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**POLICY ROUNDTABLE  
SPEAKERS & MODERATOR**



## Dr. Noriel Christopher C. Tiglao

Dr. Noriel Christopher C. Tiglao is an associate professor at the National College of Public Administration and Governance of the University of the Philippines (UP-NCPAG) where he handles courses in public policy analysis, spatial information management, and GIS for public administration. Dr. Tiglao has 20 years of experience as a traffic modelling and transport planning specialist.

He obtained his Doctor of Engineering in Civil Engineering from the University of Tokyo and Masters in Transportation Engineering at the University of the Philippines. His research interests include sustainable transport policy as well as travel demand modeling and forecasting. He has been involved in several large-scale transportation planning projects including the 1996-1999 Metro Manila Urban Transportation Integration Study (MMUTIS), the 2005 Survey on Inter-Regional Passenger and Freight Flow (SIRPAFF), and the 2012-2015 MMUTIS Update and Capacity Enhancement Project (MUCEP).

He has published papers on integrated urban modelling and simulation, sustainable public transport, and choice modelling in the local context. He has been leading a research team at UP-NCPAG for the CHED-Philippines-California Advanced Research Initiative (PCARI) Data Analytics for Research and Education (DARE) Project 3: Information Exchange Platform for the Public Sector and an Energy Research Fund (ERF) project on incentivizing eco-driving in the public transportation system in Metro Manila.



Concept Paper Author and  
Speaker for Roundtable  
Discussion Concept Paper

## Engr. Rene S. Santiago



Speaker for Public Transport Reforms – A Journey on Three Axes: Ownership, Competition And Regulation

Engr. Rene S. Santiago is a founding member of the Transportation Science Society of the Philippines (TSSP). When he served as President of TSSP in 2002, the Philippines won the Best Domestic Society Award from the Eastern Asia Society for Transportation Studies (EASTS).

His transportation career began in 1973 when he joined government. Among the notable outcomes of his 5-year work in government were the consolidation of bus companies into 14 consortia, the formation of the Metro Manila Transit Corporation, and the creation of the Metro Manila Commission. Before he left government, he drafted the decree that separated the Department of Transportation and Communications (DoTC) from the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH). He began his consulting work in transportation in 1983. His institutional memory about transportation developments in the Philippines spans more than 47 years.

As a frequent guest on TV and radio over the last 8 years, he has become inadvertently controversial for taking on the hot issues bedeviling transportation and traffic in the Philippines. He has guested in several public affairs programs such as Headstart with Karen Davila on ANC, Ted Failon Ngayon on ABS-CBN, Magandang Umaga Bayan with Noli de Castro, Agenda with Cito Beltran on One TV, Investigative Reports on GMA 7, Agenda with Luchi Valdez on TV 5, and on CNN Philippines with James Deakins and Riza Hontiveros.

At one time or another, he served as advisor to three heads of the Department of Transportation (DoTr).

## Engr. Nigel Paul C. Villarete



Speaker for The Cebu Bus Rapid Transit Experience

Nigel Paul Villarete is a civil engineer based in Cebu City. He had various experiences in government such as being head of Infrastructure in NEDA Region 7, City Administrator and City Planning and Development Coordinator in the Cebu City Government, as well as General Manager/CEO of the Mactan-Cebu International Airport Authority (MCIAA) in 2010-2016. He was also involved in various stages of the development of the Cebu Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project. Currently, he serves as Senior Advisor to Libra Konsult, Inc. He advocates inclusive mobility and often bikes to work in his home city of Cebu.

## EnP. Joemier Pontawe

EnP. Joemier Pontawe is a PhD candidate in Urban Planning at the School of Architecture and Planning of the University of Auckland. He is a licensed Environmental (Urban) Planner. He earned his Bachelor's degree in Public Administration, magna cum laude, and Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of the Philippines Diliman. He is also currently connected with the Department of Transportation as the Program Manager of the PUV Modernization Program.

His research interests include: public transportation planning, climate change mitigation in the transport sector, active transportation and micro mobility, paratransit and other informal transport services, and transportation governance

He is also one of the recipients of the inaugural Laurent Dauby Scholarship Programme of the International Association of Public Transport (UITP) and a member of the University of Auckland's Future Cities Research Hub.



Speaker for Local Public Transportation Route

## Engr. Johan G. Martinez

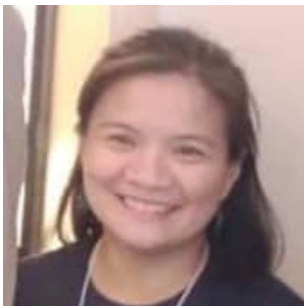
Engr. Martinez is a civil engineer and one of the first batch of MA Transportation Planning graduates from UP School of Urban and Regional Planning (SURP)/National Center for Transportation Studies (NCTS).

He is a former Director at Project Development Service of PPP Center of the Philippines. He is also a former Program Manager of BRT-National Program Management Office (BRT-NPMO) of DOTr, which is among the groups that spearhead the development of EDSA Busway concept.

Engr. Martinez now works as Infrastructure Specialist Consultant with Asian Development Bank (ADB)-World Bank.



Speaker for EDSA Busway



Roundtable Discussion  
Moderator

## Dr. Marie Danielle V. Guillen

Dr. Marie Danielle V. Guillen is currently an independent consultant and an academic with expertise on policy and regional and urban planning sciences with focus on transport, tourism, climate change, and social development.

She received both her PhD and MS in Policy and Planning Sciences from the University of Tsukuba, Japan, and her MA in Urban and Regional Planning and BA in Sociology degrees from the University of the Philippines. She is currently a professorial lecturer at the University of the Philippines Asian Institute of Tourism and a lecturer at the Ateneo de Manila University Japanese Studies Program.

She has published articles in several refereed international and local publications. She also has peer-reviewed many manuscripts for Elsevier's Transport Policy, Sage Open, UN Sustainable Development Journal, and Oscar M. Lopez Center's Climate, Disaster and Development Journal. She has also co-written transportation and governance related articles in Rappler, ANC, and Asia Dialogues. Her research interests are on informal transportation, active transport, tourism transportation, gender, and climate change. She is one of the lead members of the Women in Transportation Leadership (WITL) Network, a platform to produce knowledge, foster innovation, and increase female collaborative linkages in Australasia. She is also strong advocate of inclusive mobility.

Her latest consultancy undertakings in the Philippines include: projects in the City of Davao and local and international organizations such as UN Environment Programme-Initiative for Climate Action Transparency, or UNEP-ICAT. She has also worked with other firms as independent consultant on some short-term projects in the Asian region. She has worked fulltime for the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) based in Japan and as Senior Advisor of Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit's (GIZ) for its transport and climate related projects in the ASEAN region from 2014-2017.

She also worked full time from 2011 to 2013 in Ateneo de Manila University under the School of Government. Here, she developed and managed the Rockefeller-supported Inclusive Mobility Project which was later adopted by the University's Institute of Sustainability where she was one of the first managers. She has also been involved in the drafting of Ateneo de Manila University's very first Campus Sustainability Report. Prior to taking her graduate studies in Japan, she worked as a development professional in SEAMO-SEARCA and Philippine Business for Social Progress.