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Terms of Reference Southeast Asia Seminar

“Catching up Southeast Asian New body: States, Markets and Public Spheres”

25-29 September 2013, Cape Panwa Hotel, Phuket, Thailand

Organized By

Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Kyoto University

Institute of Asian Studies, Chulalongkorn University

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Southeast Asia is one of the most active regions of the world, exhibiting significant dynamism since the very early period to the present. This is a result of the fact that the region is situated at the world's crossroad, bounded by the Indian Ocean on the west and the open sea of the Pacific to the east. Southeast Asia consequently is characterized and identified in accordance to the heterogeneity of its “socio-cultural body,” which is subject to change from time to time depending mainly on external impacts and internal adjustments. Nanyang, Golden Khersonese, Chrysee, Suvarnabhumi, Further India, East India Island, British India, French Indochina and Netherlands East Indies are all terms that have been created and externally applied to Southeast Asia. This, to a considerable degree, reflects the fundamental nature of the region which, as previously mentioned, is significantly dynamic. The term “Southeast Asia” which is popularly circulated after the Second World War, indeed, emerged as a political and strategic term only in the summer of 1943 “with the creation of Louis Mouthatten’s South-East Asia command, an offshoot of the more traditional India command.” The term was further popularized in the global political and academic arenas during the Vietnam War. It was during this period that “Southeast Asian studies” as a branch of area studies was established and developed in the U.S. and many parts of the world where the U.S. had extended its influence. To be more precise, Southeast Asia and Southeast Asian studies blossomed within the context of the Cold War era, and represent another form and spirit of the region after the end of the colonial period.

The end of the Cold War period signifies the beginning of the decline of area studies in the U.S. Southeast Asian studies, which has made many contributions to world knowledge, has also been directly



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effected. The growth and development of Southeast Asian studies in the western world are at a crossroad, too. Their future as a result is now in the hands of Asia-based scholars and activists who are increasingly becoming interested in this field of study. Moreover, Southeast Asia as a region has been radically transformed after the Cold War period. It is, accordingly inescapable for Southeast Asianists to explore the most suitable methods, approaches and possible academic tools in the effort to “rethink” and seek new directions for Southeast Asian studies. Issue-based studies, trans-regional approaches and comparative perspectives; the integration of natural sciences and social sciences and humanities; and dynamic focus on and localization in regional context are some of the possible approaches that may play a role in transforming Southeast Asian studies.

Objectives

1. To provide a forum for young scholars of both social and natural sciences to deeply explore and conceptualize Southeast Asia “new body”.
2. To investigate the 21st century Southeast Asian new platform and connectivities.
3. To serve as an arena for specialists, academicians and students interested in Southeast Asian studies to exchange their research work and new findings.
4. To serve as a meeting ground for participants of leading academic Southeast Asian institutes from Japan, Thailand and other parts of the world.

Date 25-29 September 2013

Place Bangkok-Phuket, Thailand

Participants 40 young and prominent scholars from Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, Thailand, Japan, Korea, China, Malaysia, Philippines, Spain, America, Taiwan, France and England etc.,

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Wednesday 25 September

18.00: Check in and Reception at Hotel Cape Panwa, Phuket

Thursday 26 September

9.00: **Introduction and orientation**

Ukrist Pathmanand

Director of Mekong Studies Center

Welcome speech

Dr. Sunait Chutintaranond,

Director of the Institute of Asian Studies, Chulalongkorn University

Dr. Hiromu Shimizu

Director of the Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Kyoto University

9.30-10.30: **Keynote Speech**

Reconceptualizing Southeast Asian Studies

Dr. Sunait Chutintaranond

Evolving Southeast Asian Studies: Contributing to Global Dialogues on Region-making

Dr. Hiromu Shimizu

10.30-10.45: Coffee Break

10.45-12.30: **Southeast Asian “New Body”: Global Economy and Policy**

“Capitalism in the Region : New Issues, Trends and Policy”

Ukrist Pathmanand

“New Asian Liberalisms”

Dr. Michael K. Connors

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“Present and Future Energy Issues in ASEAN Countries”

Keiichi N. Ishihara

Graduate School of Energy Science, Kyoto University

Benjamin Craig McLellan

Graduate School of Energy Science, Kyoto University

N. AgyaUtama

Environmental Engineering Department, Surya University

“Yesterday's enemy, Today's Ally: Political Discourse on Oil Palm in Southeast Asia”

Masaaki Okamoto

CSEAS, Kyoto University

Moderator: Ukrist Pathmanand

12.30-13.30: Lunch

13.30-14.55: **The Pursuit of Non-Traditional Security in Southeast Asia, Women, Migrants and Ethnic Minorities Sphere (session 1)**

“Diversification as a driving force of growth: What sustained the economic growth of a rainfed rice growing village in Northeast Thailand?”

Kono, Yasuyuki

CSEAS, Kyoto University

“Human Security in Myanmar: Caught between “Security” Discourse and Western Advocacy”

Pavin Chachavalpongpun

CSEAS, Kyoto University

“The Rohingya from Myanmar : Perspective and the Future of the Reform”

Akkanut Wantanasombat

Southeast Asian Studies Program, Chulalongkorn University

Moderator: Kono, Yasuyuki

14.55-15.10: Coffee Break



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15.10-16.30: **The Pursuit of Non-Traditional Security in Southeast Asia, Women, Migrants and Ethnic Minorities Sphere (session 2)**

“Myanmar Migrant worker after Democratic Myanmar”

Premjai Vungsiriphisal

Senior Researcher, Asian Research Center on Migration,
Institute of Asian Studies, Chulalongkorn University

“Indonesian women's movement in 1950s: The fight for a marriage law against polygamy”

Anak Agung Lindawati Kencana

Southeast Asian Studies Program, Chulalongkorn University

“Refugees and Education in Malaysia: Creating spaces for community”

Assistant Professor Lucy Bailey, School of Education
University of Nottingham, Malaysia Campus

Moderator: Kono, Yasuyuki

16.30-17.30: **First Workshop**

17.30 : Dinner

Friday 27 September

9.30-11.30: **Reinventing the Region : Southeast Asian in Modern History**

“Rangoon as a Modern City: The Impact of British Colonialism in British India”

Simon Nicholas Duncan

Southeast Asian Studies Program, Chulalongkorn University

“Intra-Imperialistic Sentiment and Nationalism during Pol Pot Regime”

Duong Keo

Southeast Asian Studies Program, Chulalongkorn University

“Democratization and Nationalism in Thailand: The Study of Anti-Japanese Sentiment in 1972”

Saikeaw Thipakorn

Senior Researcher, Institute of Asian Studies, Chulalongkorn University



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“Japanese Views of Siam/Thailand from the Tokugawa-Period to the end of World War II”

David Malitz

Japan-Center of Ludwig-Maximilians-University, Munich, Germany

Moderator: Dr. Sunait Chutintaranond

11.30-12.30: Lunch

12.30-14.15: **Regional integration in SEA and socio-cultural bodies**

“Transethnic identities or ethnicities at the crossroad”

Dr. F. Robinne

Director of IRASEC-Director of research at CNRS

“Maritime connectivity in the Straits of Malacca”

Dr. Nathalie Fau

IRASEC - Associate Professor at Paris-VII University

“Exploring civil societies of Southeast Asia”

Prof. Bernard Formoso

Professor at Paris-X Nanterre University

“Regionalism with ethnic revival and nationalistic sentiments: Southeast Asia’s chequered road towards a new identity”

Bonanno Gianluca

CSEAS, Kyoto University

Moderator : Prof. Bernard Formoso

14.15-14.30: Coffee Break

14.30-16.50 **Reinventing the Region : New Media, New Rich and New Poor**

“New Media and New Power in Indonesia and Malaysia”

Prangtip Daorueng

Independent Researcher



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“The Political Role of the Media and the Social Movement in post-MahathirMalaysia: Toward the End of Competitive Authoritarianism”

Tsukasa Iga

CSEAS, Kyoto University

“Digital Activism in a Neo-Authoritarian/Developing Context: The Malaysian Internet Blackout”

Assistant Professor Tessa Houghton, School of Modern Languages and Cultures

University of Nottingham, Malaysia Campus

“Social Media and Political Communication Strategies in Thailand”

Mukda Pratheepwatanawong. PhD student, School of Modern Languages and Cultures

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“Thai consumptions of Korean TV.shows – new identities?”

Assistant Professor Mary Ainslie, School of Modern Languages and Cultures

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Moderator : Premjai Vungsiriphisal

16.50-17.20: **Reaction**

Dr. Chris Baker,

Senior Advisor, Institute of Asian Studies, Chulalongkorn University

Dr. Michael K. Connors,

Nottingham University, Malaysia Campus

Prangtip Daorueng

Independent Researcher

17.15: Dinner

Saturday 28 September

9.00-12.00: **Political Participation, Autonomy and Popularization in Southeast Asia**

“Malaysian-style Civic Empowerment: Bersih, Arendt and ketuanan rakyat”

Associate Professor Khoo Gaik Cheng, School of Modern Languages and Cultures

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“Place-making within the Peraktown Sikh diaspora”

NARVEEN KAUR, PhD student, School of Politics, History and International Relations
University of Nottingham, Malaysia Campus

“Revisiting Democratization in Myanmar and Indonesia from a Comparative Perspective”

Thu Thi Anh Nguyen

Southeast Asian Studies Program, Chulalongkorn University

“The Creation of Corruption in Thailand: Legal Provisions and Criticism of Politicians”

Ayako TOYAMA

CSEAS, Kyoto University

Moderator : Saikeaw Thipakorn

11.00-12.30: **Workshop and conclusion**

12.00-13.00: Lunch

13.30-16.45: Field Trip

16.45-20.30: Dinner and See the Malay Cultural Show

Sunday 29 September

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