

VIOLENT DEMOCRATIZATION: THE FORMATION OF THE PHILIPPINES' POST-DICTATORIAL POLITICAL VIOLENCE

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Abstract:

After Philippine dictator Ferdinand E. Marcos was overthrown through the popular People Power uprising in February 1986, expectations set in that the restoration of electoral democracy would reduce the levels of political violence. Yet, 37 years after the fall of Marcos' dictatorship, political violence has persisted until the Marcos family's return to power with the election of Marcos Jr. as president in 2022. Clearly, the period after the end of the dictatorship has been characterized by persistent patterns of political violence. The question on why this is so will be addressed in this talk. Analysis on the persistence of three forms of political violence – against the legal left, by the warlords against their political rivals, and the 'War on Drugs' – since the fall of the dictatorship until 2022 will be presented.

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