

Globalization and Indigenous Peoples: From Politics of Identity to Policy of Solidarity

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The Article discusses the indigenous peoples' struggle for identity formation in this age of globalization. First, it posits that while globalization is traditionally described as development aggression with indigenous peoples as its victims, a more nuanced analysis of the process is called for. Globalization is not merely a conflict between the global and the local but is a movement where indigenous peoples are allowed to put forward their plight in the international level.

Second, it presents a matrix which identifies the various strategies in identity assertion used by the indigenous people of Mindanao.

Lastly, from this matrix, it ends by making four observations: first, there is still uncertainty regarding who can claim the identity of being indigenous peoples; second, indigenous people have to be more discerning in terms of the support extended to them by various groups; third, the State remains to be an important participant in the identity formation of the indigenous people; and finally, the effort of the individual in the identity assertion process is significant to combat the homogenizing tendency of globalization.