic Implications of the Asian Financial Crisis: A Philippine Perspective”. *The European Union, United States and ASEAN: Challenges and Prospects for Cooperative Engagement in the 21st Century*. Ed. by K.S. Nathan, London: ASEAN Academic Press, 2002; “The American Influence on Philippine Political and Constitutional Tradition”. *Mixed Blessing: The Impact of the American Colonial Experience on Politics and Society in the Philippines*. Ed. by Hazel McFerson. Westport CT: Greenwood Publishing Group, 2002; Co-authored with Eric Batalla. “The Political Dimensions of the Philippine Response to the Financial Crisis”. *Southeast Asia into the Twenty First Century: Crisis and Beyond*. Ed. by Abdul Rahman Emborg and Jurgen Rudolph. Bangi: Penerbit University Kebangsaan Malaysia, 2000; “Human Rights and Culture: Implications for Human Security”. *Asia's Emerging Regional Order: Reconciling Traditional and Human Security*, Ed. by William Tow, Ramesh Thakur and In-Taek Hyun. New York: United Nations University Press, 2000; “Foreign Policy Issues in East Asia: Implications for Relations with Latin America” (translated to Spanish). *Diplomacia* (Journal of the Andrés Bello Diplomatic Academy of Chile). No. 85. October – December, 2000.