

# FOREWORD

Welcome to SEAMSJ issue 5.2, titled "Political Communication in Southeast Asia." This issue was initiated and guest-edited by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Orville Tatcho and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Jose Carlo G. de Pano. Dr. Orville is the chair of the Department of Communication, University of the Philippines Baguio, and Dr. de Pano teaches at the University of the Philippines Diliman (UPD), Department of Speech Communication and Theatre Arts. He also serves as director of the UPD Information Office. The guest editors utilized their vast academic and practical knowledge in political science, media studies, and communication studies to make this SEAMSJ issue truly special. The SEAMSJ Editorial Board thanks Dr. Tatcho and Dr. de Pano for their diligence and dedication. Many thanks also go to all our external reviewers who gave their time and expert comments to the authors and guest editors.

The issue at hand includes five research articles that grapple with questions and concerns about political communication, elections, government, crises, and dynasties in Southeast Asia: "Malaysia's 15<sup>th</sup> General Election Saga: Crisis and Party Politics in 2022" by Muthukumaran Kanasan (Tunku Abdul Rahman University of Management and Technology, Malaysia), "Rhetorical Motives of the Marcos Family in Select Media Statements" by Jethro Andrada, Imari Tamayo, and Nique Tarubal (University of the Philippines Baguio), "Trends and Issues in Collaborative Investigative Journalism in Indonesia" by Andreas Ryan Sanjaya (Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, Australia), "The Politics of Red-Tagging in Philippine Media: Framing the "Red October" Ouster Plot Controversy" by Gabrielle Carissa Marie A. Paras (University of the Philippines Diliman and Ateneo de Manila University), and Sa Mata ng Agila (In the Eye of the Eagle): Interrogating Newscast Authenticity of a Philippine TV Network by Annie Perez-Gallardo (University of the Philippines Cebu).

This is already the tenth journal issue published by SEAMSJ. Readers are encouraged to visit the website <https://seamsa.org/journal-issues> for free access to all previously published issues.

The production of 2024-issues 6.1 and 6.2 is already well under way. Issue 6.1 on digital communication and innovative technologies is guest-edited by Dr. Ngo Bich Ngoc, Head of Media and Communication Department, Swinburne University of Technology, Vietnam, and Dr. Le Thu Mach, a lecturer at the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics, Vietnam, and External Relations Director of SEAMSA. Issue 6.2 on media perspectives of sustainable development is guest-edited by Dr. Jonathan J. Felix, Associate Lecturer in media, communication and cultural studies at School of Communication & Design, RMIT University Vietnam. Interested authors should keep an eye out for the next call-for-papers for SEAMSJ issues 7.1 and 7.2.

Our readers may want to take note that SEAMSJ is a member of the Asian Journals Network (AJN), which includes twenty humanities and social sciences journals from around Asia. AJN held its first onsite seminar-workshop on October 5, 2023, at the Universitas Gadjah Mada in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Positive outcomes of this event have been Memoranda of Understanding between SEAMSA and Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia, and between SEAMSA and The Academy of Mobility Humanities, Konkuk University, Korea. The latter institution publicizes the publication of all AJN member journals, including SEAMSJ issues, on the following website: <https://www.mobilityhumanities.asia/member-publications>. A second AJN onsite seminar-workshop will be held on October 1-2, 2024, at University of Santo Tomas, Manila, Philippines.

The editorial board members and I wish you much joy and intellectual stimulation with this latest collection of research texts in Southeast Asian Media Studies.

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