

***How Far is It?: A Round Table Discussion on Philippine Political Party Law***  
Ateneo School of Government and Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) in the Philippines

15 April 2008 (Tuesday), 9:30 AM-2:30 PM  
*The Blue Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Flr. Ateneo Professional Schools Building*  
Rockwell Center, Makati City

**PROGRAM**

- 9:30-10:00      Registration
- 10:00-10:05    Prayer and Welcome Remarks      **Dennis Gonzales, PhD**  
*Associate Dean & Director of Academic Program*  
Ateneo School of Government
- 10:05-10:10    Message      **Mr. Mirko Herberg**  
*Resident Representatives*  
Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Philippine Office
- 10:10-10:15    Introductions & Objectives-Setting      **Antonio La Viña**  
*Dean*  
Ateneo School of Government
- 10:15-10:45    Input Presentations
- Philippine Political Party Reform: Reality and Concrete Actions*      **Mr. Ramon Casiple**  
*Executive Director*  
Institute for Political and Electoral Reform
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Partido Liberal ng Pilipinas  
*Faculty, AdMU Political Science Department*
- 10:45-11:00    Updates and Sharing      +++++++  
House of Representatives

**Structured Discussions**

Moderators:

**Dean Antonio La Viña**

**Joel Rocamora, PhD**

Chair, Akbayan! Citizens Action Party  
Institute for Popular Democracy

11:00-11:45	<b>Insights and Comments on the Content of the Bills and its Implications</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purpose of the Proposed Legislation</li> <li>• Institutionalization of Political Parties (Registration, Candidate Selection, Voluntary Contribution, Turncoatism, etc.)</li> <li>• State Subsidy Fund (Allowable Activities, Eligibility Criteria, Fund Distribution &amp; Schedule of Releases)</li> <li>• Disclosures and Performance Monitoring</li> <li>• Appropriations &amp; Others</li> </ul>	
11:45-12:30	<b>Status of the Legislation</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conflicting Features/ Constraining Factors</li> <li>• Facilitating Factors</li> <li>• Likelihood of Passage?</li> </ul>	
12:30-1:30	LUNCH	
1:30-2:15	<b>Appropriate Response &amp; Course of Actions vis-à-vis the Proposed Bills</b>	
2:15-2:25	Synthesis & Summary	<b>Dr. Joel Rocamora</b>
2:25-2:30	Closing Remarks	<b>Dean Antonio La Viña</b>