



**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 <i>Ambassador K KESAVAPANY</i> Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies
9.00 am – 10.20 am	<b>SESSION ONE: THE 2006 MILITARY COUP: IMPACT ON THE THAI POLITICAL LANDSCAPE</b>
	Chair: <i>Dr Pavin CHACHAVALPONGPUN</i> Fellow, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies
9.00 am – 9.20 am	Presenters: <i>Dr Federico FERRARA</i> Assistant Professor, Department of Asian and International Studies, City University of Hong Kong <b>UNFINISHED BUSINESS: THE CONTAGION OF CONFLICT OVER A CENTURY OF THAI POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT</b>
9.20 am – 9.40 am	<i>Dr Pitch PONGSAWAT</i> Lecturer, Department of Government, Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University <b>FOUR DEMOCRATIC FORCES OF CONTEMPORARY THAILAND</b>
9.40 am – 10.20 am	Discussion
10.20 am – 10.40 am	Coffee
10.40 am – 12.40 pm	<b>SESSION TWO: DEFENDING THE OLD POLITICAL CONSENSUS: THE MILITARY AND THE MONARCHY</b>
	Chair: <i>Dr Michael MONTESANO</i> Visiting Research Fellow, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies
10.40 am – 11.00 am	Presenters: <i>Dr James OCKEY</i> Associate Professor, School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Canterbury <b>BROKEN POWER: THE THAI MILITARY IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE 2006 COUP</b>

11.00 am – 11.20 am		<i>Professor Thongchai WINICHAKUL</i> Professor, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Principal Research Fellow, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore <b>THE MONARCHY AND ANTI-MONARCHY: TWO ELEPHANTS IN THE ROOM</b>
11.20 am – 11.40 am		<i>Dr David STRECKFUSS</i> Independent Scholar, Thailand <b>FREEDOM AND SILENCING UNDER THE NEO- ABSOLUTIST MONARCHY REGIME IN THAILAND, 2006-2011</b>
11.40 am – 12.40 pm	Discussion	
12.40 pm – 1.40 pm	Lunch	
1.40 pm – 3.40 pm		<b>SESSION THREE: NEW POLITICAL DISCOURSES AND THE EMERGENCE OF YELLOWS AND REDS</b>
	Chair:	<i>Dr Pattana KITIARSA</i> Assistant Professor, Southeast Asian Studies Programme, National University of Singapore
1.40 pm – 2.00 pm	Presenters:	<i>Dr Michael NELSON</i> Visiting Research Fellow, The German-Southeast Asian Centre of Excellence for Public Policy and Good Governance, Faculty of Law, Thammasat University <b>VOTE NO! THE PAD'S DECLINE FROM POWERFUL MOVEMENT TO POLITICAL SECT?</b>
2.00 pm – 2.20 pm		<i>Mr Nick Nostitz</i> Independent Writer <b>THE RED SHIRTS — FROM ANTI-COUP PROTESTERS TO SOCIAL MASS MOVEMENT</b>
2.20 pm – 2.40 pm		<i>Dr Andrew WALKER</i> 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 <b>IS PEASANT POLITICS IN THAILAND CIVIL?</b>
2.40 pm – 3.40 pm	Discussion	
3.40 pm – 4.00 pm	Tea	

4.00 pm – 5.20 pm	<b>SESSION FOUR: CRISES OF LEGITIMACY</b>
	Chair: <i>Dr Charnvit KASETSIRI</i> Visiting Professorial Fellow, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies
4.00 pm – 4.20 pm	Presenters <i>Professor Marc ASKEW</i> Associate Professor, Regional Studies Program, Walailak University, Thailand <b>REAPING THE WHIRLWIND: THAILAND'S COUP AND THE SOUTHERN PROBLEM</b>
4.20 pm – 4.40 pm	<i>Dr Pavin CHACHAVALPONGPUN</i> Fellow, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies <b>FROM MARKETPLACE BACK TO BATTLEFIELD: THAI-CAMBODIAN RELATIONS IN THE AGE OF A MILITARISED POLITICS</b>
4.40 pm – 5.20 pm	Discussion