

Asian CORE Workshop
on
Interface, Negotiation, and Interaction
in Southeast Asia

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Quite a few studies have recently examined how people, ideas, and commodities flow beyond the borders between different states and systems in many parts of the world. Although those studies have emphasized how porous the borders are, it does not mean that people, ideas, and commodities can flow in a vacuum, without any check. Neither does it mean that they always meet insurmountable barriers or conflicts in different states and systems. It rather seems that moving people (and other creatures too), ideas, commodities, and systems, and receiving human societies and natural environments experience some sorts of interface in their encounters, and that they engage in constant negotiations with each other. Such negotiations lead to interaction, which affects all the parties involved, often leading to adjustments and adaptations at various levels, such as legal or institutional arrangements, technological devices, social groupings and communalities, ideological discourses, or transient but concrete on-the-ground practices.

These kinds of interface, negotiation, and interaction deserve scholarly attention as a central theme of research, and this will provide new insights into another side of the abovementioned “flow.” This seminar aims to discuss interface, negotiation, and interaction between multiple groups of people, states, and systems in relation to movements of people and other creatures, ideas, technologies, capital, and commodities and any sorts of objects in Southeast Asia in the past and present. Discussed topics therefore include (but are not limited to) local politics and economy, migration, trade, religion, hybrid culture, ecology, non-traditional human security, and so forth.

PROGRAM

FEBRUARY 22, FRIDAY

WELCOME REMARKS

13:30-13:40 Hiromu Shimizu, Director, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Kyoto University

Opening Remarks

13:40-13:45 Yoko Hayami

SESSION 1 Riverine and Maritime Interfaces

Convened by Noboru Ishikawa

13:45-14:30 Noboru Ishikawa, "Riverine Interfaces and Social Formation in Maritime Southeast Asia."

14:30-15:15 Atsushi Ota, "Connection of the regional trade and the riverine trade in West Kalimantan, c. 1820-1850"

Coffee break

15:30-16:15 Atsushi Kobayashi, "Transformation of Regional Economy and Riverine Networks in Sarawak 1900-40"

16:15-17:00 Jun Akamine, "Whaleshark Used to be Food: How it has become an *eco-icon* representing marine environmental conservation movements in the Philippines"

17:00-17:45 Kazufumi Nagatsu, "Genealogy of the Maritime Creole and its Socio-ecological Settings in Wallacea"(tentative title)

DINNER

FEBRUARY 23, SATURDAY

SESSION 2 From Religion to Everyday Practice

Convened by Yoko Hayami

9:30-10:15 Kwanchewan Buadaeng, “Interfaces of Burmese and Thai Buddhism in Thai-Burma Frontier”

10:15-11:00 Tatsuki Kataoka, “Millenarianism, Ethnicity and the States: Khruba Bunchum Worship among the Lahu in Thailand and Burma”

11:00-11:45 Takahiro Kojima, “Cross-boundary Dynamics and Local Buddhist Practices on the China-Myanmar Border: A Case of Tăi Dehong, Yunnan”

LUNCH

13:00-13:45 Chih-hui Liang, “The Flow of *Bujan*: Negotiation and *Adat Nikah* among the *Temuan* Villages ”

13:45-14:30 Yoko Hayami, “Between Religion and Customary Practices among Buddhist Karen”

14:30-15:30 ***FINAL DISCUSSION SESSION***