

5th Southeast Asian Studies Symposium

“Human and Environmental Welfare in Southeast Asia”

14 – 16 April 2016

Mathematical Institute, University of Oxford

Project Southeast Asia invites colleagues in Southeast Asian studies to submit proposals for Panels and Papers for the 5th Annual Southeast Asian Studies Symposium at the Mathematical Institute, University of Oxford, 14 – 16 April 2016.

You will find detailed instructions for submissions, and more detailed information about the conference below and at asean.ac/cfp. If you have any questions, please email symposium@projectsoutheastasia.com.

Themes of the Symposium

The theme of the 2016 Southeast Asian Studies Symposium is “**Human and Environmental Welfare in Southeast Asia**”. While panels and workshops on this theme will be particularly welcomed, the Symposium will also accept panels and papers on any topic related to Southeast Asia.

Aims of the Symposium

Project Southeast Asia has three aims:

- To present solutions for contemporary Southeast Asian issues by bringing together the brightest minds from all fields and disciplines, and from around the world. Its core goal is to promote the integration of the humanities and social sciences with science, medicine, and business in order to create solutions which are effective, viable, and appropriate to culture and geography.
- To build networks and relationships between current and future decision-makers in Europe and Southeast Asia, as well as connections among academia, government, NGOs, and business. Integral to the Symposium will be opportunities for Southeast Asian and European politicians, corporate leaders, academics, and NGOs to interact and build relationships.
- To promote the research of the most talented scholars of Southeast Asia and offer a platform for young academics to present their work.

Proposal Selection Criteria

Panels focusing on any topics relating to Southeast Asia are welcome. In particular, panels which focus on one or more of the following are highly encouraged:

- a) Contemporary Southeast Asian issues, in particular (but not limited to) one of the four sub-themes above;
- b) Transnational Southeast Asian studies;
- c) Interdisciplinary approaches and collaborations;
- d) Methodological issues relating to Southeast Asian studies.

Multi-disciplinary and/or multi-institutional representation is strongly encouraged for all proposals. Young and emerging scholars are particularly encouraged to advance panel proposals.

The Organising Committee also supports innovative formats that will encourage effective communication, lively dialogue, and audience involvement. Some examples of novel formats:

- Panellists are invited to post the full text of their papers online prior to the panel, and are allocated three minutes during the panel itself to summarise their arguments. This is followed by presentations by discussants, and then questions from the audience.
- Commentators begin by summarising and commenting on papers. Paper authors then reply to these comments.
- Knowledgeable members of the audience are encouraged to prepare comments of their own, with focused audience commentary early in the discussion.
- A single major paper, film, or book launching is the subject of attention on which other papers and all commentary are focused.
- Panels based on a clash of perspectives, interpretations, or methodologies.

Proposal Guidelines

1. The Symposium is primarily a panel-based conference, and Academic Paper Panels, Roundtables, Cultural Events, and Workshops will be given preference in the review process over Individual Paper proposal submissions.

2. Session length: Each panel session will last 90 minutes. Double session panel proposals may be submitted, but each session requires a separate proposal which will be reviewed on its own merits; acceptance and/or sequential scheduling cannot be guaranteed.

3. This year, we introduce a new type of academic structure: the **Forum**. The forum is a sequence of sessions with a clearly defined theme. It aims to enable participants to discuss ideas, develop relationships, and formulate solutions through participating in the series of sessions. For an example, please see the State-Society Interactions in Southeast Asia Forum in 2015 (<http://projectsoutheastasia.com/academic-events/sea-symposium-2015/roundtables/state-society-interactions-in-southeast-asia>). The sequence can extend over multiple days and embrace a variety of session types. For example, it may begin with a keynote address, then over the next two days, open up into a roundtable, run through a series of academic panels and interactive workshops, before finishing with a final wrap-up session to consolidate and report findings and conclusions. Please send proposals to pingtjin@projectsoutheastasia.com, making clear the overall aim of the forum, how each session builds upon each previous session in pursuit of the goal, the timing of the sessions, and the intended audience. We will discuss the proposal with you, and if we accept it, we will assign administrative support and (potentially) some funding to support your forum.

4. There are four session types:

a. **Academic Paper Panels** should consist of a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of four (4) paper presenters, and a chair and/or a discussant. Proposals should include panel and paper titles as well as an abstract of not more than 250 words describing both the overall panel and each paper.

b. **Roundtables** should have a minimum of three (3) and a maximum five (5) discussants and one (1) chair. The goal of the roundtable is to foster a lively and informed discussion on a single issue from diverse viewpoints, especially practitioner and other non-academic views. Proposals should include the roundtable title, an abstract of not more than 400 words detailing the roundtable discussion, and a description of how each panellist will contribute to the discussion.

c. **Workshops** are a more interactive format with a practical focus. They will bring together government, academic, business, and civil society leaders in a discussion centred on a specific issue that aims to produce concrete policy recommendations. Interactions from the audience are also highly encouraged. Proposals should list one (1) chair, one (1) rapportuer, a minimum of three (3) leaders from at least two of the above categories, a 250 word outline of the issue to be addressed, and a list of questions or an agenda to guide discussion.

Preference will be given to panels which a) draw together a wider range of expertise from different fields and nationalities; and b) address a clearly defined, tightly focused issue. The rapportuer must submit a report that includes policy recommendations for governments and other interested parties, by 15 June 2016,

to Project Southeast Asia. The report will be downloadable from the website and distributed to Symposium participants and other interested parties.

d. **Cultural events** encompass a wide range of artistic and cultural endeavour. They may take place as part of the regular session programme or be held outside the scheduled sessions. Proposals should include description of not more than 400 words which describes the form and timings of the event as well as the resources and/or equipment required. Examples include: documentary screenings, art installations, dance performances. These may incorporate academic discussions as well. For example, please see the documentaries screened at the 2015 Symposium (<http://projectsoutheastasia.com/academic-events/sea-symposium-2015/documentaries>)

5. **Individual papers** should include an abstract of not more than 250 words. Please keep in mind that the Symposium is primarily a panel-based conference, and panels will be given preference in the review process over individual paper proposal submissions. Our experience from previous Symposia (as well as participant feedback) has also demonstrated that accepting individual papers produces highly unpredictable results. Thus our acceptance rate for individual papers is low as it depends on our being able to fit your paper into a panel. We may be forced turn down a good paper just because we can't find anywhere to fit it in. Acceptance rates for panels are significantly higher and we urge you to organise a panel in order to maximise your chances of acceptance.

If you are looking for a panel to join or for people to join your panel, we suggest you list yourself at our linkage page (<http://projectsoutheastasia.com/academic-events/sea-symposium-2016/call-for-panels/linkage>) and on our facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/projectsoutheastasia>).

Please note: Individuals may present on one (1) panel session of each type only; they may, however, serve as Chairs or Discussants of an unlimited number of other panels. Organisers are not considered 'participants' and therefore may organise more than one panel session.

5. Proposals must be complete at time of submission. Minor changes to the title or abstract, or replacement participants are allowed but additional participants and adding co-authors are not allowed after the panel has been accepted. The Organising Committee reserves the right to reject panels if the final panel composition differs substantially from the original proposal. Final details of all panels must be confirmed by 15 December 2015.

Timeline for Proposals

1 July 2015: Call for Panels and Papers opens.

1 October 2015: Call for Panels and Papers closes. ALL proposals, including Fora, Academic Paper Panels, Roundtables, Workshops, Cultural Events, and Individual Papers, must be submitted by the 1 November 2015 deadline.

15 October 2015: Panel organisers notified of selection outcome.

15 November 2015: Registration for the Symposium opens.

15 December 2015: Final details of all sessions are due.

15 January 2016: Early registration period for the Symposium ends; regular registration continues

31 March 2016: Registration for the Symposium closes.

Travel Grants and Registration Fee Waivers

There is very limited funding available for travel grants and registration fee waivers. Funding is limited to participants in accepted panels. The submission, confirmation, and registration dates are designed to allow participants sufficient time to apply for grants from other sources.

Eligibility for travel grants is limited to a) Southeast Asian nationals; b) students; c) participants travelling from outside Southeast Asia. **Travel grants are partial grants and will not cover the full cost of travel.** For the 2016 Symposium, the amount of each travel grant will be limited to no more than 80% of a return airplane ticket and capped at approximately £250 to £300. Applicants are encouraged to apply for grants from other sources.

Registration fee waivers will be considered on an exceptional case-by-case basis for those in genuine financial need. Proof of financial circumstances will be requested. This category does not include students or retirees/OAPs who qualify for the concessionary registration rate.

Participants must be nominated by their panel organiser to qualify for a travel grant or registration fee waiver. Each panel organiser may only nominate ONE (1) member of their panel for a travel grant or registration fee waiver. In order to apply for travel funding or a registration fee waiver, panel organisers must FIRST submit a complete proposal application and receive a confirmation email by 1 October 2015. A travel grant or registration fee waiver request may then be submitted AFTER proposal submission by writing to symposium@projectsoutheastasia.com. Panel organisers should specify if the applicants meet any of the preference criteria stated above. All

nominations for travel grants or registration fee waivers must be received by 1 October 2015. Successful applicants will be notified by 15 October 2015.

How to Submit a Proposal

Submissions will be accepted in English only.

Please submit a proposal at asean.ac/cfp

Once your proposal is submitted, the Organising Committee will review the proposal and then email you a confirmation. This may take up to seven (7) days, so please submit your proposals early. For assistance, please contact moira@projectsoutheastasia.com.

The Symposium will also offer alternative opportunities outside formal panel sessions. These include rooms for group meetings/discussions/project debates and an area for the display of posters or exhibitions. All suggestions are welcome. Please email symposium@projectsoutheastasia.com if you are interested in any of the above.

For more information, please visit asean.ac/cfp or email moira@projectsoutheastasia.com.

See you in Oxford!