

People Power and the Globalisation of Democracy

Participants

Present

Kevin Gray
Stuart Shields
Garry Rodan
Joel Rocamora
Robin Broad
Hsin-Hsing Chen
Fantu Cheru
Thomas Muhr

Absent:

Barry Gills
Kwang-Yeong Shin

Intellectual Discussion

In light of the 25th anniversary of the People Power Revolution in the Philippines, this workshop sought to raise the question of to what extent social movements and progressive forces have been able to facilitate democratic consolidation in those countries undergoing the 'third wave' of democratisation in the late 1980s to early 1990s. Each participant presented a paper based on a national or regional case study with an aim to draw parallels and contrasts between cases to see how the dialectical relation between social forces and democratic consolidation has been differentiated across the globe. Between the original conceptualisation of the project and the ISA workshop, one event that could not have been foreseen was the Arab Spring, thus making the topic all the more relevant. As expected, insightful parallels were found across seemingly disparate cases (e.g. the nature of the resurgence of conservative politics in South Korea and Poland), and extra-national/regional factors such as the role of the US hegemony and global neoliberalism play an important role in explaining such commonalities. The main outputs of the workshop are a special issue of *Third World Quarterly*, 33 (3), 2012. The papers will also be published as an edited book volume later this year by Routledge. Presentations of the papers were also made during two conference panels at the conference itself.

Expenses

The expenses for the workshop came under budget. This is partly due to two of the planned participants not attending due to personal reasons. Two of the participants who did attend (Fantu Cheru and Thomas Muhr) decided not to claim for accommodation expenses. Individual expenses claims have been submitted separately (including \$160 which I paid for lunch for all workshop participants).

Original amount requested:

Actual expenditures:

Room rental charge	\$200
LCD projector, screen, notebook.	\$295
2 x coffee break (based on 10 participants @ \$12 per person)	\$240
Lunch in local restaurant (\$20 per person, x 10)	\$160
Per Diem 8 x \$75	\$600
Lodging	
Kevin Gray	\$120
Stuart Shields	\$167.50
Garry Rodan	\$224
Joel Rocamora	\$224.08
Robin Broad	\$224.08
Hsin-Hsing Chen	\$196.99
ISA Membership & Conference Registration for Joel Rocamora	\$200
Total	\$2851.65