

7th Southeast Asian Studies Symposium

“What is Southeast Asia? Exploring Uniqueness and Diversity”

22 – 24 March 2018

Indonesian Medical Education and Research Institute, University of Indonesia

in collaboration with

**The School of Environmental Science, University of Indonesia, and the
Indonesian Environmental Science Association**

Project Southeast Asia invites colleagues in Southeast Asian studies to submit proposals for Panels and Papers for the 7th Annual Southeast Asian Studies Symposium at the Indonesian Medical Education and Research Institute (IMERI), University of Indonesia, 22 – 24 March 2018.

You will find detailed instructions for submissions, and more detailed information about the conference below and at www.projectsoutheastasia.com. If you have any questions, please email christianne@projectsoutheastasia.com.

Themes of the Symposium

The theme of the 7th Southeast Asian Studies Symposium 2018 is **“What is Southeast Asia? Exploring Uniqueness and Diversity”**. 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. 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) rapporteur, 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 rapporteur must submit a report that includes policy recommendations for governments and other interested parties, by **15 June 2018**, to Project Southeast Asia. The report will be downloadable from the website and distributed to Symposium participants and other interested parties.
4. **Individual papers** should include an abstract of not more than 250 words. Each Individual Papers will be assigned to a 20 minute slot to present.
 5. 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-2018/cfpp/linkage) and on our facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/projectsoutheastasia>).

6. 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.

7. 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 January 2018.

Timeline for Proposals

28 July 2017: Call for Panels and Papers opens.

15 October 2017: Call for Panels and Papers closes. ALL proposals, including Academic Paper Panels, Roundtables, Workshops, and Individual Papers, must be submitted by the 15 October 2017 deadline.

1 November 2017: Panel organisers notified of selection outcome.

15 November 2017: Registration for the Symposium opens.

15 January 2018: Final details of all sessions are due.

15 February 2018: Registration for the Symposium closes.

22-24 March 2018: 7th Southeast Asian Studies Symposium.

Travel Grants

There is no funding available for travel grants.

Registration Fee Waivers

Registration fee waivers are 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.

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.

Participants must be nominated by their panel organiser to qualify for a registration fee waiver. Each panel organiser may only nominate ONE (1) member of their panel for a registration fee waiver. In order to apply for a registration fee waiver, panel organisers must first submit a complete proposal application. A registration fee waiver request may then be submitted after the proposal has been accepted by writing to christianne@projectsoutheastasia.com. All nominations for travel grants or registration fee waivers must be received by 15 January 2018. Successful applicants will be notified by 1 February 2018.

How to Submit a Proposal

Submissions will be accepted in English only.

Please submit a proposal at <http://projectsoutheastasia.com/academic-events/sea-symposium-2018/cfpp>

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 christianne@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 christianne@projectsoutheastasia.com if you are interested in any of the above.

For more information, please visit <http://projectsoutheastasia.com/academic-events/sea-symposium-2018> or email christianne@projectsoutheastasia.com.

See you in Jakarta!

- The 7th Southeast Asian Studies Symposium Organising Committee