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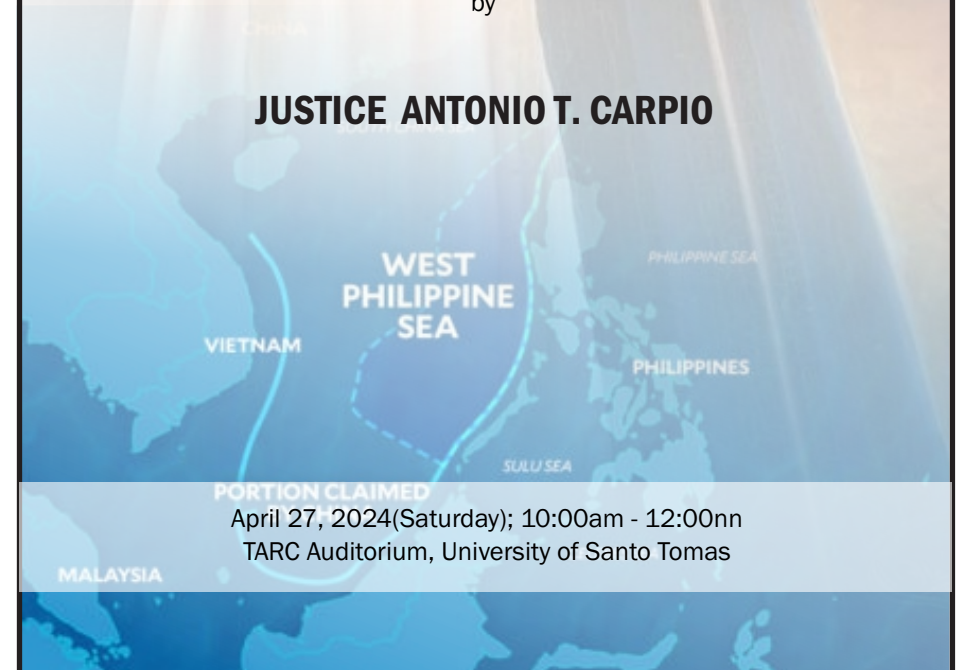
presents

**THE  
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LECTURE**

**“PHILIPPINE ISLAND TERRITORIES  
IN THE WEST PHILIPPINE SEA”**

by

**JUSTICE ANTONIO T. CARPIO**



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April 27, 2024(Saturday); 10:00am - 12:00nn  
TARC Auditorium, University of Santo Tomas



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## “PHILIPPINE ISLAND TERRITORIES IN THE WEST PHILIPPINE SEA”

The Lecture discusses China's 9-dashed lines claim as the root cause of the South China Sea dispute, and how the claim encroaches on the maritime zones of other coastal states. The recent creation by China of artificial islands in the Spratlys is shown as part of a grand design by China to control the South China Sea for economic and military purposes, turning the South China Sea into a Chinese lake. The Lecture explains how the 9-dashed lines claim, and the activities by China to enforce the claim, violate UNCLOS and threaten the peace, security and stability of the region. The Lecture also shows that the 9-dashed lines claim has no historical basis. Throughout the Chinese dynasties, the southernmost territory of China had always been Hainan Island. The Lecture sees a possible resolution of the dispute if China returns to the original intent of the 1947 nine-dashed lines, articulated by President Ma Ying-Jeou of Taiwan, as a claim to islands and their maritime zones that are recognized under international law.

## Programme

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Invocation and Welcome Message	<b>Rev. Fr. George Phe Mang, OP, SThL</b> Director, UST Purchasing Office
Welcome Remarks	<b>Prof. Belen L. Tangco, PhD</b> Program Lead, Political Science Program
Opening Remarks	<b>Judge Charito Sawali, DCL</b> Faculty, Political Science Program
Introduction of Guest Lecturer	<b>Assoc. Prof. Dennis C. Coronacion, PhD</b> Faculty, Political Science Program
Lecture	<b>“PHILIPPINE ISLAND TERRITORIES IN THE WEST PHILIPPINE SEA”</b>  <b>JUSTICE ANTONIO T. CARPIO</b>
Panel of Reactors	<b>Prof. Noel Lansang, PhD</b> Program Lead, Public Administration Program  <b>Prof. Lino Baron, PhD</b> USTGS Coordinator for International Relations  <b>Ms. Jennylyn Cabbuag</b> Graduate Student, Political Science Program
Presentation of Plaque of Appreciation	
Closing Remarks	<b>Prof. Michael Anthony C. Vasco, PhD</b> Dean, UST Graduate School
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