

**Mahar Mangahas** is a Filipino economist who has done research on Public Opinion, Quality of Life Indicators, Poverty, Economic Inequality, Land Reform, Rice Policy, and Perspective Planning.

Born January 23, 1944 in Manila, Philippines. Spouse: Ma. Alcestis Abrera-Mangahas. Children: Maria F. Mangahas, Federico Kelley A. Mangahas, Fabian Bernard A. Mangahas, Mahar Abrera Mangahas, Angelica Simone A. Mangahas.

#### Schooling

Ateneo de Manila: Grade School, 1954, High School, 1958; University of the Philippines: A.B., 1962, M.A., 1965; University of Chicago: Ph.D. (Economics), 1970.

#### Current position

Co-founder, President since 1985, of Social Weather Stations. [SWS, a private, non-stock, non-profit organization, is the Philippines' leading institute in quality-of-life monitoring, public opinion polling, and social survey data archiving. Webpage: <http://www.sws.org.ph>.]

#### Previous positions

Columnist: *Manila Standard* (1995-2002), *Evening Paper* (1996-97) and *Manila Chronicle* (1988-93).  
Asia Foundation Consultant on Public Opinion Polling in Bangladesh, 1994.  
ESCAP Consultant on Quality of Life Indicators in Asia and the Pacific, 1989.  
National Economic & Development Authority Consultant on Agrarian Reform, 1987.  
Vice-President/Research for Development, Development Academy of the Philippines, 1981-1984.  
UNICEF Consultant on Social Indicators, Governments of Malaysia (1977-78) and Indonesia (1981).  
University of the Philippines: economics faculty member, 1962-81; final post, San Miguel Corporation Professor of Economics.

#### Awards

From the World Association for Public Opinion Research (WAPOR): the *Helen Dinerman Award*, its highest award, for championing rights and freedoms of survey researchers in the Philippines, on September 21, 2001, Rome; and the *Elizabeth H. Nelson Prize*, for Best WAPOR Conference Paper from the Third World, on September 17, 1993, Copenhagen.  
From the Development Academy of the Philippines: *Concept Award for Development and Implementation of Social Indicators*, June 23, 1986.  
From the Rockefeller Foundation: *Reflections in Development Research Award*, 1984-85.  
From the Philippine Social Science Council: *Best Philippine Social Science Journal for 1975-79* to the *Philippine Economic Journal*, under his editorship.

#### Books

*SWS Surveys and the 1998 National Elections*, Social Weather Stations, 1998.  
*Monitoring the State of the Judiciary and the Legal Profession* (with A. La Viña, S. Rood, A. Casambre, and D. Arroyo), Social Weather Stations, 1996.  
*The Philippine Social Climate: From the SWS Surveys*, Anvil Publishing, 1994.  
*Measuring Philippine Development: Report of the Social Indicators Project* (editor), Development Academy of the Philippines, 1976.  
*Tenants, Owners, Lessees: Welfare Implications of Tenure Change* (with V. Miralao and R.P. de los Reyes), Ateneo de Manila University Press, 1976.

### Selected Papers

- “The SWS Survey Time Series on Philippine Poverty and Hunger, 1983-2003,” in Hans Gsänger and Myriam Fernando, eds., *Poverty Monitoring in Asia*, Colombo: Center for Poverty Analysis, 2004.
- “Self-Sustained Quality of Life Monitoring: The Philippine Social Weather Reports” (with Linda Luz B. Guerrero), in Bruno D. Zumbo, ed., *Advances in Quality of Life Research*, Special Issue of *Social Indicators Research*, Vol. 60, Nos. 1-3, December 2002, Kluwer Academic Publishers.
- “Subjective Poverty and Affluence in the Philippines,” in Wolfgang Glatzer, ed., *Rich and Poor: Disparities, Perceptions, Concomitants*, Dordrecht: Kluwer Academic Publishers, 2002.
- “Opinion Polling and National Elections in the Philippines” (with Linda Luz B. Guerrero and Gerardo A. Sandoval), *SWS Occasional Paper*, September 2001.
- “Public Satisfaction with Governance in the Philippines, 1986-99,” *SWS Occasional Paper*, June 2000.
- “The Freedom to Publish Surveys,” *Manila Standard*, January 11, 1999; reprinted in *Newsletter* of the World Association for Public Opinion Research, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 1999.
- “Polling About Polls in the Philippines,” (with Linda Luz B. Guerrero), *Social Weather Bulletin*, May 1997.
- “Self-Rated Poverty in the Philippines, 1981-1992,” *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, 1995 [winner of WAPOR’s Nelson Prize].
- “Monitoring the Economic and Social Weather in the Philippines,” in K. J. Arrow, ed., *Issues in Contemporary Economics, Volume 1: Markets and Welfare*, International Economic Association, London, 1991.
- Study on the Development of Quality of Life Indicators in Asia and the Pacific*, United Nations, New York, 1990 (ST/ESCAP/868).
- “Distributive Justice in the Philippines: Ideology, Policy and Surveillance,” in Lim Teck Ghee, ed., *Reflections in Development in Southeast Asia*, ISEAS, Singapore, 1988.
- “The Distribution of Income and Wealth: A Survey of Philippine Research,” (with Bruno Barros), *Survey of Philippine Development Research I*, PIDS, 1980.

### Membership in Professional, Civic, and Academic Organizations

- World Association for Public Opinion Research: National Representative, Philippines, 1995- .
- American Association for Public Opinion Research: Member, 1993-.
- International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies: Member 1997-, Board Member 2001-02.
- Marketing and Opinion Research Society of the Philippines: President, 1992.
- Bishops-Businessmen’s Conference for Human Development: Executive Committee, 1999-2005.
- Foundation for Economic Freedom: Co-founder and Adviser, 1996-.
- Philippine Agrarian Reform Foundation: Co-founder and Trustee, 1993-.
- Ateneo de Manila University: Honors and Awards Committee Member, 1985-.
- Philippine Economic Society: President, 1980; Editor, *Philippine Economic Journal*, 1975-85
- Philippine Social Science Council: Vice-Chairman, 1980-81; Trustee, 1995-96.
- Philippine Eagle Foundation, Member 2002-.
- Billiards and Snooker Congress of the Philippines: Member 2005-.

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