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Flooding in the Philippines, a public conversation · UC Berkeley

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Help bring Dr. Mahar Lagmay to the Bay Area

The scientist behind the Philippines' national flood hazard maps joins UC Berkeley scholars Dr. Lisandro Claudio and Dr. Diana Martinez for a free public conversation on why the Philippines keeps flooding, who pays for it, and what people in the Bay Area can do.

Why this conversation

Floods in the Philippines are usually told as an engineering story. But which towns get mapped, protected and built for is settled by budgets, politics and history. In 2025, billions of pesos meant for flood control went to projects that were poorly built or never built, and tens of thousands marched in protest. This event puts three fields on one stage.

> **The science.** Dr. Lagmay leads the UP Resilience Institute and Project NOAH, which made flood, landslide and storm-surge maps free for the whole country.

> **The state and its money.** Dr. Claudio, Chair of Berkeley's Center for Southeast Asia Studies, traces how the Philippine state was built to run on too little.

> **The built world.** Dr. Martinez, of Berkeley's College of Environmental Design, shows how American rule used concrete and planning to remake the islands.

The visit

Sat, Nov 7	Dr. Lagmay arrives from Manila
Mon, Nov 9	11 AM guest lecture in Development Engineering 203
Mon, Nov 9	4 to 5 PM, the public conversation in Banatao Auditorium (149 seats), recorded and livestreamed
Tue, Nov 10	A talk at Stanford (planned)

Who will be in the room

Students and faculty from engineering, development, history and architecture; Berkeley's Filipino student organizations and the Bay Area Filipino community, many with family in towns that flood every year; friends from Stanford; and viewers online, including in the Philippines. Every RSVP joins a live map of the room's ties to the Philippines, shown at the event.

What we need

$2,816 secured **$80** still needed

■ Secured □ Still needed of about $2,896

- **Posters and flyers, about $80**
  Printing for students and community groups ($145 in all).
- **Covered: Banatao Auditorium and refreshments, $1,245**
  PhilDev, our co-host.
- **Covered: flight from Manila, $1,071**
  Southeast Asia Program, Stanford APARC.
- **Covered: livestream, recording and editing, $435**
  Townsend Center for the Humanities.

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- In the short brief we publish afterwards

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