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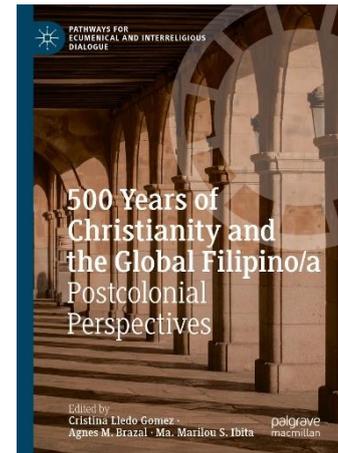
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Catholic Theology from beyond our shores

BBI-TAITE celebrates 500 years of Christianity in the Philippines through its contribution to the publication of **500 Years of Christianity and the Global Filipino/a: Postcolonial Perspectives**.

The anthology prides in showcasing Filipino/a theologians from around the world including our own Australian-Filipina theologian, Dr Cristina Lledo Gomez, the Presentation Sisters Senior Lecturer in Theology. Cristina was also a member of the editorial team.

With over 90% of Filipin@s (Filipino/as) in the Philippines identifying as Christian and more than eight million worldwide, these Catholics are a significant force reshaping global Christianity. The fifth centenary called for both celebration and critique of the arrival of Christianity into the country. The book seeks to examine this entry and its after-effects through postcolonial theological lenses, suggesting a desire to go beyond the colonial while acknowledging its ongoing influence in the country. The chapters are at the cutting edge of the development of Catholic faith and identity in new contexts.



Kwok Pui-Lan, Dean's Professor of Systematic Theology, Emory University describes the book as a "groundbreaking volume" and "a critical contribution to the study of Asian and postcolonial Christianity". Meanwhile, Dale T. Irvin, Professor of World Christianity, New School of Biblical Theology and Co-Editor of the Journal of World Christianity says: "I consider it one of the most important books on Christianity in the Philippines to have been published in the last half-century..."

For Dr Lledo Gomez the work has significance for Australia: "Filipina/s are the fifth largest Catholic community in Australia and bring to the church a vibrant heritage. This heritage is not always well understood or appreciated for its complexity, an area that these essays seek to address as a pastoral and theological concern".

Three leading international scholars were the editorial team:

Dr Cristina Lledo Gomez

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The book will be officially launched online via the Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs, Georgetown University, Washington DC, USA on Saturday, March 16, 11am-1pm AEST. Please RSVP at <https://berkleycenter.georgetown.edu/events/500-years-of-christianity-in-the-philippines-and-the-global-filipin> to attend.

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