

RESEARCH PROGRAM WORKSHOP:  
DISCOURSES OF FASCISM

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*The Church and its Contradictory  
Responses to Duterte's Drug War*

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*Christianity and Duterte's  
War on Drugs in the  
Philippines*

DR. JAYEEL S. CORNELIO

This presentation interrogates how leaders of various Christian groups frame the War on Drugs in Payatas, an urban poor hotspot. It argues that the way a religious group responds is informed by how it understands the drug user. If the individual is seen as a victim of social forces such as poverty, the church resorts to political and legal action. But if the user is characterized as a sinful being, the response is concerned with spiritual salvation.

*Caring for the 'Undesirables': The  
Precarious Role of Religion in the  
Philippine 'War on Drugs'*

DR. BUBBLES BEVERLY N. ASOR

This presentation explores the precarious role of religion particularly the Catholic Church against this paradoxical backdrop of religious fervor and 'sacred silence' towards extra-judicial killings. I examine how the Philippine Catholic Church reasserts its relevance in the public sphere by taking on an unpopular cause of 'caring for the undesirables' – families of extra-judicial killings victims, drug users and drug pushers fearing for their lives and 'rouge police officers' speaking up against the summary executions