


# STOP RED-TAGGING NOW

 Thursday 29 June 2023  
6:00pm to 8:00PM  
Solidarity Hall, Trades Hall

Red-tagging, also known as red-baiting, has been used for decades in the Philippines in the government's campaign against the communist New People's Army (NPA), which began in 1969. The government's counterinsurgency efforts include publicly accusing activists, journalists, politicians, and others and their organizations of being directly involved in the fighting or supporting the NPA. The Philippine military has long been responsible for large numbers of extrajudicial killings and torture of alleged communists.

Red-tagging continued under successive Philippines governments including Gloria Aroyo, Benigno Aquino, Rodrigo Duterte, and now today Bongbong Marcos.

Red-tagging became the deadliest under Rodrigo Duterte in 2016. Duterte created the National Task Force on Ending Local Communist Armed Conflict, with billions of pesos at its disposal, making red-tagging official Government policy. There is no indication anything has changed under Marcos Jnr, elected in 2022.

Although red-tagging was used to stop communists specifically, everyone and anyone can be caught up, including human rights defenders, trade unionists, student activists, and progressive religious groups.

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## THE SPEAKERS



**Benji Velasco**



**Kim Scipes**



**Sr Patricia Fox**



**Alexia Fuentes**



**Ferdinand Sanchez II**



**Pipin Jamson**  
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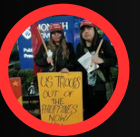
Kim is a global labour scholar and has been studying labor organizations in the US and around the world since 1983. In 1996, he wrote a book about the Kilusang Mayo Uno, the militant labour centre in the Philippines, which he had been researching since the first Marcos dictatorship in 1986.



Benjie is Assistant Professor at the University of the Philippines Diliman School of Labor and Industrial Relations, co-convenor of the Alternative Development Program of the UP Center for Integrative and Development Studies, and a member of the labour group Partido Manggagawa (Labour Party).



Sister Pat is the Coordinator of the Australian Coalition for Human Rights in the Philippines and the spokesperson of Philippines Australia Solidarity Association on Human Rights. She lived in the Philippines for 27 years as a missionary nun. In 2018, the then President Rodrigo Duterte harassed and attacked Sister Pat, which forced Sister Pat to return to Australia. She continues her campaign and advocacy work here.



Alexia is the Secretary General of BAYAN Australia, alliance of National Democratic mass organisations of Filipino – Australians & Chairperson of Anakbayan Melbourne, a comprehensive National Democratic mass organization of Filipino-Australian youth in Victoria. Alexia is a youth activist and a member of the United Workers Union.



Ferdinand is a research assistant at the Centre for Deliberative Democracy and Global Governance in the University of Canberra. He is co-author of *Parallel Public Spheres: Influence Operations in the 2022 Philippine Elections* and works as researcher on the Philippine disinformation landscape and deliberative democracy. Ferds also leads Tara Kabataan, a youth-led and community-based organization in Manila.



Pipin Jamson is an Indonesian women's rights activist and Trade Unionist. Pipin is an active member of *Red Ant* in Melbourne and a contributor to the Indonesian left wing newspaper *Arah Juang*. Currently, she is a member of the national committee to establish a Tertiary Education Workers Union in Indonesia. Pipin will be chairing the meeting.

This meeting is jointly organised by Australia Asia Worker Links, the Australian Coalition for Human Rights in the Philippines, BAYAN Australia, and Red Ant Collective