Traces of Empires in the Philippines

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The exhibition is part of an international collaboration with Sulo: The Philippine Studies Initiative at New York University, USA; the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London, UK; and Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines, organized in commemoration of the Spanish-American War and its global impact.
Invitation to the grand opening of our special exhibition Traces of Empires in the Philippines

On Friday, 19 April 2024 at 5 pm

Location
Agathe Lasche Lecture Hall in the Main Building of Universität Hamburg, in the temporary-exhibition section of the University Museum

On 15 February 1898, a US naval vessel sank in Havana Harbor, Cuba. This event marked the beginning of a conflict between Spain and the United States. In less than a year, the Spanish Empire collapsed, while a United States empire was born, expanding across the Pacific towards the Philippines.

The exhibition Traces of Empires invites visitors to reflect upon the long-term impact of these colonial events and the legacy of the Spanish and American empires in the Philippines. It thus opens a window into the concerns of contemporary Filipino society and Filipino diaspora in Germany.

The exhibition was created by master's students in Austronesian studies for a project seminar. It is the result of a collaborative project between the Department of Languages and Cultures of Southeast Asia and the University Museum.

Opening speeches
Prof. Dr. Silke Segler-Meßner
Dean of the Faculty of Humanities
Dr. Antje Nagel
Head of the University Museum

Introduction
Prof. Dr. Elsa Clavé
Asien-Afrika-Institut, Languages and Cultures of Southeast Asia

You are invited to a reception and a tour of the exhibition after the official welcome. Please let us know by 10 April 2024 whether you will attend the event.

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