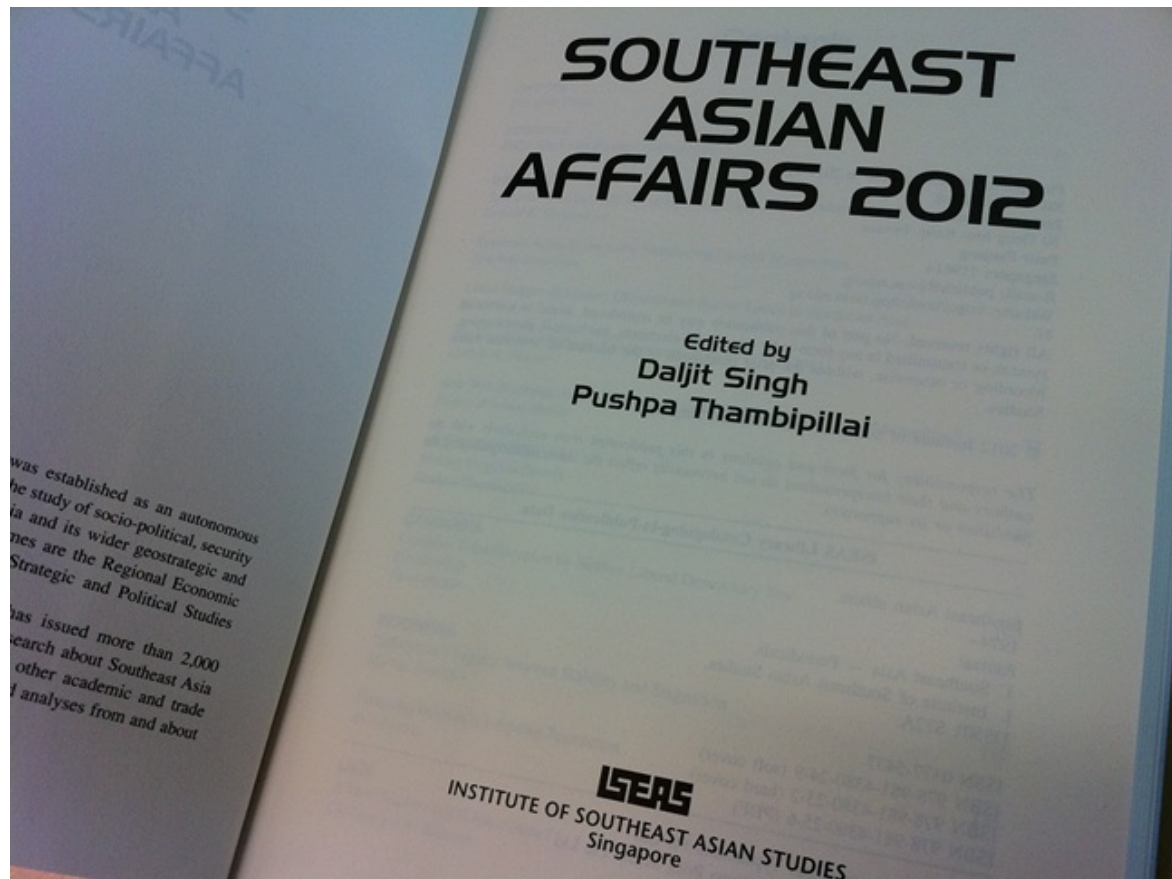


Southeast Asian Affairs 2012



Each year the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies in Singapore produces an edited journal/book with a wide range of contributions dealing with recent events in the ten countries of the region. With the title *Southeast Asian Affairs* it is now in its 39th year of publication. You can get all of the details on this year's edition [here](#).

In 2012 I wrote the overview of Thailand in 2011. For those who are interested, the abstract for my piece reads:

Since the coup of September 2006 Thailand has struggled through a difficult period of political and social unrest. In 2011 the election triumph of Yingluck Shinawatra and her Pheu Thai Party demonstrated the continued popularity of her brother, deposed former Prime Minister Thaksin. Inevitably, the election result failed to generate any resolution to the country's political polarisation and conflicts. The year will also be remembered for devastating flooding across the country: over 500 people died and millions endured months

of disruption and hardship. Bangkok and surrounding provinces were seriously impacted and the country's economic performance, especially in the crucial manufacturing and agricultural sectors, suffered as a result. In 2011 Thailand continued to experience violence in the three southernmost provinces where a decade-long conflict, involving a wide range of criminal, insurgent and official groups, shows no sign of ending. Persistent ambiguity about the role of the monarchy in national life, and questions about plans for the succession when King Bhumibol Adulyadej dies, added to the disquiet as Thais seek a new political equilibrium for their country.

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