

**Kristyl Obispado**

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**CONTACT INFORMATION**

- **OFFICE ADDRESS:** (RM 2112, Pavilion 2, Palma Hall, UP Diliman)
- **PERSONAL WEBSITE:** ([ResearchGate](#); [Google Scholar](#))

**EDUCATION**

- **PhD in History**  
El Colegio de México  
2021
- **MA in History**  
El Colegio de México  
2018

**PROFILE** (150-200 words):

Kristyl Obispado, Ph.D. is an Associate Professor in the Department of History at the University of the Philippines, Diliman. She holds a PhD and MA in History from El Colegio de México. Her current research focuses on the period from the 16th to the 19th centuries and includes topics such as Philippine labor history, transpacific trade, mobility, and migration.

**RESEARCH INTEREST:**

**TEACHING**

- **TEACHING PORTFOLIO:**

Courses Taught

**Kasaysayan 250** (Seminar in Philippine History: Colonial Labor in the Philippines, 16<sup>th</sup> to early 20<sup>th</sup> Century), **Kasaysayan 202** (The Philippines, 1521-1600), **Kasaysayan 203** (The Philippines during the 17th and 18th centuries), **Kasaysayan 160** (Latin America: Pre-Columbian to 1821), **Kasaysayan 161** (Latin American History from 1821 to the present), **Kasaysayan 198** (Special Topics: Paleography and Primary Sources), **Kasaysayan 110** (Colonial Philippines under Spain), and **Kasaysayan 1** (General History of the Philippines).

- **MENTORSHIP:**

Adviser

*Misamis Occidental under Jesuit missions: 1753-1768*

CHESTERLY CAÑEDA

Co-adviser

*Disability and corporeal policies in the 19th-century Philippines*

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## RESEARCH WORK

- **PUBLICATIONS**

Book

**Co-editor with Iván Valdez-Bubnov and Alberto Angulo Morales**

Los fundamentos industriales del galeón de Manila-Acapulco: fiscalidad, contratación de procesos productivos y movilización de proletariados marítimos, 1565-1815. Instituto de Investigaciones Históricas de la Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, 28 de diciembre de 2025.

*Refereed*

**Co-editor with Ruel Pagunsan**

*The Filipino worldview through art, images, and objects: From indigenous culture to the 19th century.* Colección de ACER-VOS: Patrimonio Cultural Iberoamericano 27. Enredars Publicaciones of the Universidad Pablo Olavide and Roma TrE-Press of the Università degli studi Roma Tre, 2025.

*Refereed*

**Co-editor with Daniel Orizaga**

*Sincronías Barrocas (Siglos XVI-XVIII): Agentes, textos y objetos entre Iberoamérica, Asia y Europa.* Colección de Universo Barroco 31. Enredars Publicaciones de la Universidad Pablo Olavide, 2024.

*Refereed*

Journal Article

**Contributor**

"The 16<sup>th</sup>-century Carrera del Pacífico: its sailor-merchants and their trade goods." *Philippine Review of Economics (Online ISSN 2984-8156)* 60, no. 2 (2023): 104-137.

DOI: 10.37907/6ERP3202D. Indexed in Scopus ([EID: 2-s2.0-85210237064](#)).

*Refereed*

Book Chapter

**Contributor**

“Los marineros del Pacífico como los primeros trabajadores globales (1580-1640),” *Los fundamentos industriales del galeón de Manila-Acapulco: fiscalidad, contratación de procesos productivos y movilización de proletariados marítimos, 1565-1815*. Instituto de Investigaciones Históricas de la Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, 28 de diciembre de 2025.

*Refereed*

**Contributor**

“Lo que entra por la boca no hace daño al alma: Food, sailors, and the seventeenth-century Spanish Pacific” In *Sincronías Barrocas (Siglos XVI-XVIII): Agentes, textos y objetos entre Iberoamérica, Asia y Europa*. Colección Universo Barroco de la Enredars, Publicaciones de la Universidad Pablo Olavide, 2024: 135-158. **UP International Publication Award 2025.**

*Refereed*

**Contributor**

“Textiles and Other Trade Goods: The Philippines in the Sixteenth-Century Global Trade” In *Philippine Studies: Plural Entanglements*, ADMU Press, 2023: 58-83. **Elfren S. Cruz Prize for Best Book in the Social Sciences, National Book Awards 2024.**

*Refereed*

**Contributor**

“The case of the dead sailors and the things they left: A microhistorical analysis of the Carrera del Pacífico in the sixteenth century.” In *Europa y América: el mar y la primera globalización*, Colección *Historia Medieval y Moderna* 96, Universidad del País Vasco y / Euskal Herriko Unibertsitatea Press, 2023: 199-212. **UP International Publication Award 2025.**

*Refereed*

Commissioned Work

**Series Editor**

*Galleons and Social Control in the Spanish Empire, Vols. I-V*. Manila: The National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), 2025.

**Volume Editor**

*Charting destinies: Negotiating Indio-Chino identity, Vol. 1*. In Kristyl Obispado (series ed.) and Elvin Ebreo and Rhodalyn Wani C. Obias (language eds.), *Galleons and Social Control in the Spanish Empire*. Manila: The National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), 2025.

**Compiler**

Sources on the Manila Galleon from the Archivo General de la Nación of Mexico, Volumes I and II, compiled with Kristoffer R. Esquejo, translated by Elvin R. Ebreo and Daisy P. Lopez. Manila: National Historical Commission of the Philippines, 2013.

- **RESEARCH PROJECTS**

**Project Member**

Proyecto ExImHis. La experiencia imperial hispana: espacios, agentes y prácticas de poder en el origen de un mundo interconectado (1492-1621). PID2024-157692NB-100. Research project head, Luis Salas Almela, PI, Universidad de Córdoba.

Sept. 1, 2025 to August 31, 2029

**Mexico Research Team Member**

Digital Humanities Project “Mapping Philippine Material Culture: Locating Philippine-made Objects from the 16th- mid 20th c. in Mexico,” a joint project of SOAS of the University of London and Mexico’s Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia (INAH). Research Project head, Cristina Juan, SOAS.  
2024-2026

**Project Member**

19th Century Philippines. UP Heritage Project. Research project head, Maria Serena Diokno, University of the Philippines Diliman.

2025-2026

- **CONFERENCES**

**Conference Speaker**

“Los ‘indios filipinos’ migrantes y la construcción del estatus en el Pacífico hispano, 1580-1640.” Taller internacional. Circuitos imperiales: Producción, comercio y regulación entre los mundos Atlántico y Pacífico, 1530-1620, Híbrido/Universidad de Sevilla, 27-28 Octubre 2025.

**Conference Speaker**

“El intercambio del Pacífico: Comercio, trabajo y mercancías en los siglos XVI y XVII.” 3º Coloquio Internacional. Contactos e Intercambios entre Asia y el Mundo Hispánico, siglos XVI al XVIII, Universidad Iberoamericana, Ciudad de México and Seminario de Estudios Virreinales en el Mundo Hispánico, 14 August 2025.

**Conference Speaker**

“Archives, Research, and Indigenous Knowledge,” in 2025 Annual PAASE Meeting and Symposium (APAMS) Online Research Expertise Cluster Symposium and Poster Competition. The Philippine-American Academy of Science and Engineering and University of South Carolina, 16 July 2025.

**Conference Speaker**

“Mula Cavite patungong Acapulco: Ang ‘balikbayan box’ ng mga Pinoy sa ika-18 siglo.” Halín: Pagsasakasaysayan ng Diaspora at Pandarayuhang Pilipino. Ika-33 Pambansang Kumperensiya ng mga Mag-aaral ng Kasaysayan - UP LIKAS. UP Statistics Auditorium, 7 Nobyembre 2024.

**Conference Speaker**

“Charting Destinies: Negotiating Indio-Chino Identity,” Commemorating the Manila-Acapulco Galleon Trade and Exploring the Legacy of the Siege of Baler in Philippine-Spanish Relations. The 22nd Philippine-Spanish Friendship Day Conference, 10-11 October 2024, at the Pilar Herrera Hall, University of the Philippines (UP) Diliman, Quezon City.

**Conference Speaker**

“Tamales and other Dishes: Tracing Mexican Impact on Filipino Cuisine via the Galleon Trade.” First International Conference on Kapampangan Cuisine and Food Tourism. Holy Angel University, 22 March 2024.

**Conference Speaker**

“La Carrera del Pacífico’s Visible Hand.” Simposio Internacional: Los fundamentos industriales del galeón de Manila-Acapulco. Movilización de recursos y globalización, 1565- 1816. Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), 9 October 2023.

**Conference Speaker**

“Patrullando el Pacífico: soldados indígenas filipinos en la frontera española del siglo XVII.” Seminario Iberoamérica Global: Estrategias en las fronteras americanas de los mundos ibéricos. Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), 4 October 2023.

**Conference Speaker (Virtual)**

Filipinas y México: Una larga historia de cultura compartida. Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia y la Embajada de la República de Filipinas en México, 24 de agosto de 2023.

• **RESEARCH AWARDS**

Recipient, **One UP Professorial Chair**  
University of the Philippines Diliman  
2025-2027

Recipient, **UP Diliman Centennial Professorial Chair**

University of the Philippines Diliman

1 January - 31 December 2025 cycle

**UP International Publication Award** for the book chapter “Lo que entra por la boca no hace daño al alma: Food, sailors, and the seventeenth-century Spanish Pacific” In *Sincronías Barrocas (Siglos XVI-XVIII): Agentes, textos y objetos entre Iberoamérica, Asia y Europa*. Colección de Universo Barroco de la Enredars Publicaciones de la Universidad Pablo Olavide, 2024: 135-158.

University of the Philippines Diliman

2025

**UP International Publication Award** for the book chapter “The case of the dead sailors and the things they left: A microhistorical analysis of the Carrera del Pacífico in the sixteenth century” In *Europa y América: el mar y la primera globalización, Colección Historia Medieval y Moderna 96*, Universidad del País Vasco y / Euskal Herriko Unibertsitatea Press, 2023: 199-212.

University of the Philippines Diliman

2025

Recipient, **UP Diliman Centennial Professorial Chair**

University of the Philippines Diliman

1 January - 31 December 2024 cycle

Recipient, **UPAA North California (Berkeley) Centennial Professorial Chair**

University of the Philippines Diliman

2024

Recipient, **Ph.D. Incentive Awards**, Office of the Vice-Chancellor for Research and Development

University of the Philippines System

January 1 to December 31, 2024

Recipient, **Ph.D. Incentive Awards**, Office of the Vice-Chancellor for Research and Development

University of the Philippines System

January 13, 2022 to June 30, 2023

2021 Winner, **World History Association (WHA) Dissertation Prize**. “The Pacific Sailors: Global workers at and on the edge of the Spanish empire (1580s – 1640s).”

[World History Association](#)

March 2022

## **PUBLIC SERVICE AND EXTENSION**

- **SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE**

### **Reviewer**

Reviewer of a manuscript for *Chinese Studies Journal (CSJ)*. Philippine Association for Chinese Studies. Editor in Chief, Jely Galang, 2025.

Reviewer of a manuscript for *Social Science Diliman (SSD)*. University of the Philippines Diliman. Editor in Chief, Karl Ian Cheng Chua, 2025.

Reviewer of a manuscript for *Anuario de Historia de América Latina (Jahrbuch für Geschichte Lateinamerikas)*, 2024; Director, Prof. Dra. Silke Hensel.

Reviewer of a manuscript for *Macrohistoria* 3, diciembre 2022; Editor-in-chief, Andrea Torrealba Torre.

Reviewer of a manuscript for *China and Asia: A Journal in Historical Studies (CAHS)*. Brill. Editor in Chief, Xiaorong Han. 2022

Reviewer of a manuscript for *Philippine Review of Economics* vol. 59, no. 1, June 2022: Editor in Chief, Joseph Capuno. UP School of Economics (UPSE) and Philippine Economic Society (PES).

### **Technical Committee Membership**

#### Advisory Board

[Enredars Publications](#), Universidad Pablo de Olavide  
2026

#### Co-coordinator

[Red Filipiniana](#), the academic core of the Philippine-Mexico Studies Program, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM)  
2023-2026

#### Board Member

The Philippine Academic Consortium for Latin American Studies (PACLAS)  
2024-2026

### **Membership in Academic Organizations**

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi (UP Chapter), lifetime member

Pi Gamma Mu, International Honor Society in Social Science, lifetime member

### **Resource Speaker**

Lecture Series Speaker

“Philippines, Peru, and the 16th-century trade,” Rediscubriendo nuestro pasado: una serie de charlas virtuales sobre las relaciones entre Perú y Filipinas, Philippine Embassy in Chile, 7 September 2024.

Workshop Resource Speaker

“Philippine Paleography, 16th to 19th Century” at the National Training Seminar for Teachers of Philippine History. CSSP Professional Education Series (PROFESS), via Zoom, 24-25 August 2023.

- **SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY**

#### **Administrative Positions**

Quality Assurance Officer

History Department, University of the Philippines Diliman  
July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026

#### **Services Beneficial to the University**

UP Diliman Research Ethics Board Panel Member  
University of the Philippines Diliman  
2025-2026

College of Social Sciences and Philosophy (CSSP)-Ethics Review Board Panel Member

University of the Philippines Diliman  
2024-2027

Co-coordinator, LA HISTORIA OLVIDADA: FILIPINAS-MEXICO 2023-2026, a virtual colloquium series on Philippine-Mexico relations. The Philippine Embassy in México, in partnership with the UP Departamento ng Kasaysayan, University of the Philippines-Diliman; El Colegio de San Luis, A.C.; and the Philippine-Mexico Studies Program, UNAM.

Co-convener, 22nd Philippine-Spanish Friendship Day Conference, Commemorating the galleon trade and exploring the legacy of the siege of Baler in Philippine-Spanish Relations, October 10-11, 2024.

Co-coordinator, Simposio Internacional: Los fundamentos industriales del galeón de Manila-Acapulco. Movilización de recursos y globalización, 1565-1816. Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), 9-10 October 2023.

Co-organizer, Online course “Introductory Course on Filipino Language and Culture”, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), October-December 2023.

Co-organizer, Online course “Contours and Perspectives of Social and Cultural History of the Philippines (XVI-XIX centuries), Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), November-December 2023.

Coordinator, Memorandum of Understanding between the University of the Philippines and Colegio de San Luis, Mexico. Signed in 2023.

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- **ATTENDANCE TO TRAINING WORKSHOPS**

*Good Research Practice Training, Philippine Health Research Ethics Board and Philippine Council for Health Research and Development, DOST, 13-14 May 2025.*

*UP Diliman Research Ethics Board Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) Orientation and Workshop, ISSI UP Diliman, 17-18 March 2025, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.*

*Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) Training workshop, National Institutes of Health, University of the Philippines Manila and the Forum for Ethical Committees in Asia and the Western Pacific (FERCAP), July 1-3, 2024*