

INTERNATIONAL GUEST LECTURESHIP OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, DIVERSITY & GENDER

On the patient's side

- People may be treated differently when they are seen as a patient rather than as a person with a family, engaged in a job, or a student with the same rights and responsibilities as their peers in their community groups.
- These interactions can be improved through a patient-centered approach to occupational therapy (Thomas, 2022).

On the healthcare provider's side

- "Income inequality can contribute to inequities in patient health and occupational therapy applications" (The Lancet).

Importance of using Intersectionality

- Feelings of guilt and shame in their interactions with a health care provider may be exacerbated by viewing the health care system as a patient or professional.
- Helps diagnose and assess what is resulting from a systemized approach to health care systems that is against deprived and marginalized patients.



RESULT REPORT

In November 2023, the Department of Computer Science (Therapeutic Science) welcomed Rod Charlie Delos Reyes from the University of Santo Tomas in the Philippines as an international guest lecturer. Mr. Delos Reyes teaches at this university and is also a PhD student in the Department of Occupational Therapy at the University of the Philippines Manila. His research focuses on the study of occupational justice of the LGBTQIA+ community within the Philippine healthcare system. Mr. Delos Reyes has several years of professional experience as an occupational therapist, lecturer in various national and international universities, community development and leadership positions in various organizations. He has published numerous articles in national and international profession related and interdisciplinary journals.

Over the four-week guest lectureship, Mr. Delos Reyes conducted a series of workshops in the dual bachelor's degree course in Occupational Therapy. The workshops included a training focusing on intercultural sensitization, a discourse on the international practice of Occupational Therapy as well as lectures on gender and sexuality and their significance for Occupational Therapy.

After his return to the Philippines, Mr. Delos Reyes will work towards further expanding cooperation between the University of Santo Tomas, the University of the Philippines Manila, the University of Batangas, and Trier University of Applied Sciences. Initial talks between the professors at the universities in the Philippines and Prof. Dr. Schneider have already taken place. The intended partnerships aim to expand the internationalization of Occupational Therapy, the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations: Health and Well-being (SDG 3) and Gender Equality (SDG 5) and to create exchange opportunities for lecturers and students from the mentioned universities and Trier University of Applied Sciences.

Prof. Dr. Schneider: "It was a great experience for the students and lecturers in the Occupational Therapy program to get to know Rod Charlie Delos Reyes as an international guest lecturer. The students particularly appreciated the international perspectives on Occupational Therapy and his expertise in the fields of diversity and gender. I look forward to further collaboration with Mr. Delos Reyes and the three universities in the Philippines in the areas of teaching and research. The first projects are already being planned."

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International Perspectives on Occupational Therapy, Diversity & Gender

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