

From coups to crises: where next for Thailand?



After a coup, a new constitution and a controversial election, Thailand's political future remains as uncertain as ever.

Join leading Thai political scientist Professor Thitinan Pongsudhirak, The Australian National University (ANU) Thai constitutional law expert Sarah Bishop and Director of Lowy Institute's Southeast Asia Project Ben Bland for a discussion on what happens next in one of Southeast Asia's most volatile nations.

The general election in March, the first since the 2014 coup, was marred by allegations of irregularities and the election commission said it will not announce the final results until May. In the meantime, it has brought sedition charges against the leader of a pro-democracy party that did better than expected in the election.

Thailand is stuck in a protracted seesaw between democracy and military rule. How will the final

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election results affect this balance? What role, if any, will King Vajiralongkorn play in determining Thailand's future trajectory after his coronation in May? How will the political impasse impact Thailand's chairing of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations this year?

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Time & location

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Program and tickets

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