

JERIK CRUZ

positions	Harvard University , Kennedy School of Government (Sept. 2026-2028) Postdoctoral Fellow, Reimagining the Economy Project & Harvard Center for International Development
education	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Cambridge, MA; Sept. 2026) PhD in Political Science <i>Dissertation</i> : World Wide Webs: How Migrant Networks and Porous Bureaucracies Forged the Knowledge Economy in the Global South ★ <i>Awardee for 2024 NSF/APSA Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant</i> <i>Fields</i> : Political Economy, Quantitative Methods, Comparative Politics (<i>High pass, all general exams</i>) <i>Affiliations</i> : Graduate Research Fellow, MIT GOV/LAB
	Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (Geneva, CHE) Master in Development Studies (<i>Field</i> : Political Economy of Development)
	Ateneo de Manila University (Manila, PHL) A.B in Economics (Honors program), Minor in Philosophy, <i>Cum Laude</i>
research interests	Comparative & international political economy; bureaucracy; industrial policy; technology; democracy. Computational and historical methods. <i>Area focus</i> : Southeast Asia, North/Central America.
selected peer-reviewed articles	with E. de la Cruz. 2023. “ Platforming populism: the services transition, precarious urbanization, and digital platforms in the rise of illiberal populism in the Philippines .” <i>Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy and Society</i> . Special Issue: <i>The Power of Platforms</i> 16(12): 269-288 with M. Montes. 2020. “ The political economy of foreign investment and industrial development: the Philippines, Malaysia and Thailand in perspective .” <i>Journal of the Asia-Pacific Economy</i> 25(1): 16-39.
work in progress	“World Wide Webs: How Migrant Networks and Porous Bureaucracies Forged the Knowledge Economy in the Global South” (Job Market Paper) ★ <i>2026 Best Paper in Science, Technology & Environmental Politics, American Political Science Association</i> Mapping the global evolution of industrial policy bureaucracies, 1989-2025 “From precarity to populism: the politics of democratic erosion in the Philippines” (with Enrico La Viña) “The digital developmental state” (with Andrew Stokols) OpenAudit: advancing governance research with LLM-processed government audit reports (with Philip Arnold Tũaño , Uriel Galace) ★ <i>2023 MIT Prize for Open Data</i>
selected fellowships	APSA Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Section Emerging Methodologist 2026 Massachusetts Institute of Technology Social and Ethical Responsibilities of Computing Scholar 2025 Tagpuan Center, Ateneo de Manila University Fellow for Bridging Cultural Divides 2025 Institute for Humane Studies Junior Fellow 2024, 2025 Harvard Kennedy School Program on Science, Technology, and Society Predoctoral Fellow 2023 Mercatus Center, George Mason University Adam Smith Fellow 2023 Southeast Asia Research Group Pre-Dissertation Fellowship 2022 Ronald Coase Institute Ronald Coase Institute Fellowship 2020 Massachusetts Institute of Technology Homer A. Burnell Presidential Fellowship 2020

selected grants and awards	APSA Science, Technology, & Environmental Politics Section Paul Sabatier Best Paper Award	2026
	Institute for Human Studies Humane Studies Fellowship (Total: \$5,000)	2026
	Microsoft AI Economy Institute 2nd Global Research Call (with A. Stokols, H. Vo) (Total: \$75,000)	2025
	NSF/APSA Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant Award (Total: \$15,400)	2024
	MIT GOV/LAB MIT GOV/LAB Seed Grant (Total: \$10,000)	2022, 2024
	MIT Center for International Studies Summer Study Research Grant (Total: \$7,600)	2023, 2024
	MIT School of Science and MIT Libraries MIT Open Data Prize	2023
	APSA First Generation Scholars Travel Grant American Political Science Association	2023
	Ateneo de Manila University Research Council Conglomerates and Inclusive Growth (\$65,000)	2018
	International Development Research Centre Economics of Tobacco Control Initiative (\$200,000)	2018
selected presentations	El Colegio de México, Mexico City	2026
	Midwest Political Science Association, IL	2023, 2025, 2026
	University of Oxford, Saïd Business School Research Seminar	2025
	American Political Science Association	2023, 2025
	Graduate Students in International Political Economy Workshop	2025
	Institute for Humane Studies, Juniors Fellows Conference, NC	2024, 2025
	Qualitative Bayesian Reasoning Network Workshop (Online)	2023, 2025
	Harvard-MIT-Boston University Cambridge Chinese Politics Research Workshop, MA	2024
	Asia School of Business Research Seminar, Kuala Lumpur	2024
	MIT-Brown Development Workshop (RI, MA)	2022, 2023
<i>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</i>		
selected teaching	Political Science Laboratory: Regression and Causal Inference, Instructor (UG)	Spring 2025
	Quantitative Methods I: Regression Foundations, Teaching Assistant (G)	Fall 2023
	<i>Ateneo de Manila University</i>	
	International Political Economy, Instructor (UG/G)	Spring 2020
Theory and Practice of Development, Instructor (UG)	Fall 2017, 2018, 2019; Spring 2019	
Introduction to Economics, Instructor (UG)	Spring 2017	
leadership and service	Co-Founder and Organizer, MIT Computational Social Science Graduate Student Workshop	2025
	Committee for the MIT Open Data Prize, MIT Open Data Prize	2024, 2025
	Mentor, MIT Political Science Graduate Mentorship Program	2022-2023, 2024-2025
	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Chair, MIT Political Science Graduate Student Council	2021-2023
<i>Reviewer: Journal of Southeast Asian Economies, Competition & Change, Philippine Studies: Historical & Ethnographic Viewpoints, Journal of Contemporary Asia, Perspective on Politics</i>		
selected policy consulting	Open Society Foundations	New York, USA
	Consultant, Asia-Pacific Program	2023
	The Asia Foundation	Manila, PHL
	Lead Technical Advisor, Coalitions for Change Program	2023
United Nations Development Program	Manila, PHL	
Political Scientist Consultant, Pintig Lab and COVID-19 FASSSTER project	2020-2022	

selected
policy
publications

J. Cruz and E. La Vina. 2024. "The services transition, platform capitalism, and the path to illiberal populism: insights from the Philippines" in *Understanding the drivers of political polarization and social exclusion in Southeast Asia*. Country Technical Report. New York: Open Society Foundations

J. Cruz and E. La Vina. 2023. "From Dependency to Autonomy: Local Governance, Fiscal Capacity, and the Outlook for Philippine Local Governments in the post-COVID era," in *Decentralization, Digitalization, and Development: Strengthening Local Governance for Recovery, Resilience, and the Sustainable Development Goals* Manila: United Nations Development Program (lead flagship report chapter)

A. Ang, J. Cruz, and N. Custodio. 2019. "The impact of trade on employment in the Philippines: a country report" Country Technical Report. Manila: International Labour Organization.

selected
professional
experience

Action for Economic Reforms
Fellow, Industrial Policy Team
Manila, PHL
2018-Present

Ateneo de Manila University
Lecturer, Department of Economics
Manila, PHL
2017-2020

Economist (Business & Government Program), Ateneo School of Government
2017-2019

United Nations Research Institute for Social Development
Research Assistant, Politics of Domestic Resource Mobilization Team
Geneva, CH
2015

selected
additional
training

Systems Science for Social Impact, WashU in St. Louis
2021 (Network Analysis), 2025 (ABM)

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University
2024

Bayesian Reasoning for Qualitative Social Science, London School of Economics
2022

Asia Institute for Political Economy, University of Hong Kong and Georgetown University
2009

computing

R, STATA, Python, \LaTeX , HTML, Markdown, GitHub, Qualtrics, MS Office

languages

English (Native), Tagalog (Native), French (Intermediate), Spanish (Intermediate), Mandarin (Beginner)

references

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