Funded Research Projects

Proposed Format:

Project Title : Brotherhood, Masculinity and Social Capital: Fraternities at the University of the Philippines Diliman

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Project Abstract : The paper is based on the study of the college fraternities rooted in traditions of bond and loyalty at the University of the Philippines Diliman. These fraternities have built a vast network of brotherhood ties connecting various generations of young college men and professionals who now occupy leadership positions and status in government and corporate sectors in the Philippine society. The study looks into the identity formation of young men, including the quest to be part of a trust-based social network to affirm masculinity, survive a competitive college life, and assure paths to social capital and professional status.

The paper discussed how young men gravitate to fraternities for constructive aims such as academic excellence and socio-civic service, on the one hand, and become embroiled in antisocial violent behaviors within their group or in conflict with rival fraternities on the other. Such violence in gang fights and physical hazing rites has claimed the lives of at least 10 and injured hundreds of young college men in the history of the university. The concepts social capital, identity and masculinity are utilized to understand the fraternity's organization, origin and shifts in orientation and behavior over generations.

The study utilizes documents pertinent to fraternities including their records of conflicts and violence. Interviews of fraternity members from various cohorts or batches are also analyzed.

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