Abstract
Professor James Putzel is presenting his analysis of the looming challenges to peace and development, and argue the case for transformative politics during the administration of Rodrigo Duterte. He will use the prism of the Crisis States Research Centre report titled *Meeting the Challenges of Crisis States*, which he co-authored with Jonathan Di-John.

An important aspect of the CSRC report is its focus on state fragility and state-society dynamics and the potential role of local strongmen and warlords in the state building project. His insights on economic resource mobilization and its links to fragility and resilience in states and cities adds a powerful lens in examining the prospects for lasting peace and durable development on the eve of a new government in the Philippines.

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