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**“Religion in the Public Sphere”**

**The 3rd International Research Conference**

**ICRS Collaborative Project: Religion, Public Policy and Social Transformation in Southeast Asia**

**May 17-18, 2016**

**Mahachulalongkorn Bldg, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok**

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| Time | Day 1 - Tuesday, May 17, 2016 |
| 08:30-09:00 | Registration |
| 09:00-10:30 | **Opening Session:**  Welcome speeches   * Dr. Tarisa Wathanagase, Chulalongkorn University Council member; Former   Governor of Bank of Thailand   * Dr. Apinan Poshyananda, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Culture (TBC) * Dr. Siti Syamsiyatun, Director, Indonesian Consortium for Religious Studies (ICRS)   MC: Ms. Michiko Yoshida, Chulalongkorn University  **Book launch:** “Religion, Public Policy and Social Transformation in Southeast Asia:  Managing Religious Diversity” Volume 1, officiated by Dr. Dicky Sofjan, ICRS and  Prof. Surichai Wun’Gaeo, Chulalongkorn University  Introduction of the Keynote Speaker by Dr. Nualnoi Treerat, Director, Institute of  Asian Studies, Chulalongkorn University  **Keynote address: Venerable Dr. Bhikkuni Dhammananda** |
| 10:30-10:45 | Coffee break |
| 10:45-12:00 | **Session 1:**   1. *“The Public Engagement of Catholic Bishops of the Philippines on Issues of Environmental Preservation, the Family and Corruption”,* by Ms. Eleanor Dionisio and Mr. Miguel Paolo Riviera, John. J. Carroll Institute of Church and Social Issues, Ateneo de Manila University 2. *“Religion in the Public Sphere in Singapore: Rising Majority-Minority Tensions against the Old Paradigm of a Strong State’s Policy of Not Mixing Politics and Religion”* by Dr. Bilveer Singh, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore 3. *“Religion in a Multi-Cultural Environment: Malaysia’s Experience in Managing*   *Religious Diversity*” by Prof. Dr. K.S. Nathan, Malaysian Association of American  Studies, Institute of Ethnic Studies, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia  4. *“Religion, Public Sphere, and Internet: A Case of Governmentality and Civility in*  *Indonesian Cyberspace*” by Dr. Leonard Epafras, ICRS  Moderator:  Dr. Dicky Sofjan, ICRS |
| 12:00-13:15  12:00-13:00 | Lunch break |
| 13:15-15:00 | **Session 2:**   1. *“Interreligious Ignorance in Public Sphere: Concerns and Challenges in Buddhist Majority Myanmar”*by Rev. Prof. Dr. Maung Maung Yin and Mr. Mana Tun, Myanmar Institute of Theology (MIT)   2. Aj. Heng Monychenda, Buddhism for Development, Cambodia  3. Prof. Dr. Thitinan Pongsuthirak, Institute of Security and International Studies (ISIS),  Chulalongkorn University  4. *“Relational Intimacies and Muslim Ethics in Indonesia’s Public Sphere”* by  Dr. Nancy J. Smith-Hefner, Dept. of Anthropology, Boston University  Moderator:  Dr. Imtiyaz Yusuf, Center for Buddhist-Muslim Understanding, College of Religious Studies, Mahidol University |
| 15:00-15:15 | Coffee break |
| 15:15-17:00 | **Session 3:**   1. *“Buddhism and Modern State-Politics: The Intellectual Influence of Phra Phromkhunaphorn and Buddhadasa Bhikkhu”* by Mr. Somboon Chungprampee and Aj. Theodore Mayer, International Network of Engaged Buddhists (INEB), Thailand 2. *“Making Space for Tradition: Negotiating Space and Public Religious and Public Religious and Ritual Practice in Vietnam”* by Prof. Dr. Shaun Malarney, International Christian University, Japan 3. *"Religions, Education and the Public Sphere in Vietnam"*  by Dr. Nguyen Van Chinh and Dr. Nguyen Quang Hung, Center for Asian Pacific Studies, Vietnam National University 4. Mr. Rungrote Tangsurakit, Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace, Thailand (TBC)   Moderator:  Prof. Dr. Bernard Adeney-Risakotta, ICRS |

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| Time | Day 2 - Wednesday, May 18, 2016 |
| 09:00-12:00  (Coffee break at 10:30) | **Session 4: Synthesis and Open Forum**: **What is next?**   1. Prof. Dr. Robert W. Hefner, Inst. on Culture, Religion and World Affairs, Boston University 2. Dr. Dicky Sofjan, ICRS   Moderators:  Dr. Leonard C. Epafras, ICRS  Prof. Surichai Wun’Gaeo, Chulalongkorn University |
| 12:00-12:30 | Closing Remarks:  Dr. Siti Syamsiyatun, ICRS  Prof. Surichai Wun’Gaeo, Chulalongkorn University |

(English-Thai simultaneous interpretation will be provided throughout the two days.)