

**LAW, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, AND FOREIGN FINANCING OF  
INFRASTRUCTURE: LEGAL SAFEGUARDS FOR ECONOMIC,  
ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY OF FOREIGN FUNDED  
INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN THE PHILIPPINES**

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This monograph, authored by Dr. Johanna Aleria P. Lorenzo (JSD, Yale), a supervising legal officer (2019-2020) at the U.P. Law Center's Institute of International Legal Studies, highlights the positive and complementary roles of domestic and international law in ensuring the economic, environmental, and social sustainability of infrastructure projects and the international economic agreements underlying them.

It recommends reforms to the current Philippine legal and regulatory framework governing foreign-funded infrastructure projects – such as requiring the conduct of a sustainability impact assessment – based on international law, multilateral standards and global best practices that integrate environmental, social, and human rights concerns in economic decision-making and activities.

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<sup>1</sup> *Law, Sustainable Development, and Foreign Financing of Infrastructure*, UP COLLEGE OF LAW, <https://law.upd.edu.ph/IILS/pages/law-sustainable-development-and-foreign-financing-of-infrastructure/>.