

Dr. Maria Socorro Fernando
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Citation

Dr. Maria Socorro Fernando is a full-time lecturer in the Graduate School of Business and also serves as MMOD Associate Program Director, Editor-in-Chief of the ABAC ODI Journal and ABAC OD Institute team. She graduated from the University of the Philippines with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Zoology, Master of Arts in Educational Management from De La Salle University, Manila, Philippines, and Ph.D. in Organization Development from SAIDI Graduate School of OD - Philippines and Assumption University.

Dr. Marrisa actively engages in research and publication on her own or with a team, through her teaching in research courses and research advising with graduate students in the Ph.D., MMOD and MBA programs. As editor-in-chief, she guides and encourages authors in preparing and advancing their research articles for publication. Furthermore, she also serves in the advisory editorial board of two European international journals. The Graduate School of Business has honored her with the “Best Researcher Award” during its 30th year celebration.

Her publications include books, creative works, and research articles in international journals, which have received favorable reviews and citations. Her research and publication interests include quantitative and qualitative research, action research, organization studies, human resource development, education, leadership and management, interdisciplinary studies, strengths – based organization development and learning. Some highlights of her publications are:

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