

Introduction

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Reprinted and reformatted for this special issue of *Asian Studies: Journal of Critical Perspectives on Asia* are four articles of Dr. F. Landa Jocano—Professor Emeritus of the University of the Philippines’ Asian Center—that previously appeared in the journal from 1967 to 1972. It is a modest recognition Dr. Jocano’s pioneering efforts in Philippine anthropology.

We have corrected typographical errors and converted footnotes into end notes, but have preserved—as closely as possible—the original content and citation style. We also supplied abstracts by copying passages from each article, and indicated Dr. Jocano’s institutional affiliation at the time of publication.

Our appreciation goes to the scholars who responded to our invitations to write short commentaries on the four articles, if not on Dr. Jocano’s overall body of work, and illustrate the significance of his scholarly oeuvre.

We have also provided a partial list of Dr. Jocano’s publications, as well as biographical sketch. We thank Felipe Jocano, Jr., Dr. Jocano’s son, for allowing *Asian Studies* to reprint the articles, which we hope will reach a new generation of readers, as well as anthropologists who are interested in looking back at the post-war beginnings of their discipline.