

Curriculum Vitae
Dr. Rosa Cordillera A. Castillo

Education

- 30 May 2017: PhD in Anthropology (Summa Cum Laude), Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology and the Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies, Freie Universität Berlin, PhD thesis, *Being and Becoming: Imagination, Memory, and Violence in the Southern Philippines*, Awarded the German Research Foundation (DFG) Excellence Initiative Scholarship
- 30 April 2009: Master of Arts in Anthropology (GWA 1.125, Excellent), Department of Anthropology, University of the Philippines-Diliman, MA thesis *There is No Other Livelihood: Negotiating Danger and Survival in the Life World of Compressor Fishers*, Awarded the Philippine Social Science Council's Research Assistance Program Grant
- 30 April 2003: Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology (Magna cum laude), Department of Anthropology, University of the Philippines-Diliman, BA thesis (with co-author Andrea Malaya Ragrario): *Parabuso: A Glimpse at the Hazardous Occupation of Compressor Diving in Behia*

Professional experience

- 1 October 2025-31 March 2026 – **Guest Professor**, Institute for Social and Cultural Anthropology, Freie Universität Berlin
- 1 April 2025-30 September 2025 - **Guest Professor of Gender and Diversity**, Institute for Social and Cultural Anthropology, Freie Universität Berlin
- 1 October 2023-31 March 2025 - **Substitute Professor of Public Anthropology**, University of Bremen, Department of Anthropology and Cultural Research
- 1 April-30 September 2023 - **Interim Professor**, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Institute for Asian and African Studies
- 1 April 2022-30 September 2023 –**Discourse curator**, Haus der Kulturen der Welt
- 1 October 2022-31 March 2023 - **Visiting lecturer (Gastdozentin)**, Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Freie Universität Berlin
- 01 April 2020-31 March 2023 - **Postdoc**, Institute for Asian and African Studies, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
- 1 July 2017-31 March 2020 - **Postdoc**, Institute for Asian and African Studies, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
- 2015-2023 - **Guest lecturer and mentor**, Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies, Free University Berlin
- 1 October 2014-31 March 2015: **Guest lecturer**, *Introduction to Philippine Studies* seminar, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Institute for Asian and African Studies
- 1 June 2009-31 October 2011: **Assistant Professor of Anthropology**, Department of Behavioral Sciences, University of the Philippines Manila
- 1 February 2007-31 January 2008: **Co-principal investigator**, *Protecting the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Research*, funded by the Commission on Higher Education of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines
- 1 November 2006-31 October 2007: **Lecturer of Anthropology**, Department of Anthropology, University of the Philippines Diliman
- 1 November 2006-31 Aug 2009: **Researcher**, *Benefit Sharing for Human Genetics Research*, an international team headed by the University of Central Lancashire; funded by the European Commission
- 1 November 2005-31 October 2006: **Instructor of Anthropology**, Department of Anthropology, University of the Philippines Diliman
- 1 November 2004-31 October 2005: **Technical and research staff**, *Anthropology Watch, Inc.*,

an NGO working on Indigenous peoples rights in the Philippines

Other research positions

- June-December 2020: Research leader, *Diasporic solidarity: Filipino migrants' Covid-19 initiatives between the Philippines and Europe*, funded by the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation-Southeast Asia-Manila
- November 2010-May 2011: Researcher, *Gender agenda of the Innova-P2 Project*, an international team working on intellectual property rights and the global disease burden, headed by the University of Central Lancashire; funded by the European Commission
- May 2009 – September 2009: Research leader, *Automated Election System 2010 Policy Study*, Dean's Office, College of Law and the Center for People's Empowerment and Governance, University of the Philippines Diliman
- 2007-2008: Co-principal investigator, *Protecting the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Research*, funded by the Commission on Higher Education of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines
- 2005-2006: Research and administrative assistant: *Resilience of Communities and Health Systems during Conflict/Post-Conflict Situations: A Multi-Country Study*, funded by the World Health Organization, involving the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Congo, Sudan, and Uganda

Selected scientific and artistic events convened/curated

- March 2025 - Co-convener, *co2libri International Spring School: Reimagining the University: Confronting Coloniality, Safeguarding Academic Freedom, Nurturing Alternative Paths of Learning*, University of the Philippines and De La Salle University
- November 2024 - Co-convener and co-facilitator, *Decolonial Storytelling Towards a Radical Ecological Imagination: A Transgenerational and Transregional Exchange*, workshop, Spore Initiative Berlin
- July 2024 - Co-convener, *Unmaking/Remaking Heritage: Renewing Labels, Expertise and Temporalities*, panel, European Association of Social Anthropology Conference, Barcelona
- November 2023 - Co-convener and trainer, *Ethics of Care International Workshop*, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
- June 2023 - Co-curator, *on movement(s) and collective: Black Radicals in/of Berlin* panel discussion, Haus der Kulturen der Welt
- September 2019 - Coordinator and co-curator, Film Program of the *European Association for Southeast Asian Studies Conference (EuroSEAS)*, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, September 10-13, 2019
- 2015 and 2017 - Co-founder and co-curator, *The First Reel: Philippine Film Festival*, the first and only festival in Germany dedicated to Philippine/Filipino/a/x cinema, Kino Moviemento
- 2018 - Co-convener, *Difference, Belonging, and the Politics of Memory at Southeast Asia's Margins*, panel, Association for Asian Studies Conference, Washington D.C., March 22-25, 2018
- 2015 - Co-curator Ugat-Agos (Roots-Flow), exhibit and academic discussions, NON Berlin Gallery
- 2010 - Conference Chair, 32nd UGAT Conference, *Kalikhasan in Flux: Indigenous Peoples' Creativity in a Changing Natural Environment*, National Museum

Selected invited lectures, plenary presentations, moderation

- April 2026 – Lecture, *Reparations Beyond the Human? Rethinking (Post)Conflict Repair and Justice Through an Ecocentric Lens*, University of Vienna, Institute of Anthropology Lecture Series
- April 2025 - Lecture, *The im/possibility of decolonizing media anthropology: Reflections from a Southern positionality and praxis*, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Institute of Social Anthropology Lecture Series

- November 2024 - Lecture, *Decolonial Storytelling: Breaking Hierarchies of Knowing-Being*, Global South Studies Center, University of Cologne, Institute of Anthropology Lecture Series
- November 2024 - Moderator, *On Omnicide Continuum*, Spore Initiative Berlin
- October 2024 - Keynote lecture, *Solidarity and Decolonial Ethics in Practice: Crafting Just and Liberatory Worlds*, Politics of Knowledge, 4th International Conference on Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Practices, University of South Africa, Institute for Social and Health Sciences
- October 2024 - Lecture, *Thinking with the South: Reframing Research Collaboration amid Decolonial Imperatives and Challenges*, University of Western Cape
- September 2024 - Lecture, *The Im/possibility of Decolonizing Media Anthropology: Reflections from a Southern Positionality and Praxis*, University of Bern, Switzerland
- June 2024 – Professorship job lecture, *Engaging Media, Rehumanizing Praxis: Towards a Critical Public Anthropology*, University of Bremen
- April 2024 - Lectur, *Decolonial Ethics*, Hochschule für Künste Bremen, Documenting in Artistic Research Symposium
- March 2024 - Moderator, *Treatment or Trap?*, United Nations 67th Session on Narcotic Drugs
- January 2024 - Keynote lecture, *Critical Research Ethics as Decolonial Praxis*, University of the Philippines Asian Center
- January 2024 - Lecture, *Thinking with the South: Reframing Research Collaboration amid Decolonial Imperatives and Challenges*, Southeast Asia Research Center and Hub, De La Salle University Manila
- November 2022 - Panelist and chair, *Cross-Sectoral Approaches to Social Movements Beyond Southeast Asia*, AlterSEA conference on Engaging Research - Exploring Collaborations between Researchers, Activists and Citizens
- June 2022 - Lecture, *Critical Research Ethics as Decolonial Praxis*, lecture, Lund University, Sweden
- May 2022 - Lecture, *Memory-work as Decolonial Praxis*Ca'Foscari University Venice
- August 2021 - Keynote lecture, *Solidarities, Global Social Justice, and Radical Humanism*, 16th Annual Peace, Safety, and Human Rights Memorial Lecture, Psychological Society of South Africa, Pan-African Psychology Union, and University of South Africa
- January 2021 – Professorship job lecture, *Violence, Resistance, and Solidarity: A Transcultural Lens*, University of Bremen Department of Anthropology and Cultural Research
- January 2021 - Lecture, *A Politics and Ethics of Viewing Photographs of Suffering*, lecture, Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism and Photojournalists Center of the Philippines
- November 2018 - Plenary speaker, *What Knowledge? Whose Knowledge? Current Anthropological Knowledge Production in Switzerland*, plenary roundtable discussion, Swiss Anthropological Association Conference, Zurich, Switzerland
- November 2018 - Panel, *Human Rights in the Philippines*, 2018 Exground International Film Festival, Wiesbaden
- February 2018 - Lecture, *The Will to Remember: Discoursing Massacres and Becoming a Mujahid*, Mindanao State University-Marawi
- November 2017 - Lecture, *Othering and Recognition: Muslim-Christian Relations in the Southern Philippines*, University of Tromsø, Center for Peace Studies
- October 2017 - Plenary speaker, *Cultivating Ethical Consciousness and Disposition in Ethnographic Research*, German Anthropological Association Conference, Berlin
- October 2015 - Keynote Lecture, *Inhabiting the Everyday through the Bangsamoro Imaginary*, University of Luzerne Department of Anthropology, Conference on Philippine Studies
- May 2014 - Lecture, *Perspectives on Truth, Justice, Reparation, and Reconciliation in Central Mindanao*, *Conversation on Perspectives in Reconciliation*, ForumZFD, Davao City

Selected Conference Paper Presentations

- November 2023 - *Storytelling for liberation: Truth, memory, and older adults in the Bangsamoro liberation struggle*, American Anthropological Association Meeting, Toronto
- July 2022 - *The Memory-Imagination Interplay*, European Association of Social Anthropologists Conference, Queens University Belfast, United Kingdom
- September 2019 - *(Un)grievable lives and the politics of Muslim belonging in the Philippines*, paper presentation, European Association for Southeast Asian Studies Conference (EuroSEAS), Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
- November 2018 - *Genres of Resistance: On Ethnography, Creativity, and Public Engagement*, roundtable discussion, American Anthropological Association Conference, San Jose
- March 2018 - *The Mamasapano Clash, Memories of Violence, and the Politics of Muslim Belonging in the Philippines*, Association for Asian Studies Conference, Washington D.C.

Selected grants and awards

- 2021 - *Co2Libri-Conceptual Collaboration: Living Borderless Research Interaction*, co-author, funded by the Berlin University Alliance / Berlin Center for Global Engagement (grant Euro 315,000)
- 2020 - "International Research Marketing Ideas Competition Prize" for the Affect and Colonialism Web Lab, German Research Foundation and Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Germany and SFB Affective Societies, co-author (total grants 150,000.00 Euros)
- 2020 - Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung-Southeast Asia-Manila grant for the research *Diasporic Solidarity: Filipino Migrants' Covid-19 Initiatives Between the Philippines and Europe*, co-author and research leader (2500 Euros)
- 2019-2025 - *Advancing Philippine Studies at HU* (Grant Euro 83,796.95, Philippine Government)
- 2011-2015 - German Research Foundation Excellence Initiative PhD Scholarship Award
- 2011 - Wellcome Trust International Engagement Award grant for the project *Voices and Images from the Mountains: Building Indigenous Peoples' Capability to Conduct Community-Based Health Impact Assessment of Mining Projects*, conceptualized with the Center for Environmental Concerns

Selected professional membership

German Anthropological Association

European Association of Social Anthropologists (2022-2024 Co-convener, Anthropology of Race and Ethnicity Network)

Association for Asian Studies (2018-2019 board member, Philippine Studies Group)

Reviewed for

Journal of Southeast Asian Studies

Feminist Anthropology

Ecology and Society

International Journal of Transitional Justice

Journal of Community Psychology

Sage Handbook of Cultural Anthropology

AghamTao Journal

2022-present - Editorial board member, [ALON: Journal for Filipinx American and Diaspora Studies](#), based at the University of California, Davis

2008 - Co-editor, AghamTao, Journal of Ugnayang Pang-Aghamtao / Anthropological Association of the Philippines Vol. 17 The Practice of Governance