Conference on
“Five Years after the Military Coup: Thailand’s Political Developments since
Thaksin’s Downfall.”
Monday, 19 September 2011
Seminar Rooms I & II
Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

PROGRAMME

8.15 am – 8.45 am  Registration

8.45 am – 9.00 am  Welcome Remarks
Ambassador K KESAVAPANY
Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

9.00 am – 10.20 am  SESSION ONE:  THE 2006 MILITARY COUP: IMPACT ON
                       THE THAI POLITICAL LANDSCAPE
Chair:  Dr Pavin CHACHAVALPONGPUN
        Fellow, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

9.00 am – 9.20 am  Presenters:  Dr Federico FERRARA
                     Assistant Professor, Department of Asian and
                     International Studies, City University of Hong
                     Kong
                     UNFINISHED BUSINESS: THE CONTAGION OF
                     CONFLICT OVER A CENTURY OF THAI POLITICAL
                     DEVELOPMENT

9.20 am – 9.40 am  Dr Pitch PONGSAWAT
                     Lecturer, Department of Government, Faculty of
                     Political Science, Chulalongkorn University
                     FOUR DEMOCRATIC FORCES OF
                     CONTEMPORARY THAILAND

9.40 am – 10.20 am  Discussion

10.20 am – 10.40 am  Coffee

10.40 am – 12.40 pm  SESSION TWO:  DEFENDING THE OLD POLITICAL
                       CONSENSUS: THE MILITARY AND THE
                       MONARCHY
Chair:  Dr Michael MONTESANO
        Visiting Research Fellow, Institute of Southeast
        Asian Studies

10.40 am – 11.00 am  Presenters:  Dr James OCKEY
                        Associate Professor, School of Social and Political
                        Sciences, University of Canterbury
                        BROKEN POWER: THE THAI MILITARY IN THE
                        AFTERMATH OF THE 2006 COUP
11.00 am – 11.20 am

Professor Thongchai WINICHAKUL
Professor, University of Wisconsin-Madison;
Principal Research Fellow, Asia Research
Institute, National University of Singapore

THE MONARCHY AND ANTI-MONARCHY: TWO
ELEPHANTS IN THE ROOM

11.20 am – 11.40 am

Dr David STRECKFUSS
Independent Scholar, Thailand

FREEDOM AND SILENCING UNDER THE NEO-
ABSOLUTIST MONARCHY REGIME IN
THAILAND, 2006-2011

11.40 am – 12.40 pm

Discussion

12.40 pm – 1.40 pm

Lunch

1.40 pm – 3.40 pm

SESSION THREE: NEW POLITICAL DISCOURSES AND THE
EMERGENCE OF YELLOWS AND REDS

Chair: Dr Pattana KITIARSA
Assistant Professor, Southeast Asian Studies
Programme, National University of Singapore

1.40 pm – 2.00 pm

Presenters: Dr Michael NELSON
Visiting Research Fellow, The German-Southeast
Asian Centre of Excellence for Public Policy and
Good Governance, Faculty of Law, Thammasat
University

VOTE NO! THE PAD’S DECLINE FROM
POWERFUL MOVEMENT TO POLITICAL SPECTRUM?

2.00 pm – 2.20 pm

Mr Nick Nostitz
Independent Writer

THE RED SHIRTS – FROM ANTI-COUP
PROTESTERS TO SOCIAL MOVEMENT

2.20 pm – 2.40 pm

Dr Andrew WALKER
Associate Dean (Education), College of Asia and
the Pacific; and Senior Fellow, Department of
Political and Social Change, College of Asia and
the Pacific, Australian National University

IS PEASANT POLITICS IN THAILAND CIVIL?

2.40 pm – 3.40 pm

Discussion

3.40 pm – 4.00 pm

Tea
4.00 pm – 5.20 pm  **SESSION FOUR: CRISES OF LEGITIMACY**

Chair:  *Dr Charnvit KASETSIRI*
Visiting Professorial Fellow, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

4.00 pm – 4.20 pm Presenters  *Professor Marc ASKEW*
Associate Professor, Regional Studies Program, Walailak University, Thailand
**REAPING THE WHIRLWIND: THAILAND’S COUP AND THE SOUTHERN PROBLEM**

4.20 pm – 4.40 pm  *Dr Pavin CHACHAVALPONGPUN*
Fellow, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies
**FROM MARKETPLACE BACK TO BATTLEFIELD: THAI-CAMBODIAN RELATIONS IN THE AGE OF A MILITARISED POLITICS**

4.40 pm – 5.20 pm Discussion