



*Pasuguan ng Pilipinas*

*Embassy of the Philippines*

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To the Filipino Community in Switzerland:

It is with great pride that I invite you and your friends to attend the 2011 Conference for Research on the Philippines, to be held at the University of Berne, Switzerland, on 14 May 2011.

With the theme "**Philippines in Perspectives**" the conference will provide a platform for researchers committing their work to topics concerning the Filipino people and culture.

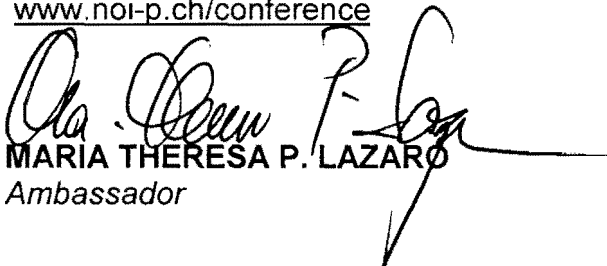
The conference is organized by *Noi-P* or Network of Integrated Pinoys in Switzerland, with the collaboration of the Philippine Embassy in Berne and the Linguistics Institute of the University of Berne.

"*Noi-P*" is a network of young Filipino-Swiss students and professionals based in Switzerland. One of its aims is "to network, organize and discover common aspirations for the Philippines."

I invite all of you to support and be part of this event, that will raise awareness and appreciation of the Philippines.

More details on the conference are available through the following link:

[www.noi-p.ch/conference](http://www.noi-p.ch/conference)



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Ambassador

Saturday, 14 May 2011

10 a.m.

University of Berne

Unitobler, Room F-121

For further information and registration online, please see:

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**Prof. Dr. Iwar Werlen:**  
The Notion of a National Language P/Filipino



**Irina Wenk, M.A.:**  
Anthropological Perspectives on Indigenous Rights in Mindanao



**Mr. Manuel G. Imson:**  
Filipino Migration to Switzerland

# PHILIPPINES IN PERSPECTIVES

## 2011 Conference for Research on the Philippines University of Berne, Switzerland

In everyday discourse, the Philippines is seldom thought of as more than just an exotic Southeast Asian vacation destination with white beaches and friendly people. When talking to our Swiss friends about our roots, we, the members of Noi-P., often find that they have a rather one-sided view of the Philippines. One of our aims as a group of second generation Pinoys in Switzerland, therefore, is to provide different perspectives on our country of origin.

In fact, the Philippines with its people and cultures has been the topic of much scholarly research. In order to discover and learn more about these academic studies, Noi-P., the Philippine Embassy in Berne as well as the Linguistics Institute at



Berne University would like to invite you to this conference on the Philippines as a Swiss academic research field. By YOU we mean everybody – academics and non-academics alike.

This conference not only seeks to provide a platform for researchers committing their work to topics concerning the Philippine people and their cultures, but also hopes to supply a broader audience with different perspectives on the Philippines.

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shall serve as an opportunity to engage in discussions and exchange different ideas about the Philippine people and cultures.

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