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5-6 May 2021
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Event proceedings

In this public forum, invited experts will provide an analysis of the current political situation in Cambodia, Indonesia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand and discuss the broader implications of events in these countries for our region.

Each of our country-specialists will present for up to 15 minutes, followed by a short Q&A session. They are instructed to pitch their talk to an interested, but not necessarily academic, audience so the talks are able to be enjoyed by a wide range of people. These talks should be particularly valuable to non-political scientists working in one or more Southeast Asian countries.

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Cambodia

Dr Astrid Norén-Nilsson
University of Lund

Astrid Norén-Nilsson is an Associate Senior Lecturer at the Centre for East and South-East Asian Studies at Lund University since 2016. She received her Ph.D. in Politics & International Studies (2013) from the University of Cambridge, UK, where she was a Gates Scholar. She was a research fellow at the Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies (KITLV), Leiden, the Netherlands, 2013-15. Her scholarship focuses on the politics of Cambodia in the post-conflict reconstruction era (1993 -). Her research interests include democratic change, nationalism, the politics of memory, and emerging notions of citizenship and social change in Southeast Asia.

Indonesia

Dr Burhanuddin Muhtadi
Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University

Burhanuddin Muhtadi is a Senior Lecturer at the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University, Jakarta. He is also an executive director of the Indonesian Political Indicator (Indikator Politik Indonesia) and the Director of Public Affairs at the Indonesian Survey Institute (Lembaga Survei Indonesia, LSI). His research interests include political Islam, voting behaviour, clientelism, democracy and social movements.

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The Philippines

Professor Maria Ela L. Atienza
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Maria Ela L. Atienza, PhD is Professor at the Department of Political Science, University of the Philippines (UP) Diliman. She is the Editor of the *Philippine Political Science Journal* and Co-Convenor of the UP Center for Integrative and Development Studies’ Program on Social and Political Change. She also served as Chair of the Department of Political Science (2016-19), Director of the UP Third World Studies Center (2010-13), and President of the Philippine Political Science Association (2007-09).

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Myanmar

Professor Melissa Crouch
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Melissa Crouch is Professor and Associate Dean Research at the Faculty of Law & Justice at the University of New South Wales. She leads the Southeast Asia Law & Policy Forum. Melissa's research focuses on comparative constitutional law, law and society, and law and religion in Southeast Asia.

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Dr Elvin Ong
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Elvin Ong is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science at NUS. He was previously a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Centre for Southeast Asia Research, School of Public Policy and Global Affairs, University of British Columbia. He obtained his PhD in Political Science from Emory University, the MPhil in Politics (Comparative Government) from the University of Oxford, and a Double Degree in Business Management and Social Science from the Singapore Management University. He was named a 2019 Dan David Prize Scholar in Defending Democracy, and a 2018 Young Southeast Asia Fellow.

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Thailand

Professor Duncan McCargo
University of Copenhagen

Duncan McCargo, Director of the Nordic Institute of Asian Studies and Professor of Political Science at the University of Copenhagen, is best known for his wide-ranging work on the politics of Thailand. Earlier books include the best-selling The Thaksinization of Thailand (with Ukrist Pathmanand, NIAS Press 2005), and the award-winning Tearing Apart the Land: Islam and Legitimacy in Southern Thailand (Cornell 2008). More recently, he has published Fighting for Virtue: Justice and Politics in Thailand (Cornell 2019) and Future Forward: The Rise and Fall of a Thai Political Party (with Anyarat Chattharakul, NIAS Press 2020). A past president of the European Association for Southeast Asian Studies, Duncan co-founded the Columbia University-based New York Southeast Asia Network (www.nysean.org) and has co-supervised 29 PhD students to successful completion.
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