

# Southeast Asian Studies Symposium

## Contemporary Issues in Southeast Asia

10 March 2012

*St. Antony's College, University of Oxford*

### Call for papers

The Asian Studies Centre at St. Antony's College, University of Oxford, and Project Southeast Asia<sup>1</sup> are calling for papers for a one-day symposium on contemporary issues facing Southeast Asia. The symposium is organised around three broad overlapping themes of politics and economy, society and culture, and human welfare and environment. The primary goal is to bring together researchers with a regional focus on Southeast Asia from different disciplines, thereby providing an arena to interact and learn from each other's on-going research projects with an ultimate aim of consolidating and promoting the study of Southeast Asia. Therefore, the symposium calls for papers engaging with pressing issues in the region and preferences will be given to papers with transregional and interdisciplinary perspectives.

### Symposium structure

The programme will comprise a keynote speech as well as panel discussions. The symposium panels will be organised by three main themes of "Politics and Economy", "Society and Culture" and "Human Welfare and Environment". Potential issues under each theme include but are not limited to:

- **Politics and Economy** – political ideology, democracy, democratisation, authoritarianism, political institutions, contentious politics, political economy, development economics
- **Society and Culture** – nation-building and citizenship, social movements, demography and ageing, migration, identity, ethnicity, religion, linguistics, popular culture, cultural change
- **Human Welfare and Environment** – poverty, healthcare, education, agriculture, conservation, resource extraction, disaster risks and management, climate change

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<sup>1</sup> The Project Southeast Asia is an initiative to provide a focal point for academic and research activity in the field of Southeast Asian studies, with an ultimate aim of establishing a Centre for Southeast Asian Studies.

The exact nature and direction of each panel will be guided by the submitted abstracts (see below for more information on abstract submission). Depending on the number of abstracts, there can be more than one panel for each theme, with the possibility of the symposium becoming a two-day event (10 – 11 March 2012).

### **Abstract submission**

Researchers working on Southeast Asia from any discipline are encouraged to submit their abstract. In particular, doctoral students in the final stages of writing their thesis and post-doctoral scholars who have recently completed their thesis are highlighted and encouraged to share their research findings.

Please send an abstract of no more than 500 words to:

[narae@projectsoutheastasia.com](mailto:narae@projectsoutheastasia.com)

Abstracts need to state a research question(s) clearly and to demonstrate how the research touches upon the contemporary issues of Southeast Asia. The abstraction submission form attached at the end is to be used.

### **Important dates**

- Abstract submission deadline: 11 November 2011
- Notification of acceptance: 11 December 2011
- Paper submission: 11 February 2012
- Symposium: 10 March 2012

### **Logistics**

Lunch and coffee/tea will be provided on the day of the symposium. Subsidised accommodation and travel fees will be provided for selected presenters within the UK.

### **Enquiries**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the symposium organisers at: [claire@projectsoutheastasia.com](mailto:claire@projectsoutheastasia.com)

## Appendix: Abstract Submission Form

### Paper Title

#### Name of the author

Affiliation: Position / Name of the institution

Contact details: Email address

### Abstract

(\*No more than 500 words)

### **Key word(s):**

(\*Maximum 5)

**Theme category:** *please tick the box that you think is relevant for your paper*

- Politics and Economy
- Society and Culture
- Human Welfare and Environment