

Kyoto-Cornell Joint International Workshop on

Trans-national Southeast Asia:

Paradigms, Histories, Vectors

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“Trans-national Southeast Asia” is a timely notion. Not only is the idea of the trans-national *au courant* in academic study across a variety of fields, but Southeast Asia as a region is perhaps the most trans-national of spaces in the global realm. In what ways? Southeast Asia has always existed at a crossroads position in the global trade routes; this has been true since the transmission of Hinduism and Buddhism more than a millennium ago. In the intervening centuries, Islam and then Christianity on a massive scale followed on these circuits (fully half of Southeast Asia’s populace became either Christian or Muslim by the late seventeenth century). But the energies of trans-nationality have not only been religious in stream, of course: human beings, commodities, ideas, and pathogens have all moved in these channels as well. In the contemporary world, trans-national modes of governance and surveillance are also utilized, alongside traveling literatures of diasporic communities situated both inside and outside the region. Considering the important breadth and depth of these contacts, this workshop will try to flesh out the meaning of the trans-national in Southeast Asia

over the long term, both as a constitutive process, and also as a way of knowing the past and the evolving present in Southeast Asia as an ever-evolving region.

We are interested in trying to explore this notion of Trans-national Southeast Asia through a number of different windows. The workshop would be a great “moment” to try to define, with some theoretical rigor, what this paradigm could mean, especially over the *longue durée*. Crucially we see this exercise as a chance to connect the faculties and young researchers of CSEAS-Kyoto and SEAP-Cornell, and to begin a conversation that would then grow and take place over the long term across a number of different fronts. By focusing on “Trans-National Southeast Asia” as a broad but narrow-able theme to connect us, we hope that the workshop can help align intellectual agendas, and also – at the same time – eventually give way to a solid publication that charts the notion of this sub-field in interesting ways. We see the field of trans-national Southeast Asia stretching from Japan and China south to the region, and tendrils of the discussion also moving west in a great arc toward the Indian sub-continent and the Middle East. We see the time frame as pliable, starting perhaps in early centuries (depending on the kinds of research put forward) and tailing off in our own time. We are very hopeful that this workshop can be accomplished as the beginnings of a conversation, and we look forward to receiving feedback from Kyoto on how our strengths and aims might jibe with similar energies emanating from Japan.

PROGRAM

JANUARY 11, FRIDAY

WELCOME REMARKS

9:30-9:35 Hiromu Shimizu, Director, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Kyoto University

9:35-9:40 Tamara Loos, Director, Southeast Asia Program, Cornell University

SESSION 1: FLOWS AND CONNECTIVITIES

Moderator: Kaoru Sugihara

9:40-12:20 (with 10-minute coffee break)

Eric Tagliacozzo, “Transnational Vietnam and the Trade Orbit of Asia, 1500-1825”

Atsushi Kobayashi, “Competition and Integration in the Southeast Asian Rice Market, c. 1830-1913”

Kaja M. McGowan, “Transnational Textiles in Tow: Exploring *Batik Hokokai* and the Japanese In Colonial Southeast Asia”

Hiroko Yamao Kinoshita, “The Networks and Activities of al-Azhar Graduates in Contemporary Indonesia”

Edmund J.V. Oh, “Lineages of Co-management: Trans-national Development Discourse and the Incipient Transformation of Natural Resource Governance in Vietnam”

LUNCH BREAK 12:20-13:45

SESSION 2: REPRESENTATIONS

Moderator: Hiromu Shimizu

13:45-16:30 (with 15-minute coffee break)

Thak Chaloemtiarana, “Are We Them?: Textual and Literary Representation of the Chinese in 20th-Century Siam/Thailand”

Jafar Suryomengolo, “Becoming an Independent Woman: Leisure and Romances in the Literary Narratives of Indonesian Overseas Workers”

Tamara Loos, “Renegade Royalist: Historiography and Siam’s Disavowed Prince Prisdang”

Caroline S. Hau, “Tiger Mother as Ethnpreneur: Amy Chua and the Cultural Politics of Chineseness”

RECEPTION

JANUARY 12, SATURDAY

SESSION 3: INTERNAL AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Moderator: Tamara Loos

9:20-12:00 (with 10-minute coffee break)

Junko Koizumi, “Sino-Siamese Treaty Negotiations in the Early 1900s”

Piyada Chonlaworn, “From Kingdom to Province - Reconsidering the Integration of Pattani to Thailand in the Nineteenth to the Early Twentieth Century”

David Michael Malitz, “‘An Angel Rising in the East’ – Japan in the Early Twentieth-Century Siamese Nationalist Discourse”

Oiyen Liu, “The Problem of Nationality in an Era of Imperial Competition”

LUNCH BREAK 12:00-13:30

SESSION 4: BORDER-CROSSING MINORITIES

Moderator: Noboru Ishikawa

13:30-16:15 (with 15-minute coffee break)

Nathan Badenoch, “Transnational Local Minorities: Push and Pull Across the Sino-Lao Border”

Yoko Hayami, “Transnational Mission among Karen: Cross-border Connections, Ethnicity and Christianity”

Tatsuki Kataoka, “Command on the Forests: International Relations of Southeast Asia as Viewed from the Highlands”

Tadayuki Kubo, “Transnational Networks of Burmese Refugees/Migrants to Thailand”

Inga Gruß, “The Limits of Performing Public Loyalty: Migrants, Football and the Law”

16:15-16:30 Wrap-Up