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Reconstituting Histories of Filipino Families with Chinese An Methodology, Sources, and Relevance

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Abstract

Conducting one's family history can enrich not only one's own sense of self but also a nation's history, especially in the Philippines where oligarchic families have historically had an impact on the nation's society, economy, and culture. This article explores the lives of these families are Tsinoy (Chinese-Filipino). Only few, however, have undertaken to reconstitute their histories. This article discusses the various methods, sources, resources, and various frameworks (e.g., transnational, gendered) that one can use to write Tsinoy family histories. It also explains the significance that such family histories have in reframing and broadening Philippine history.

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Chinese diaspora; Chinese in the Philippines; family history; genealogy; oral history; Tsinoy

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