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# Association of Mainland Southeast Asia Scholars Online Conference Schedule

Wednesday 12 to Thursday 13 November 2025

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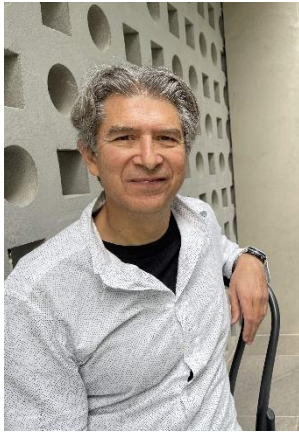
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## Welcome



As current President of the Association of Mainland Southeast Asia Scholars (AMSEAS), it's my pleasure to welcome members to our second online conference. AMSEAS was established in 2017 to promote and support the study of Mainland Southeast Asia (Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Vitenam and Thailand) in Australia and New Zealand. Established under the auspices of the Australian Asian Studies Association, it is the first regional association to support teaching and research on this subregion. The biennial conference has become a flagship event and a good opportunity for emerging and established scholars to present new research. This conference, held under the theme of "Between Co-option and Dissent: Speaking Truth to Power in Mainland Southeast Asia", showcases two days of exciting and insightful scholarship.

As part of this year's seminar, an AMSEAS judging committee will nominate a **Best Presentation** from an early career researcher (categorised as PhD candidates or researchers within five years of PhD graduation).

I commend the conference to you.

**Greg Raymond**

**President**

**AMSEAS**

**Note:** *All times are in Australian Eastern Daylight Time (AEDT)*

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## Day 1. Wednesday 12 November 2025

Time	Agenda
11:00 - 11:15	Welcome and Opening Remarks - Professor Helen Sullivan, Dean of the College of Asia and the Pacific, Australian National University.
11:15 - 12:15	Keynote Address by Professor Puangthong R. Pawakapan, Chulalongkorn University “Understanding the Feudal Culture of the Thai military”
12:15 - 12:25	Break
12:25 - 13:50	<b>Panel 1: Intellectual Labour, Histories, and Decolonial Knowledge</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Myanmar-as-Method: Dialectically Engaging with the Context to Understand Teacher Activism in Myanmar</i> - Sa Phyo Arkar Myo Hlaing</li> <li>• <i>University Autonomy and Political Activism in the Republic of Vietnam under the Ngo Dinh Diem Regime (1955–1963)</i> - Dang-Thanh NGUYEN</li> <li>• <i>My Transition Towards Decolonial Trauma Healing: An Autoethnography of a Kachin Christian Counselor</i> - LAZING, Diana Seng Hkawn</li> <li>• <i>A History of Vietnamese Governance in Upland Southeast Asia: Power Among the Mountains of the Northwest Under the Nguyen Dynasty</i> - Lê DUC ANH</li> </ul>
13:50 - 14:00	Break
14:00 - 15:15	<b>Panel 2: Law and Authoritarianism</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Civil Society and Environmental Activism in the Mekong Subregion: A Shrinking Space</i> - Andrea HAEFNER</li> <li>• <i>Comparative Codification and the Indian Penal Code</i> - Daniel PASCOE</li> <li>• <i>Between Law and Power: Universal Jurisdiction for Atrocities in Mainland Southeast Asia</i> - Emma PALMER &amp; Prasadi WIJESINGHE</li> </ul>
15:15 - 15:30	Break
15:30 - 16:45	<b>Panel 3: Dissent, Identity, and Resistance in and Beyond Thailand</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Rhymes of Resistance: Rap Music and Political Dissent in Thailand's Pro-Democracy Protests</i> - Pablo Henri RAMIREZ DIDOU</li> <li>• <i>Threats to Human Security: Conflict and Migration of Malay Muslims from Southern Thailand to Malaysia</i> - Nur Rabiatal Adawiyah binti MOHD ZAINI</li> </ul>

- *Urban dwelling between the rocks and the sea in Southeast Asia: a transect walk through the liminal spaces of waterfront in the city of Ha Long (Vietnam)* - Thi Mai Thoa TRAN

16:45 – 17:00 Day 1 Wrap-Up Discussion

## Day 2. Thursday 13 November 2025

Time	Agenda
10:00 – 11:00	AMSEAS Annual General Meeting (AGM)
11:00 – 12:15	<b>Panel 4: Digital Authoritarianism and Geopolitics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Control or Consent? AI Surveillance and Authoritarian Innovation in Cambodia</i> - Sophal EAR</li> <li>• <i>The Geopolitical Dimensions of China's Digital Silk Road: Case Study of Mainland Southeast Asia</i> - Zeynab FARHADI</li> <li>• <i>Diplomatic Extortion</i> - Martin RATHIE</li> </ul>
12:15 – 12:30	Break
12:30 – 13:45	<b>Panel 5: Militarisation, Resources, and Conflict in Myanmar</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Cursed by Rare Earths or Institutions? A Quasi-Experimental Study of Rare Earth Mining and Conflict in Northern Myanmar</i> - Lin SAE-PHOO</li> <li>• <i>Myanmar at War: Youth, Conscription, and the Right to Refuse</i> - Nwe Mon Mon Oo</li> <li>• <i>Building A Tutelary Democracy in Myanmar: The Tatmadaw's Strategic Cooperation with Ethnic Armed Organisations</i> - Lanung Tu KUMBUN</li> </ul>
13:45 – 14:00	Break
14:00 – 15:15	<b>Panel 6: Women's Leadership, Empowerment, and Representation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>How to Get Close to the Experience of Women in Academic Leadership Position in Vietnam?</i> - Jane Phuong</li> <li>• <i>Myanmar Women in Exile: Gender, Power, and Everyday Resistance</i> - Win Pike Myo</li> <li>• <i>Examining the Framework of Quiet Violence: Thai Female Eldest Daughter in Taiwan's Migrant Society</i> - Anthika MANOWONG</li> </ul>

**15:15 – 15:30      Break**

**15:30 – 16:30      Panel 7: Courts and Political Shifts in Thailand**

- *China's United Front Work in Thailand* – Greg RAYMOND
- *Constitutional Court Minority Decisions: Toeing the Line or Speaking Truth to Power?* - Sarah BISHOP

**16:30 – 16:45      Final Wrap-Up and Closing Remarks**

## Speakers

Name	Organisation
Puangthong R. PAWAKAPAN	Chulalongkorn University
Sa Phyo Arkar Myo Hlaing	The University of Sussex, the UK and the Inclusive Education Foundation, Thailand
Dang-Thanh NGUYEN	Hanoi Law University, Vietnam
Diana Seng Hkawn LAZING	Boston College
Lê DUC ANH	Vietnam National University
Andrea HAEFNER	Griffith Asia Institute, Griffith University
Daniel PASCOE	City University of Hong Kong
Emma PALMER	Griffith University
Prasadi WIJESINGHE	Griffith University
Pablo Henri RAMIREZ DIDOU	Programa Universitario De Estudios Sobre Asia, África Y Oceanía (PUEAAO-UNAM)
Nur Rabiatal Adawiyah binti MOHD ZAINI	Institute for Peace Studies, Prince of Songkla University
Thi Mai Thoa TRAN	UQAM
Sophal EAR	Thunderbird School of Global Management at Arizona State University
Zeynab FARHADI	The Ng Teng Fong Â·Sino Group Belt and Road Research Institute at Hong Kong Chu Hai College
Martin RATHIE	Independent Researcher
Lin SAE-PHOO	The Australian National University
Nwe Mon Mon Oo	University on Yangon
Lanung Tu KUMBUN	University of Hyderabad
Jane PHUONG	University of Canberra
Win Pike Myo	Asian Institute of Technology
Anthika MANOWONG	Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages
Greg RAYMOND	Australian National University
Sarah BISHOP	National University of Singapore