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“Deterritorialized Governance: How the Philippines Protects Citizens Outside Its Borders”



Description: How do emigrant states recognize the citizenship of temporary labor migrants beyond their territorial borders? This talk examines how the Philippines uses bureaucratic, legal, and welfare apparatuses, navigating the constraints of host-state sovereignty and conditions of asymmetric interdependence to extend rights protections to its citizens abroad. Challenging the conventional view that emigrant citizenship centers primarily on migrants' obligations to the origin state, it shows instead that emigrant citizenship also entails the provision of rights in host states, made possible through host-state authorization and the framing of migrant protection as a shared responsibility grounded in internationally recognized human rights norms.

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