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“Death and Laughter in the Age of Duterte: A book talk on The Sovereign Trickster”

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Vicente Rafael is a Professor of History and Southeast Asian Studies at the University of Washington. He has authored numerous works on Philippine history and culture, including: *Motherless Tongues: The Insurgency of Language amid Wars of Translation* (2016); *The Promise of the Foreign: Nationalism and the Technics of Translation in the Spanish Philippines* (2005); *White Love and Other Events in Filipino History* (2000); and *Contracting Colonialism: Translation and Christian Conversion in Tagalog Society under Early Spanish Rule* (1992), all published by Duke University Press.

In *The Sovereign Trickster*, Professor Rafael “locates [outgoing Philippine President Rodrigo] Duterte’s rise within the context of counterinsurgency, neoliberalism, and the history of electoral violence.... By diagnosing the symptoms of the authoritarian imaginary as it circulates in the Philippines, Rafael provides a complex account of Duterte’s regime and the social conditions that allow him to enjoy continued support” (from the Duke UP website).

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