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Bringing Domestic Law to the
Forefront of the Codification
and Development of
International Law

Professor Herminio Harry L. Roque is a lawyer specializing in public international law and human rights. He is an educator, a litigator, a human rights champion, and a public servant. He is also one of the foremost voices in international law in Asia, having been President of the Asian Society of International Law.

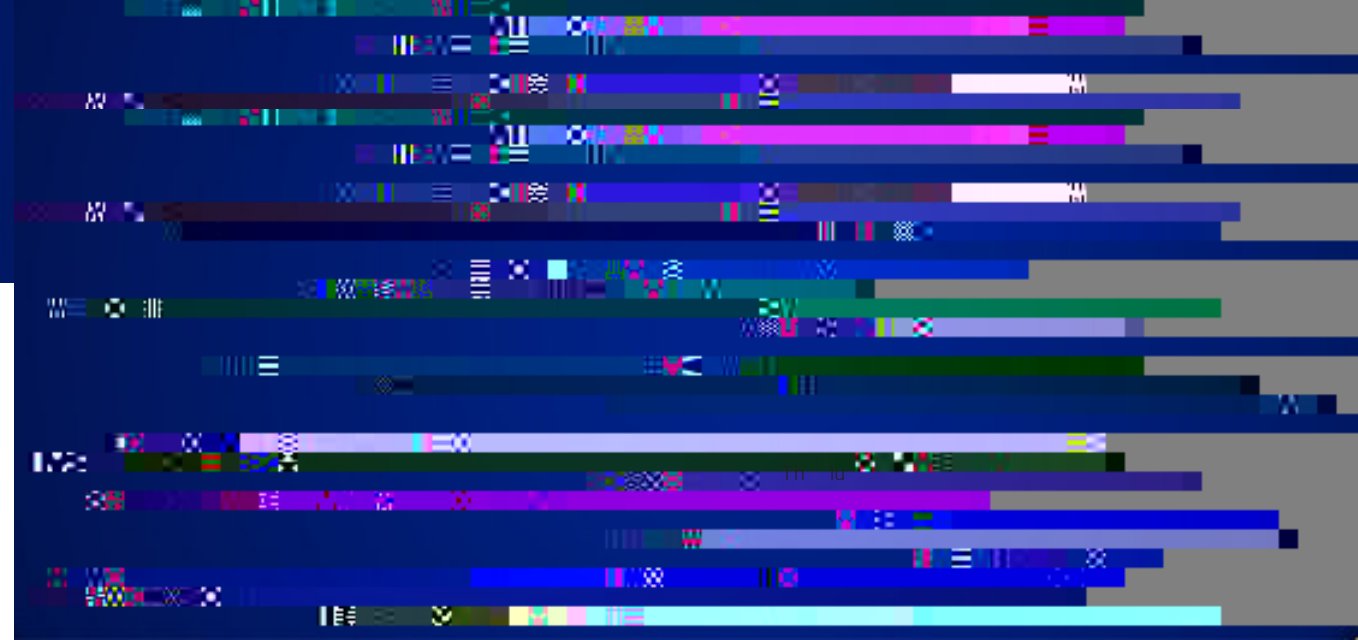
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As an associate professor of law at the University of the Philippines – the country's premier national university, he taught and specialized in public international law, constitutional law and international humanitarian and human rights law for over fifteen years. At the Law Center of the same institution, he served as the Director for the Institute of International Legal Studies from 2005-2008 and from 2011-2015. He is also an adjunct professor at the Academy of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law at the Washington College of Law of American University.

Prior to entering the academe and until today, Professor Roque has constantly served as a champion of human rights, most notably as a litigator with numerous landmark cases argued before both domestic and international courts and other venues. In fact, he is the first Asian admitted to practice before the International Criminal Court and was also admitted to practice before the War Crimes Tribunal for Rwanda in 2004.

Professor Roque is the founding chairman of the Onesimo Foundation in 1996, which provides support for Filipino youth from the urban poor sector. Notably in 2005, he also founded the Center for International Law, which seeks to promote the binding nature of international law in the Philippines, and avail of international remedies to enforce and implement human rights and humanitarian law.

In 2016, he entered public service by winning a seat in the Philippine House of Representatives representing marginalized sectors of the Filipino community. He authored numerous laws, including the first Universal Health Care law of the country. He currently serves as a member of the cabinet of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte as Presidential Spokesperson. He is married to Mylah Reyes Roque, a journalist. They are blessed with two children, Bianca Hacintha and Harrison Jakob.



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Education

- 1995 to 1996 - *Master of Laws (LLM)* London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London, United Kingdom
- 1986 to 1990 - *Juris Doctor (JD)* College of Law, University of the Philippines Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines
- 1983 to 1986 - *Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Economics and Political Science*, The University of Michigan

Professional Experience
