

# ANNUAL REPORT 2019



The Institute of Asian Studies  
Chulalongkorn University

# MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

**Asian countries in 2019** made several international headlines, namely the Indian general election, Coronavirus (COVID-19), the Iran and America crisis, the Kashmir issue of India-Pakistan, the Sri Lanka Bomb and etc. Throughout the year, activities of **the Institute of Asian Studies (IAS)** corresponded to these colorful events in order to provide the public with a deeper and wider understanding about Asia

"When there is an issue in Asia, IAS has an answer" has been the motto of our institution. In recent years, we have expanded our research activity to cover a wider variety of research areas and to encompass almost every corner of the continent. We have also

extended our partnership with many leading academic institutions, government agencies and civil society groups to work on projects that will resolve long standing problems in the region.

We aim to broaden our service not only to serve the Thai public, but also to serve the regional and international community.

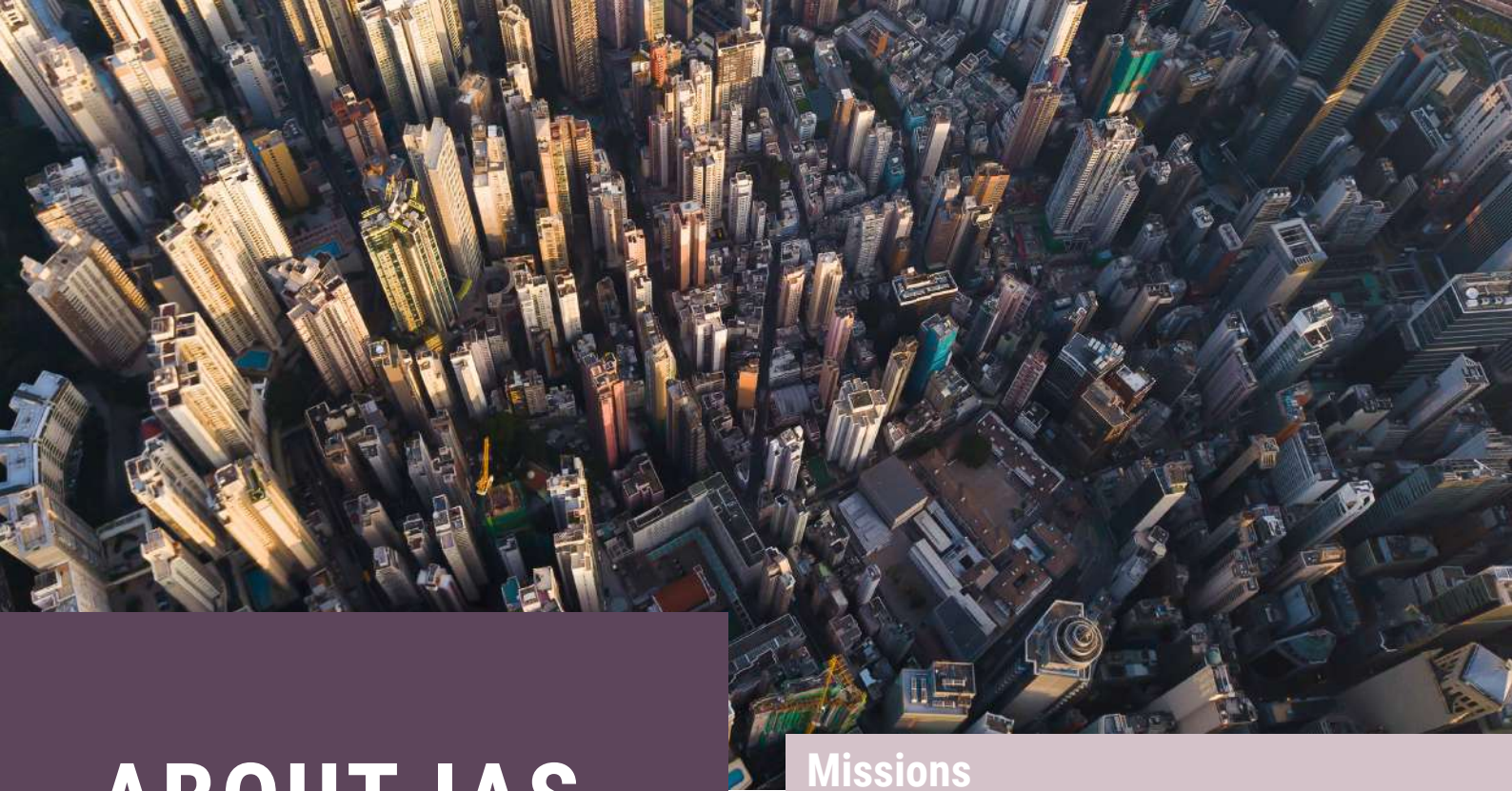
Nonetheless, our effort could not be achieved without support from our colleagues and partners that include granting agencies, government agencies, and international research institutions. On behalf of the Institute of Asian Studies, I would like to express our appreciation to all our supporters, and to pledge that we will continue to find an answer for Asia.

**Assoc. Prof. Nualnoi Treerat, PhD**  
**Director of IAS**



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# ABOUT IAS

**The Institute of Asian Studies (IAS)** is an interdisciplinary research, teaching and service organization. IAS was established in 1967 as a research center within the Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University. With wide range of academic activities, we have been well recognized both at the national and international level. Consequently, on May 10, 1985, The Royal Decree established the IAS as an independent academic institution under Chulalongkorn University.

Today, the IAS continues to serve the Thai community and the Asian region. We are proud to be a source of knowledge and expertise for a broad range of subject areas in the region including economic, social, political and security concerns. This has been accomplished through the diligence and cooperation of a team of highly qualified researchers with specialized knowledge about each country and sub-region within Asia.

## Missions

- To develop body of knowledge in order to maintain excellence in Asian Studies.
- To disseminate the knowledge as the source of reference of the nation and abroad.
- To support teaching and learning in Asian Studies.
- To promote research and academic networks within and outside the country

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## Vision

The Institute of Asian Studies (IAS) is committed to excel in research and academic services for the sustainable development of Asian Studies as well as acting as a reference for both national and international society



# RESEARCH





# ASIA RESEARCH CENTER FOR MIGRATION

**The Asian Research Center for Migration (ARCM)** is an internationally recognised center of excellence in social science research. Initially founded in 1987 as the Indochinese Refugee Information Center, the Center was established with the mission of conducting research on the flows of refugees from Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam and other Southeast Asian countries seeking asylum in Thailand. After the Indochinese refugee crisis had abated in Thailand and the refugee camps were closed under the Comprehensive Plan of Action, the Center began to conduct research on new refugee situations that had begun to emerge in Southeast Asia. In recognition of this newly broadened research focus, the Center was reconstituted as the Asian Research Center for Migration in 1995. Since then, we have significantly expanded our thematic areas and now include projects on all forms of international migration in Southeast Asia, with a particular emphasis on Thailand as a sending, receiving and transit country.

ARCM was recognized as a Chulalongkorn University Center of Excellence in 2007. Our core team is drawn from the University's academic community, including both Thai and non-Thai experts with experience and technical back-up in various relevant fields, including sociology and anthropology, political science, economics, human geography and law.

# MEMBERS

**Asst. Prof. Naruemon Thabchumpon, PhD**  
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**Ratchada Jayagupta, PhD**  
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**Waranya Jitpong**  
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**Natchaphat Dokmai**  
**Suda Suntisavekul**  
**U-raiwan Sumalee**

# PROJECTS

We specialize in the following migration-related issues in Thailand and Southeast Asia:

- Labour Migration and Development
- Forced Migration (Refugees, Internally Displaced Persons, Asylum Seekers, Trafficked Persons)
- Migrant Rights, Welfare and Protection
- Migrant Health and Education
- Migrant Children and Women
- Gender-based and Sexual Violence
- Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing



# CHINESE STUDIES CENTER

Prior to the establishment of **Chinese Studies Center (CSC)**, research on Chinese studies and knowledge dissemination were initiated at the faculty of Political Science of Chulalongkorn University. At that time, the Asian studies were promoted worldwide by the West as a consequence of the change on China political regime to communism, the Korean War and the Indo-China War, while the Institute of Asian Studies (IAS) was founded in 1967. Later on May 10, 1985, IAS was recognized as an official institute.

On the first of July 1995, with the regard to the 20th anniversary of the establishment diplomatic Thailand-China relations and the rapid expansion of Chinese studies, a number of scholars have founded the Chinese Studies Center, as a research and academic organization under IAS, replacing the former Chinese studies program of the faculty of Political Science. Mr.Umphon Phanachet, Chair Professor of Chulalongkorn University took the position of the first director.



# MEMBERS

**Tawee Theerawongseree  
Kulnaree Nukitrangsan  
Krongchan Chantarapaha**

# PROJECT

The "**New Chinese Migrants in Thailand**" project has received a research fund from the Thailand Science Research and Innovation (TSRI) for the objective of estimating the number of new Chinese Migrants in Thailand as well as their settlement patterns, including positive and negative impacts of the settlement. The geographic areas of the study are Northern, Southern, Northeastern and Central Thailand. This research project is conducted by a team of five researchers leading by Associate Professor Vorasakdi Mahatdhanobol with the research period of two years, from November, 2018 to November, 2020



# JAPAN-ASEAN STUDIES CENTER

At Chulalongkorn University, Japanese Studies was founded twenty years ago with the support of the Embassy of Japan. Initially, it has continuously been offering workshop on Japanese studies for secondary school teachers countrywide. The workshop was to offer updated information on Japanese society to school teachers who were the source of knowledge in their communities. Until recently does IAS promote a research function of the Japanese studies and seek cooperation amongst academic departments, research centers at Chulalongkorn University and other universities, including partnership from the private sector and government organizations.

Due to the current regional development in term of international relations, ASEAN community inserted strong impact on Japanese studies in the region. In order to establish a comprehensive knowledge about Japan, Thailand and the region, it means more comprehensive understanding of ASEAN countries being integrated to that of Japan. Therefore, this year the former Japanese studies program extends its activities to cover Japan and ASEAN studies. The Program continue to educate people, conducting research and organize academic events. This includes promoting coordination both within the university's research environment and between research institutions elsewhere. These coordination efforts involve researchers on Japanese issues both in Thailand and throughout the Asian region in order to promote greater harmony and understanding between the various parties involved.

# MEMBERS

**Saikaew Thipakorn, PhD**  
**Sutpratana Duangkaew, P**  
**Watcharawit Chitmuenwai**

## PROJECT

The "**Japanese Business Force of Japan-ASEAN Friendship**" research project aims to study the role of Japanese private sector, especially the business sector, in promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Southeast Asia. Close cooperation between government and business sectors in human resource development of Southeast Asian people even before 1950 created a large pool of alumni from Japan. These alumni, with continual support Japanese government and business sector, spearheaded further dissemination of Japanese culture to local people. This happened through the establishment of educational institution, especially higher education level in every country under study.

The research concluded that cultural exchange occurred through HRD process. It was expanded through alumni of Japanese educational institutions. The HRD process mainly disseminated knowledge of Japanese corporate culture to the local with opportunity for the local to explore further into Japanese high culture. However, it did not promote equally understanding of local culture among Japanese people.





# MEKHONG STUDIES CENTER

**Mekong Studies Center** was established under the Institute of Asian Studies (IAS) of Chulalongkorn University with a grant from the Ratchadapisak Sompoch fund in 2002 in order to conduct research on the countries of the Mekong sub-region and to disseminate the acquired knowledge to the general public. In the early period, Mekong Studies Center was a research unit of IAS and was established as a Center of Excellence in December in 2009. Mekong Studies Center aims to be a leading research center in Greater Mekong Subregion to conduct researches and studies and disseminate knowledge about countries in the Greater Mekong Sub-Region (GMS), namely Myanmar, Thailand, Lao PDR, Cambodia, Vietnam and Southern China.

Mekong Studies Center is committed to provide academic services and knowledge transfer. Researchers have been invited to deliver lectures, organized seminars in order to raise awareness and increase stakeholders' understanding on issues related to Greater Mekong Sub-region. The Center also applies knowledge through organizing research forums, giving consultation to the public and private sectors as well as the general public, and participating in the establishment of key national policies in order to utilize the acquired knowledge and engage with diversified stakeholders.

# MEMBERS

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Kittika Luecha  
Pasawan Si-On

# PROJECT

**"Elite and labor in Southeast Asia: Factor, structure and changes in dynamic"** attempts to study the social changes that occur in Southeast Asia, looking specifically at two important driving factors. Firstly, "elites" or individual or groups of people who drive change and control the direction of the change in the country. Secondly, "labor", or people who expresses and drives society through collective action. This research aims to classify elites of each group Southeast Asia countries, by looking into their characteristics of what constitute them to be "elite", the way they influence and interact with the society.

This research also analyses the dynamics and trends of future elite structure, drawing upon regional connections and structures of the elites. Furthermore, this research analyses the interaction between the elites and the labor in Southeast Asia region, by looking into labor relations systems and labor movement. Having as many as 300 million people in Southeast Asia, the study of the elites along with labor is a significant research issue that can reflect the regional change, especially in the era of regional trends, which is considered as a fundamental transition for a country's economy and politics.

# PROJECT

The **"New Socio-economic Belt of Asia: From Physical Connectivity to Transboundary Human (in) security"** recognizes the significance of China's One Belt-One Road (OBOR) strategy, or later known as Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), which has become a major factor in the development of ASEAN connectivity in both its mainland and maritime parts. This topic has been very much related to the central topic of connectivity, namely, regional mobility and integration. In addition, the integration of different connectivity projects in ASEAN has been narrowing the development gaps among countries in the region. It contributes to managing business and good governance, increasing in competitiveness of the countries in the region, and improving the well-being and livelihood of its people.

International relations, management and foreign policies of different countries also play an important role in attracting foreign direct investment from multinational companies, which can bring both positive and negative impact on local economy. Labor mobility continues to be a fundamental issue for labor-surplus countries that struggle to manage the quality of their workforce and industrial relations in ASEAN countries. This research project therefore sets out to draw the recent trend in connectivity, mobility and regional integration in ASEAN region, and discuss about possible and future academic collaboration between Institute of Asian Studies, Chulalongkorn University and other universities in Southeast Asia region.

"Being a researcher at Mekong Studies Center, Institute of Asian Studies, Chulalongkorn University enables me to have many opportunities to acquire knowledge and engage with diversified stakeholders from both public and private sectors in countries in the Greater Mekong Sub-Region (GMS). It has been a meaningful and rewarding experience to provide academic services and knowledge transfer through delivering of lectures in different universities, local and international seminars, workshops and conference. As a researcher who graduated from overseas, I strive to raise the standard of Thai education at all levels and I do what I can to contribute to creative knowledge transfer."

**Mukda Pratheepwatanawong**







# MUSLIM STUDIES CENTER

**The Muslim Studies Center** has been established to encourage the academic research and public understanding on Muslim society and culture both in domestic (Thailand) and international level. It is an interdisciplinary research unit which was established in 2005 as a center under the Institute of Asian Studies (IAS) Chulalongkorn University. The Muslim Studies Center has been set up to cope with current situations and changes in Asia and the World.

At present, Muslim studies have increasingly received the public and academic attention, although most of the discussion has centered narrowly on the contemporary issues of security and terrorism due to the events of 9/11. The variability and flexibility of Muslim practices and perspectives have not featured in this discourse. It leaves the public largely unaware of complexities, achievements and challenges of the Muslim World. The Center is working to fulfill this imbalance by broadening the studies and discussion to introduce more comparison and complexity in the study of Muslim affairs from Middle East, through the South Asia, East Asia and Malay world. By focusing on Muslim (not Islamic) studies, the Center encourages the shift in analysis from the notion of a single unitary religious matters defined by Islam to a more complex view of Muslims as agents in the construction of their own experience and history.

# MEMBERS

Srawut Aree, PhD  
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Sarehan Sulong  
Paramait Wichaidit

## PROJECT

The research project on “**Strategies for Enhancing Competitiveness of Thailand’s Halal Industry: A Comparative Studies of Malaysia Indonesia and Singapore**” has been funded by the Halal Science Center, Chulalongkorn University from 2018 – 2019. This research project has been collected the data from various sources, especially documentary sources, depth interview, field work and focus group discussion on the various issue concern of Halal system and industries.

The objectives of research are 1) To study and compare Halal certification systems in Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia and Singapore, consisting of the Halal certificate requesting process from responsible department and the standardized certification fees of each country. 2) To analyze basic information about international trade of Halal products in Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia and Singapore for being a database to increase industrial potential. 3) To study on the market and image of Halal products in Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia and Singapore in the ASEAN market from the perspective of entrepreneurs and consumers. and 4) To suggest the Halal process to increasing the competitiveness of the Halal industry in Thailand.

# PROJECT

**“Thailand – Malaysia: Moving Towards a Common Future”** has been granted by the Thailand Science Research and Innovation (TSRI) from 2018 – 2019. Period of the project was 1 year and 2 months, started from 25 June 2018 to 24 August 2019. The objectives of a Book Project are 1) To create the book on “Thailand – Malaysia: Moving Towards a Common Future” 2) To study bilateral relations between Thailand and Malaysia in a comprehensive way and create the insight and deep understanding with each other in various dimensions. The book project has been collected the data from various sources, especially documentary sources, field work, depth interview and focus group discussion on the various issue of bilateral relations between Thailand and Malaysia. Activities which are products of the book project; 1) Academic seminar 2) Public forum on “Thai-Malaysian Popularity, Economic and Social Integration”



“I am blessed enough working at Muslim Studies Center. It is really a place of knowledge and wisdom. I got a lovely director such Dr. Srawut Aree. I have a wonderful funny sweet brother such Dr. Arifeen Yama (P'Film) and kindness gorgeous sister such Ms. Sarehan Sulong (P'Han). I'm very happy to be part of the Center.”

**Paramait Wichaidit**





# MULTICULTURAL STUDIES & SOCIAL INNOVATION CENTER

**The Multicultural Studies and Social Innovation Center** grew out of the Muslim Studies Center to be a new research body under the supervision of Institute of Asian Studies, Chulalongkorn University, and takes responsibility for the above mentioned tasks. Although the center is destined to lay emphasis on comprehensive research and scholarly works, it will never limit its operation within the traditional extent such as research projects, published scholarship, or cooperation with the state, academic, and public sector. The center will go further by bringing all the findings into play to generate real benefits. An array of modern technologies will be incorporated where necessary to ensure that such benefit is delivered to the end user who could be domestic and international alike

# MEMBERS

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Akkharakit Sinthuwongsri  
Korakot Reuanjun  
Supon Banddidkittisakul  
Chutipha Nuchu  
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# PROJECT

**“Strengthen our Unity in Diversities: step to the next step of the Southern part of Thailand”** contributes to academic issues of cultural diversity in the southern provinces. The purpose of this study is to study works through various media on the basis of research and synthesize the knowledge to develop the promotion of Multicultural Learning in the southern border area. Moreover, researchers work harmoniously with the united determination to build a learning and development community in the local through media in the area of Southern provinces. This is open to local youth to participate in professional research. Various academic issues have been raised due to the various lifestyles of families or communities. Via many creative media activities, this project promotes common happiness and cultural diversity in southern provinces comprehensively and sustainably.

# PROJECT

**"Unveil the Mystic Myth: The Story of Thailand's axe tip"** is a result of the center's previous research manuscript called "Siam-Botany in gray areas, the historical analysis of relationships". The content is made to be more compact and more accessible for the general public. It includes teaching materials and can be publicized through various digital media to evoke social practice (social Tools) such as social network, websites and applications on any media that are connected to the Internet for youth in the school.

This book is suitable for anyone who is interested in the history of Southern part of Thailand. Not only in a form of a book, we spread out the knowledge in various channels including the image sheet (Infographic), animation (Motion Infographic), and electronic book (e-book). We also held national academic seminars to the public in order to expand the view and exchange the acknowledgement between the academics and other relevant sections in the area of the southern provinces of Thailand.

One of the many projects that the center is proud of is the **CU Open House for Youth in the Southern border of Thailand**. This project, Children from the Southern part of Thailand get the chance to learn and understand cultural diversities through the vision of learning and living from undergraduate students in different faculties of Chulalongkorn University."

**Dollaya Tiantong**







# SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES CENTER

The **South Asian Studies Center** is a research unit for South Asian Studies and funded by Ratchadaphiseksomphot Endowment Fund, Chulalongkorn University. The center established in June 2017 under the Institute of Asian Studies. The center conducts research on South Asian Studies Countries related to social, economic, cultural and political issues. South Asian Countries have diverse in term of culture, religions, languages. The main purposes of center are development, initiating and disseminating the knowledge in South Asian to the publicity, creating quality of Thai researchers and expanding the academic network within Thailand and global. Therefore, for developing the relationship between Thailand and the South Asian countries is necessary to understand the context of this region through conducted research in deeply analysis and systematic as a main mission of the South Asian Sian Studies Center of Institute of Asian Studies, Chulalongkorn University.

# MEMBERS

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Jatuporn Suwansukhum

# PROJECT

**"Effects of Media on the Diffusion and Resolution Process of Extremism in South Asia"** is supported by the Office of Research Affairs, Chulalongkorn University from 2018 – 2019. The aims of researcher are 1) to study the effect of media from South Asia to Thailand 2) To study on how the ideology of extremism spread in Thai society 3) To find out on how to tackle and reaction the extreme media and group of extremism? and 4) to give the research recommendation. This research project has been collected the data from various sources, especially documentary sources, field work and focus group discussion on the various issue of extremism, including Countering Insurgencies, Terrorism and Violent Extremism in South Asia, Coexistence in Times of Global Polarization, the Political Extremism and Radicalism, Freedom and Security in South and Southeast Asia, the Geopolitics of Violent Extremism, Extremism and Radicalism from Gender Studies Perspectives and Influence of Media and Extremism.

# PROJECT

**"Lessons Learned from Volunteer Works for Developing the Process of Promoting Volunteer Spirit in Thai Society"** began in January 2018 – April 2020. This project received funding from Humanities, Social Science and Fine Arts Division, Thailand Research Fund (TRF). It aims to scrutinize and synthesize the concepts of volunteerism and the working model in Thailand for promoting volunteer spirit in Thai society. The research team works in the collaborative efforts of organizations and partners in volunteer networks, amount 21 organizations. The mixed-methods approach enables the project to integrate analyses in practical perceptions of people who work as a volunteer across the nation.

The essential outcomes show in various dimensions. For example, a series of academic forums which the researchers, partners, and participants shared their experiences, perceptions, and suggestions on working as a volunteer in the Thai context. The gathering of people in these research events creates a volunteer network in different filed of work. Twenty short clips, "3 Minutes of Volunteer Spirituality," which related to the story about the lives of the volunteers, were produced and launched on the "Moral Channel" on YouTube Channel



"The global network of IAS provides great opportunities for me to learn the transformative processes and to expand my knowledge in engaging in the world as a researcher. I hope that the South Asian Studies Center will be able to continue connecting people to people, and highlighting the relations between Thailand and the South Asian region".

**Luxsnai Songsiengchai**



# INTER-CLUSTERS RESEARCH

Apart from research located in individual research clusters, IAS also hosts a number of research projects that involve researchers from different clusters within the institute and those from outside. Examples of such inter-clusters research projects include:

**Development of Creative Tourism** is an interdisciplinary research project that seeks to apply the concept of creative tourism in social development. The project comprises of 2 main projects. The first project will study development of tourism in Nan province in the north of Thailand in the context of nature, health, and culture for making new goods and service by using wisdom and cultural asset as driving force. The second project aims to improve potentials of creative tourism by managing tourism linkage on Andaman coast of Thailand and Myanmar. It focuses on participatory action research within the communities of Chao Lay (the sea nomads), displaced Thais, and different ethnic groups in Myeik (city in Myanmar).

**Social Democratic Innovations for a Transition Towards Liveable and Sustainable ASEAN Cities** aims to understand the challenges and opportunities in the development of liveable and sustainable cities within the ASEAN Communities. Specifically, it will look at social innovations that could help civil societies and municipal administrations to improve the liveability and sustainability.





# ACADEMIC SERVICES

# ASEAN-ROK RELATIONS

Moving towards the Enhancement of  
Relations between ASEAN(Thailand)  
and Korea

Co-hosted by the Dong-A Institute of ASEAN  
Studies (DIASEAN) Dong-A University, Korea

and

The Institute of Asian Studies (IAS)  
Chulalongkorn University, Thailand

## LECTURES SEMINARS

Throughout the year the Institute of Asian Studies hosted numerous lecture, seminars and other academic activities. It is our commitment to produce and provide a body of knowledge about Asia for the general public, governmental agencies, civil societies and international communities.

Many of IAS' academic activities were organised in collaboration with foreign missions to Thailand and our partner universities abroad. One of such event was an international seminar on **ASEAN-ROK Relations: Moving towards the Enhancement of Relations between ASEAN Thailand**

**and Korea** which was co-hosted by the Dong-A Institute of ASEAN Studies, Korea.

We also worked with the ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC), the UN Women-Thailand Programme, the Department of Special Investigation (DSI), Ministry of Justice, and the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security (MSDHS) of the Kingdom of Thailand, to conduct workshops for **Localising and Rolling Out ASEAN's Gender Sensitive Guideline for Handling Women Victims of Trafficking in Persons in Thailand.**

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Some highlights of our countless academic activities during 2019 are included in following pages:

## **100 Years of People's Power 100 Years of Social Change: Centennial Anniversary of the May Fourth Movement**

Institute of Asian Studies in cooperation with Department of History, Faculty of Arts translated and published a book on "A Bitter Revolution: China's Struggle with the Modern World" by Rana Mitter (Oxford University Press, 2005). In the occasion of the centennial anniversary of the May Fourth Movement, they invited Professor Rana to give a public lecture on "China, Then and Now: From May Fourth to the China-Rising Century" and launched the translated version book on April 23, 2019.

## **Civic Engagement 4.0: Dignity-Justice-Sustainability**

Institute of Asian Studies arranged a regional conference on "Civic Engagement 4.0: Dignity-Justice-Sustainability" in Solo, Indonesia during the period of August 20-24, 2019 to connect around 290 practitioners, academia and strategic partners to promote the transformative learning in various institutional and learning settings. It also aimed to have a parallel publication project to further push the advocacy of the civic engagement and transformative learning in tackling the social challenges of the region.

## **ASEAN Tourism Connectivity: Prachuap Khiri Khan - Myeik Economic Corridor**

The Asian Research Center for Migration, Institute of Asian Studies, in coordination with the ASEAN Studies Center and Social Research Institute, Chulalongkorn University, conducted the seminar on "ASEAN Tourism Connectivity: Prachuap Khiri Khan – Myeik Economic Corridor." The aims of the seminar were to present the draft of "Myeik – Prachup Tourism Connectivity in the ASEAN East – West Economic Corridor" book, and to listen to the comments from the delegations of the Ministry of Tourism and Sports, the Tourism Authority of Thailand, and Prachuap Khiri Khan. The seminar was conducted on Tuesday, February 26th, 2019.

## **Towards Sustainable Fisheries and Decent Work**

The Asian Research Center for Migration, Institute of Asian Studies, in coordination with the Maritime Administration Programme, Graduate School, Chulalongkorn University, and the National Research Council of Thailand, conducted the seminar on "Towards Sustainable Fisheries and Decent work." The aims of the seminar were to have stakeholders in Thai fisheries Industry sharing their work plans, and to compile those plans to be a "Road Map Towards Sustainable Fisheries and Decent work." The seminar was conducted on Monday, April 29th, 2019.

## **After the IUU Wave: Moving Forward or Stagnation? Direction and the Latest Challenges for Thai Fisheries**

The Asian Research Center for Migration, Institute of Asian Studies, in coordination with the Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University, the OXFAM, and the CSO Coalition for Ethical and Sustainable Seafood, conducted the seminar on "After the IUU Wave: Moving Forward or Stagnation? Direction and the Latest Challenges for Thai Fisheries." The seminar was held on Tuesday, July 30th, 2019.



### **Autonomy and Co-Dependence: Timor-Leste (East Timor) and Moro (Philippines)**

The Asian Research Center for Migration, in coordination with the Multicultural Studies and Social Innovation Center, Institute of Asian Studies, Chulalongkorn University, organized the Seminar on Autonomy and Co-Dependence: Timor-Leste (East Timor) and Moro (Philippines), on Wednesday, November 6th, 2019

### **We Need to Talk About Hong Kong**

Chinese Studies Center and Department of History, Faculty of Arts, Chulalongkorn University held a public talk on the topic of “We Need to Talk About Hong Kong” at Maha Chakri Sirindhorn building, Faculty of Arts, Chulalongkorn University. The event brings together a law professor, a historian and a correspondent to discuss about ongoing demonstrations in Hong Kong since June 2019.

### **Japanese Communities in Southeast Asia: Towards Peace and Prosperity**

The Japan-ASEAN Studies Center organized a panel on “Japanese Communities in Southeast Asia: Towards Peace and Prosperity” at the ASS-in-Asia 2019 at Sheraton Hotel, Bangkok on 1-4 July, 2019. Panelists came from Chulalongkorn University, Binussantara University and Kyoto University.

### **Japan-Mekong: Peace and Prosperity in the Heisei Era**

The Japan-ASEAN Studies Center organized a panel on “Japan-Mekong Peace and Prosperity in the Heisei Era” at the JSAT conference, Faculty of Arts, Thammasat University on 14-15, December 2019. Panelist came from Chulalongkorn University National University of Economies Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam

### **Connectivity, Mobility and Regional Integration in ASEAN**

On 29 January 2019, Mekong Studies center and Chinese Studies Center, Institute of Asian Studies, Chulalongkorn University held an International Conference in collaboration with Paragon International University, Phnom Penh, Cambodia on "Connectivity, Mobility and Regional Integration in ASEAN. We were honored to have many scholars, representatives from differentiating institutes as well as amazing students from Paragon International University joining and exchanging constructive idea in this conference. We hope for the future opportunity in research collaboration between the two universities

### **Election 4.0 Social Media with Thai Politics**

Mekong Studies Center, Institute of Asian Studies organized a seminar on "Election 4.0 Social Media with Thai Politics" on Monday 25 February 2019 to create an understanding of the role of social media and the change in the new political landscape. Before the general election that would take place in the year 2019, we probably noticed that Social media could be a platform for political communication of various political parties. It also opened the area for public participation to express their opinions, requests and criticisms in order to see the dynamics and trends of Thai politics that are about to occur. We were honored by Mr. John Winyu Wongsurawat, Asst. Prof. Dr. Pichit Rasukamoto, Dr. Mukda Prateepwattanawong and Mr. Ukrist Pattamanan as speakers.



### **The 4th Mekong Dialogue: From Less Cash to Cashless Society: What will be the Future Economic Landscape of Thailand?"**

On Tuesday 6 August 2019, Mekong Studies Center organized the 4th Mekong Dialogue on "From Less Cash to Cashless Society: What will be the Future Economic Landscape of Thailand?" to brainstorm ideas and present policy recommendations to prepare for changes resulted from the development of financial systems and liquidation using digital technology (Financial Technology - Fintech) which has become a new standard of exchange instead of money. As a result, economic activities have been transformed from many traditional transactions. We are living in a less cash society and likely to enter the cashless society in the near future.

### **The 3rd Young Scholars Conference: Global Leadership in Crisis Overcoming the Divide: Towards Inclusive and Humane Societies**

This Conference is to offer such space and opportunities for the young scholars to present their academic work, develop networks, and enhance interaction with selected senior scholars in order to build bridges, networks and advocacy for a common future which is sustainable and peaceful and will be useful for creating knowledge and analyzing various problems especially in youth issues. In addition, it will build academic network both at national and international levels and also study relevant problems.

### **Female Agency and Islamic Activism: Thai Case Studies in Localizing the Global**

This one-day international research symposium sought to respond to Muslim studies in Thailand being either fetishized, or altogether overlooked. Paper presenters and invited keynote addresses by international scholars to explore Islamic movements specifically engaging with Muslim woman, and the more general phenomenon of the religious activism of a range of transnational Islamic movements, generically referred to as Salafism. In terms of approach, this event was organized in ways that sought move away from studying these units of analysis in separate "silos". Rather, these were explored synergies between them. For example, what role does Muslim woman play in the range of Islamic movements actively seeking to impact the religious and political lives of Muslims in Thailand? The presentations provided empirical data and analytical insights about ways that activism by "Salafis" and/or on behalf of Muslim women (Muslimah) in Thailand resemble these forms of political and religious activism elsewhere in the Muslim World. In other words, it means ways that Muslims in Thailand are localizing the global.

### **ASEAN for Cultural Coexistence: Challenges and Ways to Overcome**

The international symposium organized by Muslim Studies Center co-operation with Council for Humanitarian Networking of Sheikhul Islam Office, Thailand and Institute of Southeast Asian Maritime States Studies. The objectives of the symposium were to identify and share the importance of cultural coexistence in ASEAN and to unveil the role of ASEAN in promoting dialogue among various cultural faith groups in ASEAN. They had two sessions, Session one talking on topic "ASEAN for Cultural Coexistence" and Session two talking on topic "ASEAN and the Challenges of Coexistence in a Multicultural Society"

### **Multicultural Studies Annual Conference 2019: "Multiculturalism and Dynamic in the New Millennium"**

On 13th March, 2019, The Multicultural Studies and Social Innovation Center, Institute of Asian Studies, Chulalongkorn University held Multicultural Studies Annual Conference 2019 on "Multiculturalism and Dynamic in the New Millennium" at CS Pattani Hotel, Pattani province. The conference was attended by a lot of participants from various sectors.

### **International Conference: Multiculturalism and Social Cohesion: The Role of Education, Media and Language in the 21st Century**

On 17th June, 2019, International Conference "Multiculturalism and Social Cohesion: The Role of Education, Media and Language in the 21st Century" was held by The Multicultural Studies and Social Innovation Center, Institute of Asian Studies, Chulalongkorn University. It was an honor that Associate Professor Tejendra Pherali, PhD, Senior lecturer in Education and International Development from University College London accepted the invitation to be a Keynote speaker. We received good feedbacks from satisfaction survey. Besides, the output from this conference will be published in different form such as journal and leaflet.

### **Unveil the Mystic Myth: The Story of Thailand's axe tip**

On 27th September, 2019, The Multicultural Studies and Social Innovation Center, Institute of Asian Studies, Chulalongkorn University organized a seminar to declare research output in a book named "Unveil The Mystic Myth: The Story of Thailand's axe tip" (the same name as the project). In this occasion, we invited stakeholders from various sections such as Internal Security Operations Command (ISOC) and opened the space for those who were interested in this research output to be able to participate in this seminar. This book was just one of the outcomes of the project. Apart from the book, we also distributed knowledge in various channels including with the image sheet (Infographic), animation (Motion Infographic), and electronic book (e-book) which were also presented in this seminar

### **Thailand's cultural industry promotes TV drama innovation 4.0**

On 16th October, 2019, Press Conference: "Thailand's cultural industry promotes TV drama innovation 4.0" Project took place at Room 111, Maha Chulalongkorn Building, Chulalongkorn University by the management of The Multicultural Studies and Social Studies Center, Institute of Asian Studies, Chulalongkorn University. The objective of this project is to promote the culture of Thailand Branch 5Fs that includes the Food, Fighting, Film, Fashion and Festival by the media to generate tangible results. In this occasion, we really felt honored that Mr. Ittipol Khunpluem, Minister of Culture, and Professor Kiat Ruxrungtham, M.D., Vice President for Research and Innovation of Chulalongkorn University participated and gave opening speech for the press conference. We received a lot of good feedbacks from the audiences and the press. The news of this event was posted on many websites such as bangkokbiznews.com.

### **Demystifying Big Power Interplay: China and India Rivalry in Nepal**

On Monday 14th January 2019, The South Asian Studies Center organised an international seminar on the powerplay between India and China in South Asia. India is considered a country that has influenced Nepal in every matter, whether it is government, law, religion, way of life and culture. When China's economy growth had rising, China began to have one belt one road policy. With this policy, China is starting to shake the influence of India. This lecture presented the relationship between China and India trying to expand influence into Nepal. Through assistance Education Budget Public health, the form of assistance from both countries will be different according to the strategies of each country. In which China wants to create a positive image through workings that can be clearly seen in society. India will help with the structure and system. Since they have the advantage of image and relationship. Nepal uses this advantage as a means of seeking assistance from both countries.

### **India Engagement in South East Asia**

India Engagement in South East Asia discussed about the past, present and the future of India's role in South East Asia especially on political and security cooperation and its economic engagement and the cultural linkage of India and ASEAN. The discussion was presented a brief presentation from distinguished scholars of India and Thailand on the related issues concerning about India foreign policy toward South East Asian. The objectives of the discussion were focused on exchange the ideas and experiences of India Relations with South East Asia Countries, promoting the engagement between India and Thailand and increase the academic network collaboration between Thailand and India. The outcome of the discussion was very fruitful and recommended that Thailand and India should strengthening its relationship through people to people channel and Thailand should take opportunity to promote India to join India ASEAN economic and security cooperation. Lastly, both nations should build a strong academic network for promoting knowledge and understanding in the various term especially history, culture, economic and political relations.

### **Extremism and Counter Extremism in South Asia**

The Research Consortium on "Extremism and Counter Extremism in South Asia" is partially of the research on Effects of Media on the Diffusion and Resolution Process of Extremism. The consortium is desired a full day discussion on "Extremism and Counter Extremism in South Asia." There are seven discussants came from India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, and Pakistan and were discussing on several topics such as "Countering Insurgencies, Terrorism and Violent Extremism in South Asia", "Coexistence in Times of Global Polarization", "the Political Extremism and Radicalism, Freedom and Security in South and Southeast Asia", "the Geopolitics of Violent Extremism", "Extremism and Radicalism from Gender Studies Perspectives" and "Influence of Media and Extremism".

### **The verdict on the Ayodhya of India**

The Department of History, Faculty of Arts, in collaboration with South Asian Studies Center, and Indian Studies Center at Chulalongkorn University, organized a discussion on "The verdict on the Ayodhya of India." The discussion provided an understanding of the conflicts and judicial decisions in Babri Masjid, the holy area in Uttar Pradesh, amid the diversity of religious beliefs. The speakers reflected the Supreme Court's decision from three different perspectives: which are historical shreds of evidence, law and political interpretation, and the role of media and the social outcomes.

### **Break Fasting through Religious Relations**

The project is very valuable for learning any religious culture. Most of attendants from many boundaries of faith like Sikh Religion, Islam, Buddhist and also Christians. The Sikh believers begin to share their thoughts and practices to each other. Later, Muslims have explained the concept of fasting, break fasting and what do Muslim act in the month of Ramadan. Many Buddhists friends came to join the program and have a food together. The project aims to make a good relation, understand multiculturalism and plural society between people who belonged to different cultures and faith boundaries. The project was attended by many groups of people from university officers, Muslim Student Club, mosque committees and other.

### **The Use and Impact of Indian Ikats on Thailand**

This event is a small seminar about the use and impact of Indian Ikats on Thailand. The speaker is Professor of Design. Dr. Padmini Tolat Balaram of the Visva Bharati Santiniketan University. The main purpose of this project is to make relation and academic network, to understand weaving and textile desire and also supporting academic knowledge to society. The discussion also touches upon the way of weaving textile which is culture, culture is art, art is meditation and meditation is the way to spiritual purification.

### **Transcending Border: Indian and South Asian Heritage of Thailand and South East Asia**

In connection with an art exhibition 'Khaek Pai Krai Ma' by StudiOK, the South Asian Studies Center organised a series of academic talks about the lives and times of Thailand's communities of Indian diasporas. The exhibition and the academic activities seeks to document and to promotes a wider recognition to the contribution of the Indian communities to the Thai socio-cultural spheres.







# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Institute of Asian Studies encourages its members to engage in a wide variety of community outreach programmes to ensure a widespread knowledge about Asia.

Our research clusters have been active in social media and regularly publish an update information and analysis of current issues in the area of their expertise. Most of which will be re-published on the IAS website. ([www.ias.chula.ac.th](http://www.ias.chula.ac.th))

Members of our institute also regularly write analysis pieces for Thai and English languages publications, for example Matichon -

Weekly, Thai Post, the Bangkok Post or Manager Online etc.

Often, our members will be asked to give interviews and to contribute their perspectives to both local and international media outlets whenever there is an issue in Asia, from the crisis in the Middle East to the coronation of the Japanese Emperor.

**When there is an issue in Asia, IAS has an answer**





## PUBLICATIONS

IAS publishes 2 refereed journals dedicated to Asian Studies - **Asian Review** which is an English language journal and **Asia Paridarsana** which is a Thai language journal.

Our journals seek to publish original research articles from a wide range of academic disciplines in the humanities and social sciences to promote an understanding of contemporary Asia. Areas of special concern include cultural studies, ethnicity, development, economics, foreign affairs, language, literature, migration, politics and religion.

**Asian Review** and **Asia Paridarsana** welcomes submission of articles dealing with various aspects of Asia including political, economic, social, cultural, and foreign affairs. All contributions are subject to a fully anonymous reviewing process. We accept manuscripts for review all year round.

To read and to submit an article, please logon to the portals to the journals' homepage at the Thai Journal Index below:

### **Asian Review.**

<https://so01.tci-thaijo.org/index.php/arv/about>

### **Asia Paridarsana**

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# AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS



**Prof. Sunait Chutintaranond, PH.D., Former Director of the Institute of Asian Studies has been awarded the National Outstanding Researchers Prize in the field of Philosophy 2019 by National Research Council of Thailand.**

Prof. Sunait is well known from his excellence in history of Thailand-Myanmar relations. Not only Thai evidences that he looks through, but Prof. Sunait also dedicates his determination in researching Thailand-Myanmar relations from the chronicles of Myanmar.



**Prof. Supang Chantavanich, PH.D., Former Director of the Institute of Asian Studies received an honor from the Prime Minister office for her contribution to the government's effort to resolve the problem of Illegal fishing.**

Through Prof. Chantavanich's works of illegal fisheries and migrant workers in the fishing industry, Thailand is able to successfully remove itself from the European Union's watchlist and IUU ban on unreported and unregulated fisheries in 2019



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