

EDITOR'S NOTE

The PSR wishes to acknowledge the initial efforts of Lediviña V. Cariño in organizing the papers for this issue.

GUEST EDITOR'S PREFACE

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The 70s ushered in a period where each Filipino was urged more than ever to do his share for national development. Social scientists were not spared this hysteria. The concept of national development, no matter how vague, almost overnight was transformed into the ultimate justification for any undertaking – teaching, research, conferences or any other form of activity – and the former ivory tower social scientists were thrust in the center of development programs as consultants, technocrats and implementors. A few struggled to avoid the bandwagon as casual observers or active critics.

It was such a situation that prodded the Philippine Sociological Society to sponsor its 1975 Lecture Series around the theme Strategies for Development. Thus, from January to February 1975, six sessions were held, each with essentially the same format “. . . a development program or structure, with its underlying philosophies and rationale, is presented by a social scientist actively involved in the evolution of the model and its control and direction. Observers, who by training and research inclination are interested in the fate and phase of development of the strategy at issue, then give complementary presentations.” An open forum ended each session.

The contents of this issue are limited to the papers that were submitted to the committee. It is unfortunate that the transcripts of the open forum where much of the dialogue took place have been misplaced and could not be reproduced in time for this issue.

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