

GRIPS–JCA THAILAND WORKSHOP

15–16 June 2015

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Thailand's Authoritarian Turn: Beyond Network Monarchy

Monday 15 June 2015

Room 4A (4th floor)

09.15–09.30 Introduction (Veerayooth, Westra and Connors)

A. Flexible Oligarchy and Structural Inequality

09.30–10.00 **Chris Baker** 'The 2014 Coup and Some Roots of Authoritarianism'

10.00–10.30 **Pasuk Phongpaichit** 'Inequality, Wealth, and Thailand's Politics'

10.30–10.50 Discussant: **Richard Westra**

10.50–11.20 Q&A

Lunch

B. Multi-layered Conflicts: Class, Institutional and Electoral Perspectives

12.30–13.00 **Kasian Tejapira** 'Class Conflict and Royalist Mass Politics: The Irony of Democratisation and the Decline of Royal Hegemony in Thailand'

13.00–13.30 **Veerayooth Kanchoochat** 'From Rent-seeking to Reign-seeking'

13.30–14.00 **Prajak Kongkirati** 'The Failed 2014 Election: Anti-election Movement, Street Violence and the Democratic Breakdown'

14.00–14.30 Discussants: **Michael Connors** and **Khoo Boo Teik**

14.30–15.00 Q&A

Coffee break

C. Rurality and Civil Society Transformed

15.30–16.00 **Thorn Pitidol** 'Democratic Discourses in Thai Civil Society: The Case Study of the CODI's Network of Development Actors'

16.00–16.30 **Somchai Phatharathananunth** 'Rural Transformations and Democracy in Northeast Thailand'

16.30–16.50 Discussant: **Chris Baker**

16.50–17.20 Q&A

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| Tuesday 16 June 2015 | Room 4A (4 th floor) |
| 09:15–09.30 Opening discussion (Veerayooth) | |
| D. The Holy Trinity: Monarchy, Military and Judiciary | |
| 09.30–10.00 | Paul Chambers and Napisa Waitoolkiat 'The Resilience of Monarchized Military in Thailand' |
| 10.00–10.30 | Piyabutr Saengkanokkul 'Tulakanphiwat: Methods and Effects' |
| 10.30–11.00 | Eugenie Merieau 'The Judicialisation of Politics: How the Thai Deep State Transferred Traditional Royal Powers onto the Constitutional Court (1997-2014)' |
| 11.00–11.30 | Discussants: Chris Baker and Michael Connors |
| 11.30–12.00 | Q&A |
| 12.00–13.00 | Lunch |
| 13.00–13.30 | Conclusion and future agenda (Veerayooth , Westra and Connors) |

Project Title

GRIPS-JCA Thailand Workshop

Convener

Dr Veerayooth KANCHOOCHAT

Schedule

Dates: 15-16 June 2015 15 9:15 ~ 18:00, 16 9:15 ~ 18:00

Venue: Room 4A at GRIPS

Objectives and Overall Project Description

This project seeks to explore the structural, institutional, and ideological underpinnings of Thailand's political conflict and contentious politics in the past decade. It also aims to provide broader theoretical implications (e.g. democratic and authoritarian theories) as well as general policy lessons for emerging countries.

The workshop was undertaken successfully. Funding for this workshop is provided by (a) JSPS KAKENHI Grant Number 25101004 (Emerging State Project Comparative History Group) and (b) the Grant for Organizing Short Academic Conference from GRIPS Policy Research Center.

Each author submitted a full paper, gave a presentation at the workshop, and received feedback for future revisions from pre-designated discussants as well as other guests. The expected output will be a special issue in the *Journal of Contemporary Asia* co-edited by Veerayooth Kanchoochat (GRIPS) and Kevin Hewison (Murdoch University).

Jun. 16 18:00 ~ 20:00 詳細な意見交換が行われた。

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