



# REVIEWING CHINESE STUDIES IN THE PHILIPPINES AND APPRAISING FUTURE DIRECTIONS

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# DOMAINS AND STRUCTURE OF THE FIELD

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## ❖ Domains related to “Chinese Studies”

- China Studies
- Overseas Chinese Studies
- Chinese in the Philippines
- Tsinoy Studies
- Philippines-China Relations
- Sinology? (in the PH: no strong knowledge traditions in Chinese philology, etc.)

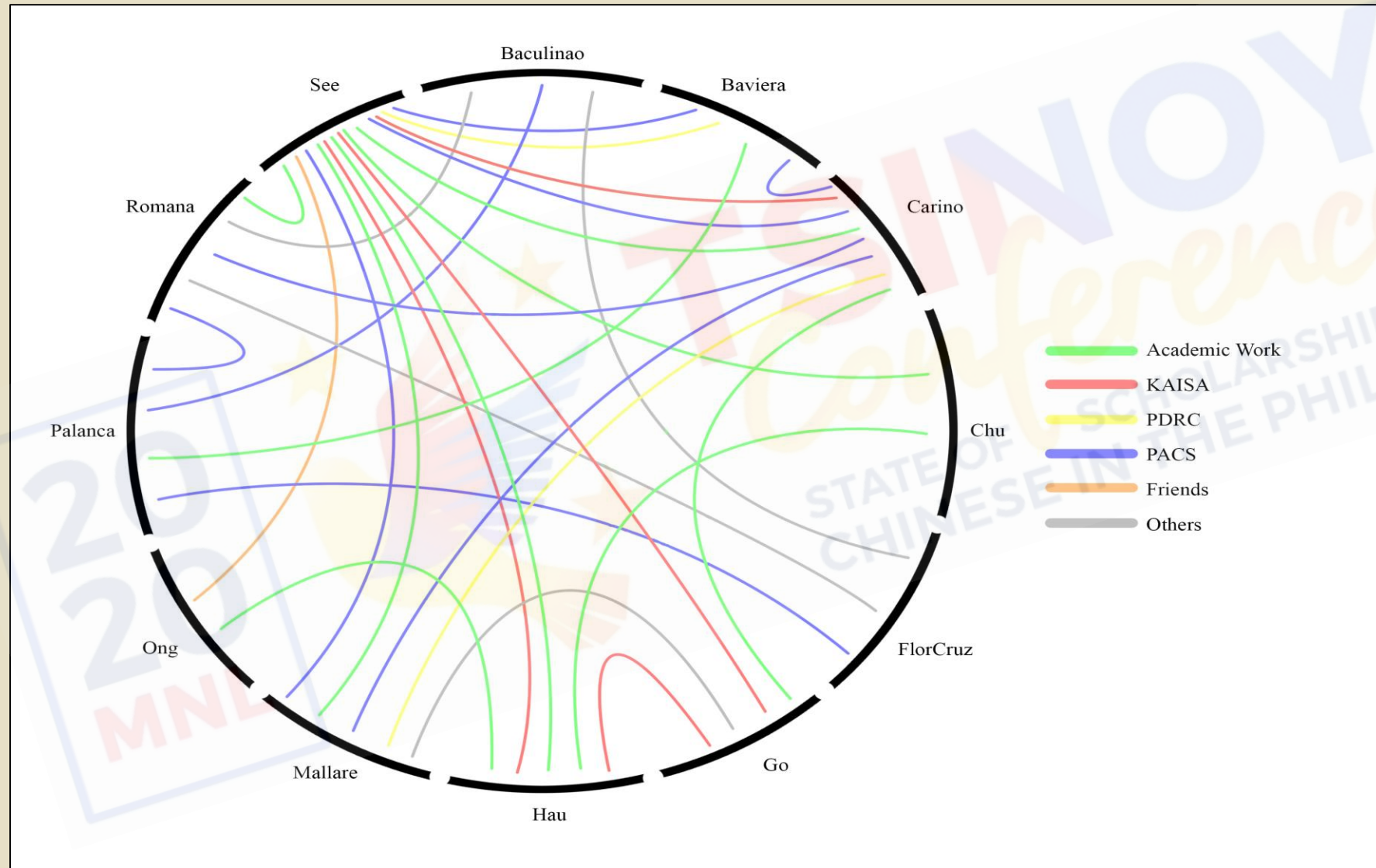
Since domains of study are contingent on the habitus in which they are nested, the nature of each domain and how they relate with each other (whether they overlap/intersect or is a subset of another) have nuances in different places.

For instance, in Malaysia, Sinology, China Studies and Chinese Overseas Studies respectively correspond to civilizational, state and ethnic contexts and are influenced by identity politics (Ngeow *et al.* 2017, Clemente 2020).

The Philippine experience is more amorphous — a kind of ambiguity that reflects the eclecticism pervading the study of subject matter related to the Chinese and China. The absence of strict categories in subject matter does not necessarily reveal a crisis but instead shows flexibility and various ongoing negotiations in the knowledge production space (Clemente 2018, 2020).

Scholarship on the history, migration, and identity, for instance, of Chinese in the Philippines is also considered within Philippine Studies. China, Chinese, and Chineseness do not always have strict demarcations as subjects, **nor do scholars have strictly separate communities** (Clemente and Shih 2018).

# Figure 1: Space of Affinity and Practice



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Figure 2: Geographic dispersion of universities offering (related) degree programs on China/Chinese Studies

**METRO MANILA**

Ateneo de Manila University\*  
Chiang Kai Shek College  
College of Saint Benilde  
College of the Holy Spirit  
De La Salle University  
Far Eastern University  
Lyceum of the Philippines University  
Manuel L. Quezon University  
Miriam College  
New Era University  
Philippine Women's University  
St. Scholastica's College  
University of Asia and the Pacific  
University of Manila  
University of Santo Tomas  
University of the Philippines Diliman\*  
University of the East - Manila

**CAVITE**

Cavite State University - Indang Campus

**NEGROS OCCIDENTAL**

University of Saint La Salle

**ILIGAN CITY**

St. Peter's College

**ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR**

Ateneo de Zamboaga University

**PAMPANGA**

Angeles University Foundation\*

**BULACAN**

Bulacan State University\*

**CAMARINES SUR**

Ateneo de Naga University

**ILOILO**

University of San Agustin

**CEBU**

Cebu Doctor's University  
University of San Jose - Recoletos

**MISAMIS ORIENTAL**

Liceo de Cagayan University  
Xavier University

**LANAO DEL SUR**

Mindanao State University -  
Main Campus

**DAVAO CITY**

Ateneo de Davao University

**COTABATO**

University of Southern Mindanao

Table 1. Universities and respective units offering degree programs with content on China/Chinese

Institution	Programs (degree and nondegree)	Cavite State University (CSU)*	
<b>Ateneo de Manila University (ADMU)*</b>		College of Economics, Management, and Development Studies	AB International studies major in Chinese Studies
Chinese Studies Program	AB in Chinese Studies	<b>Cebu Doctor's University (CDU)</b>	
	AB in Chinese Studies - Business Track	College of Arts and Sciences	AB in International Studies (major in Asian, American or European)
	AB in Chinese Studies - Humanities Track	<b>Chang Kai Shek College (CKSC)*</b>	
	AB in Chinese Studies - Social Sciences Track	Faculty of Business, Arts and Sciences	Bachelor of Secondary Education major in Chinese Literature
	Minor in Chinese Studies		Bachelor of Secondary Education major in Teaching Chinese Language (2+2 Program)
School of Social Sciences	AB in Diplomacy and International Relations		
<b>Ateneo de Davao University (ADDU)</b>		<b>College of Saint Benilde (CSB)</b>	
School of Arts and Sciences	AB in International Studies major in Asian Studies	Multidisciplinary Studies	Bachelor of Arts major in Consular and Diplomatic Affairs (AB-CDA)
	AB in International Studies major in Asian Studies	<b>College of the Holy Spirit (CHS)</b>	
<b>Ateneo de Naga University (ADNU)</b>		School of Arts and Education	AB in International Studies
College of Humanities and Social Sciences	AB in Philosophy major in Foreign Service and International Relations		
<b>Ateneo de Zamboanga University (ADZU)</b>			
School of Arts and Sciences	AB in International Studies		

<b>De La Salle University (DLSU)*</b>	
College of Liberal Arts	AB in International Studies, Major in Chinese Studies Program
<b>Far Eastern University (FEU)</b>	
Institute of Arts and Sciences	AB in International Studies
<b>Liceo de Cagayan University (LDCU)</b>	
College of Arts and Sciences	AB in International Studies
<b>Lyceum of the Philippines University (LPU)</b>	
College of International Relations	AB in Foreign Service
	AB in Foreign Service and Diplomacy
	AB in Foreign Service in International Trade
	MA in Foreign Service

<b>Manuel L. Quezon University (MLQU)</b>	
No sufficient info	BS in Foreign Service
<b>Mindanao State University-Main Campus (MSU-Main Campus)</b>	
International Relations Department	BS in International Relations
<b>Miriam College (MC)</b>	
College of International, Development and Humanitarian Studies	AB in International Studies
	Certificate/Associate in International Studies
	MA in International Studies
	M in International Studies
<b>New Era University (NEU)</b>	
College of Arts and Sciences	College of Arts major in Foreign Service

<b>Philippine Women's University (PWU)</b>	
Helena Z. Benitez School of International Relations and Diplomacy	AB in Foreign Service
	MA in Foreign Service
<b>St. Peter's College (SPC)</b>	
No sufficient info	BS in International Relations
<b>St. Scholastica's College (SSC)</b>	
School of Arts and Sciences	BA in Political Science with specialization in International Relations
<b>University of Asia and the Pacific (UA&amp;P)</b>	
College of Arts and Sciences	MA in Political Economy with specialization in International Relations and Development
<b>University of Manila (UM)</b>	
School of Foreign Service	BS in Foreign Service

<b>University of Saint La Salle (USLS)</b>	
College of Arts and Sciences	AB in Political Science with International Studies
<b>University of San Agustin (USA)</b>	
College of Arts and Sciences	BS in Foreign Service
<b>University of San Jose Recoletos (USJR)</b>	
College of Arts and Sciences	AB in International Relations
<b>University of Santo Tomas (UST)</b>	
College of Arts and Letters	AB in Asian Studies
<b>University of Southern Mindanao (USM)</b>	
Institute of Middle East and Asian Studies	BS in International Relations

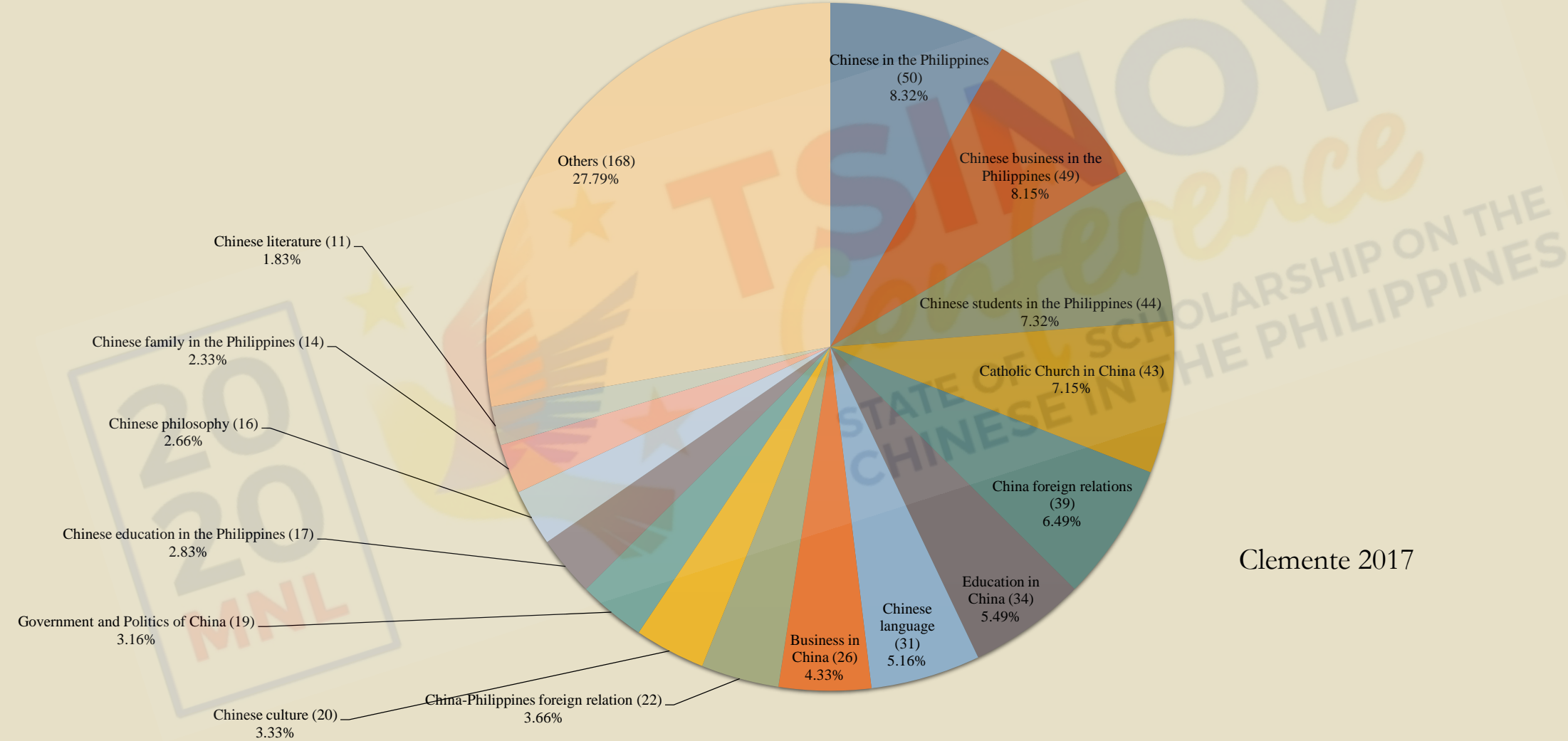
<b>University of the East-Manila (UE)*</b>	
College of Arts and Sciences	AB in International Studies major in China Studies
<b>University of the Philippines Diliman (UPD)*</b>	
Asian Center	MA Asian Studies
	M Asian Studies
Department of Political Science	MA-BA Political Science (with cognate courses on International Relations)
	Masters in International Studies
<b>Xavier University (XU)</b>	
College of Arts and Sciences	AB in International Studies



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Figure 3: Chinese-related theses in 10 universities by subject area from 1940 to 2015



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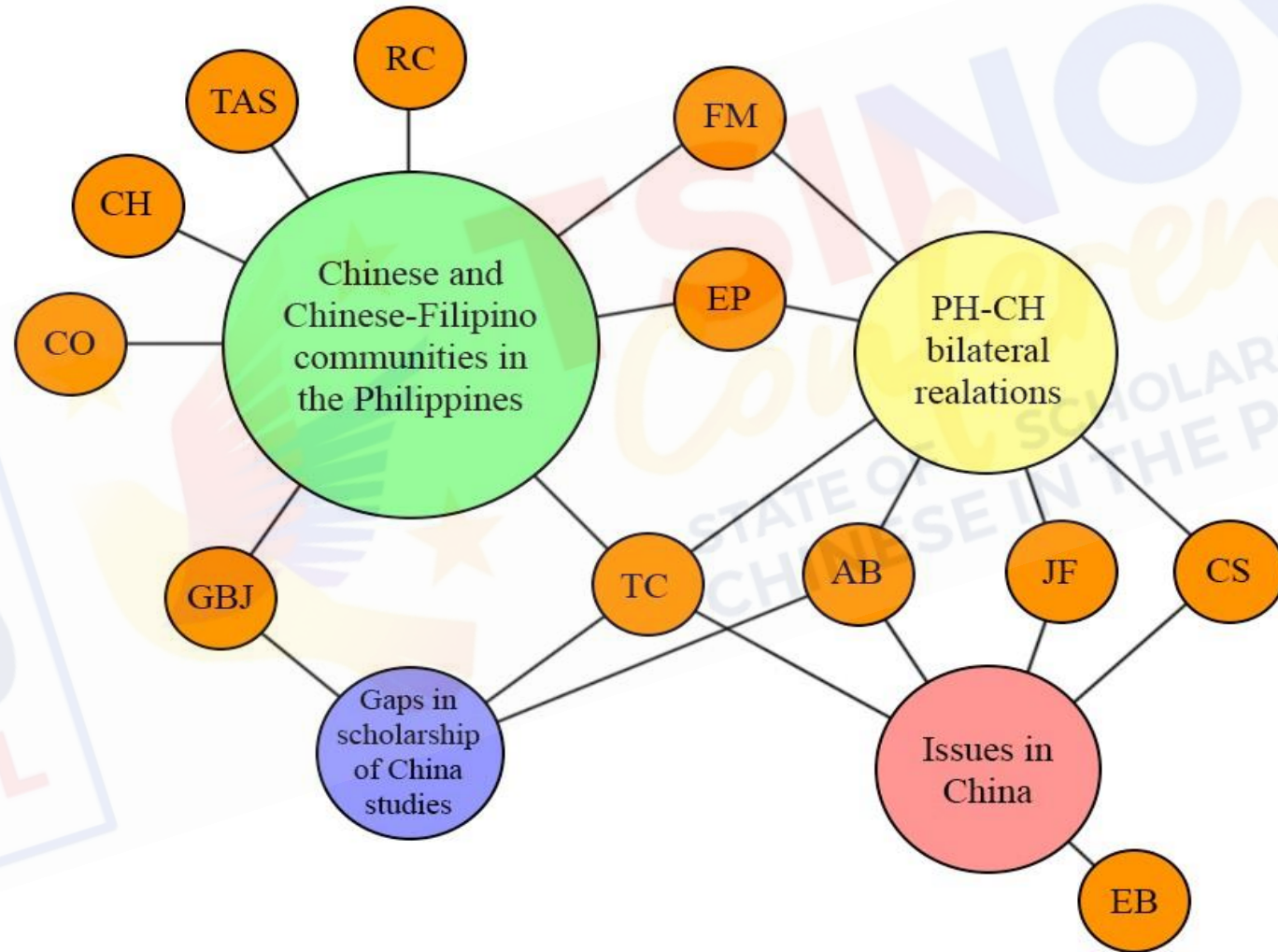
## Table 2: Research Areas of Selected Experts on China/Chinese Studies

Related Fields/Subfields	Specialized Knowledge		
International relations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>China's foreign policy</li> <li>China's economic strategy</li> </ul>	History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>History and identity (re)construction of Chinese in the Philippines</li> <li>Chinese diaspora</li> <li>Asian American studies</li> </ul>
Asian Studies International Relations Political Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>China-Philippines bilateral relations</li> <li>Asia-Pacific security, territorial and maritime disputes</li> <li>China-Southeast Asia relations</li> <li>US foreign policy in Asia Pacific</li> <li>Chinese and Chinese civil society in the Philippines</li> <li>Political economy of China</li> </ul>	International Relations Journalism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Philippine-China diplomatic relations</li> </ul>
Development Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chinese literature in Southeast Asia</li> <li>China's foreign policy in Southeast Asia</li> <li>Social development in modern China</li> <li>Chinese civil society organizations in the Philippines</li> <li>Integration of Chinese in the Philippines</li> <li>Status of Chinese women in the Philippines</li> <li>Religion in China</li> </ul>	Literary Studies Cultural Studies Southeast Asian Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chinese in Philippine history, media, and popular culture</li> <li>Ethnic Chinese issues in Southeast Asia and in the Philippines</li> <li>Culture and history of modern China</li> </ul>
		History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>History and identity (re)construction of Chinese in the Philippines</li> </ul>

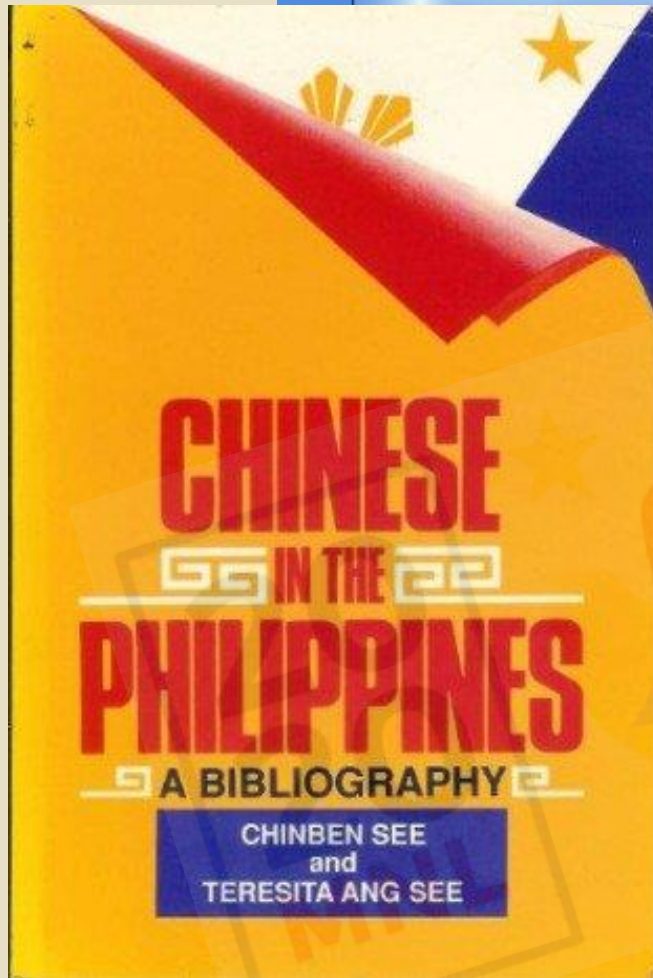
Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• History and identity (re)construction of Chinese in the Philippines</li> </ul>
Creative writing Literary work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chinese in Philippines history</li> <li>• Chinese in Philippine media and literature</li> </ul>
Economics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Philippine-China economic relations</li> <li>• ASEAN-China economic relations</li> <li>• Chinese investments and business in the Philippines</li> <li>• Ethnic Chinese business in the Philippines</li> </ul>
International Relations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Philippine-China bilateral relations</li> </ul>
Political Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chinese civil society organizations in the Philippines</li> <li>• Integration of Chinese in the Philippines</li> <li>• History and identity (re)construction of Chinese in the Philippines</li> </ul>

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Figure 4: Categories of Studies and Linkages among Scholars



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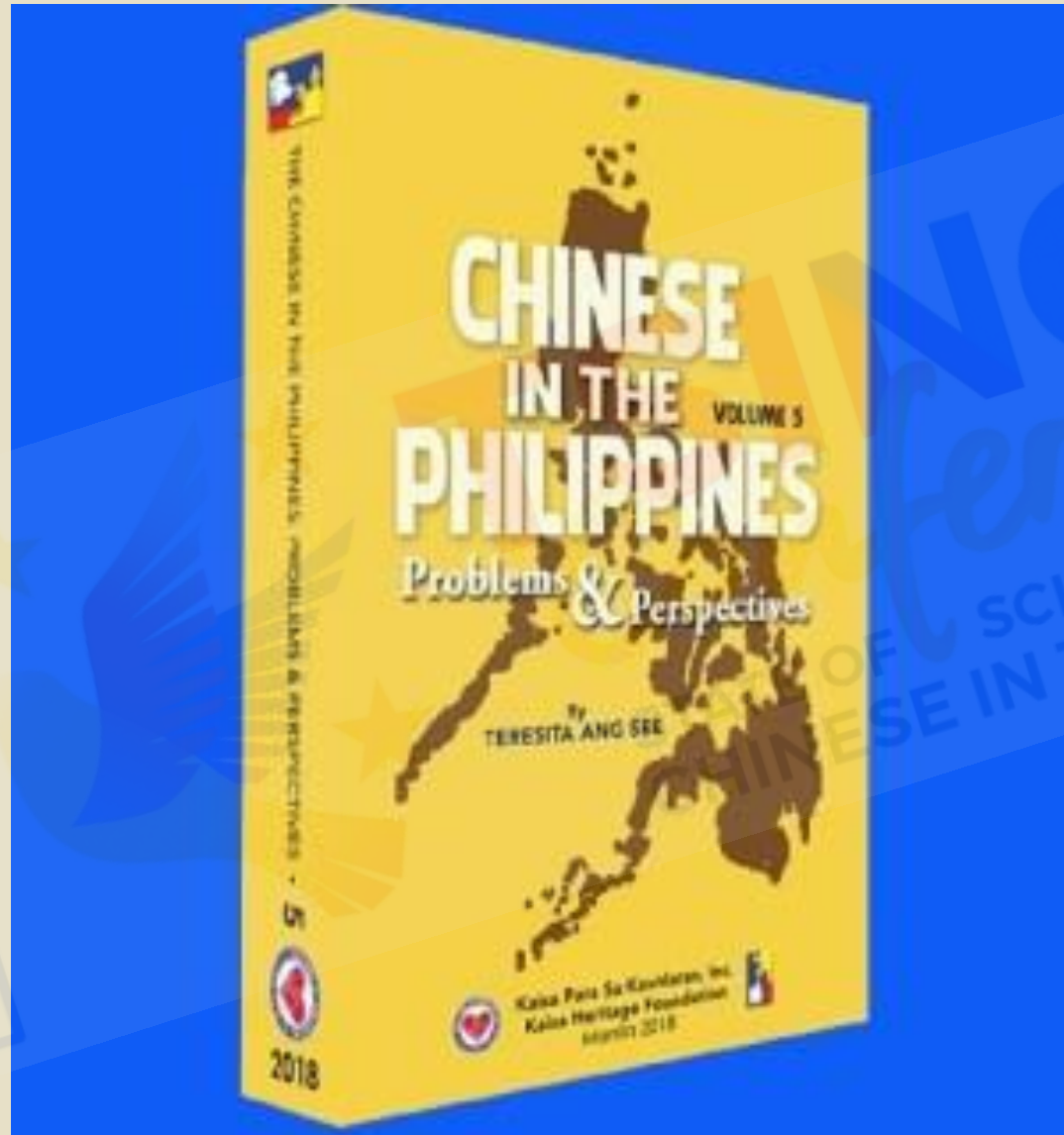
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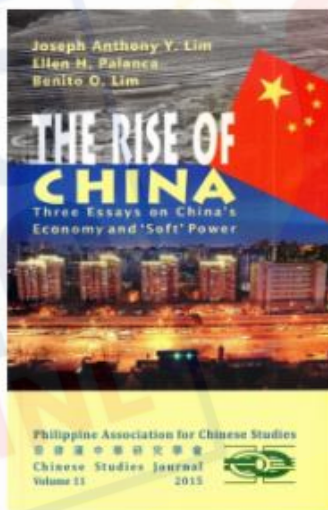
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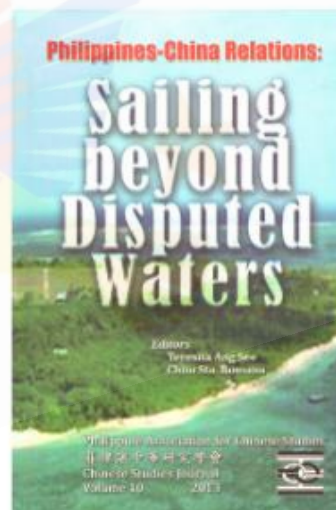


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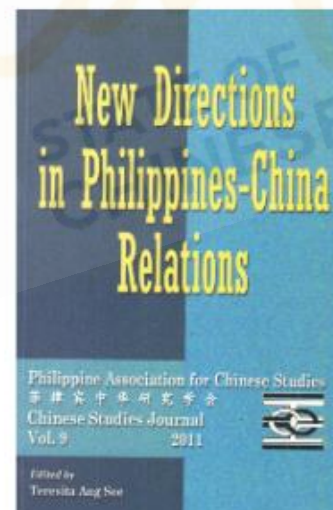
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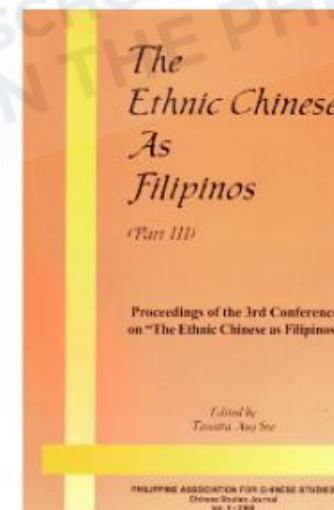
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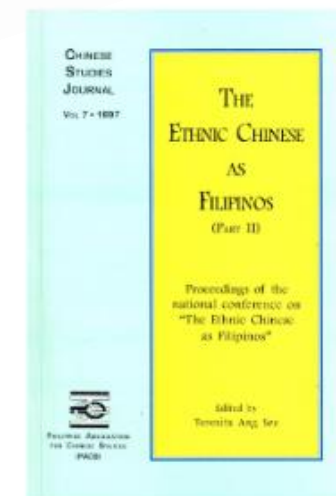


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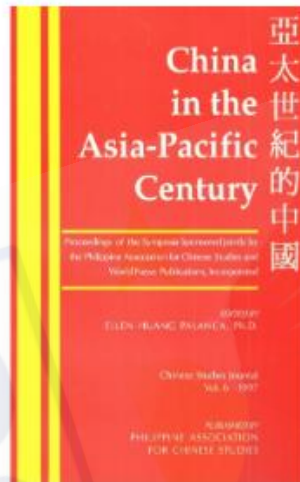
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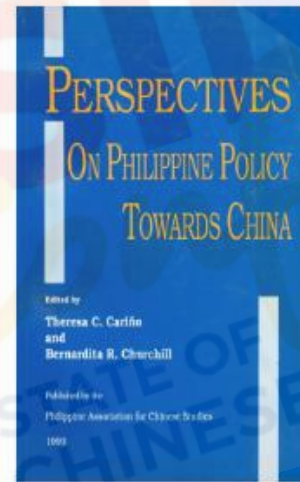
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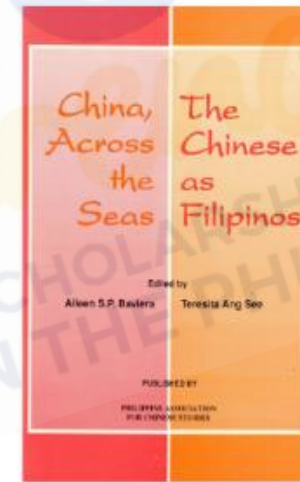
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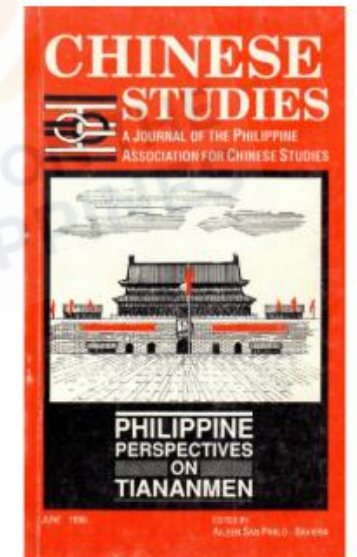
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