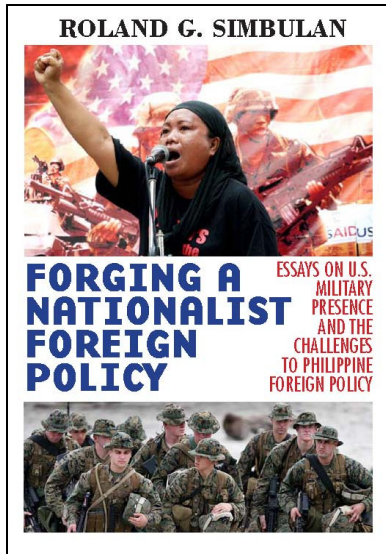


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Forging a Nationalist Foreign Policy **Essays on US Military Presence and the Challenges to Philippine Foreign Policy**

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A collection of essays written by Professor Simbulan on military presence and the challenges to Philippine foreign policy under the post-US bases era.

The book is timely as it also touches on current issues on Philippine foreign and security relations such as the Visiting Forces Agreement, the Subic rape case, and the overall restoration and escalating US military intervention in the Philippines. The book is an important reference material for those who want to have a greater understanding on the direction of Philippine foreign policy from a developmental and internationalist point of view.

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People's Recovery, Empowerment & Development Assistance,
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-Aurora Javate de Dios, Professor of International Studies &
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Women and Gender Institute, Miriam College