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Hybrid public seminar

Towards a green and just recovery in Southeast Asia: *Climate futures, sustainable transformations, and the role of China*

28 November 2022 (9:00 – 16:30 ICT)

Alumni meeting room, 12th Floor, Faculty of Political Science Building 1 (Kasem Utthayanin Building),
Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand

Co-organizers: Center for Social Development Studies (CSDS),
Chulalongkorn University; Chulalongkorn University UNESCO Chair in
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Introduction

Mainland southeast Asia faces a ‘polycrisis’, as climate change, conflict and Covid intersect with rising economic and geopolitical headwinds. Meanwhile, an environmentally unsustainable model of development has degraded ecosystems and biodiversity. The unequal social consequences of these crisis mirror broader socio-economic and political inequalities in the region.

In response, calls for a ‘green and just recovery’ policy agenda have grown, although its formulation is not clear or agreed upon. For example, how does it intersect with agendas at UN-led processes such as the COP27 climate talks, or the ‘UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights’? Or with China’s vision for a ‘green Belt and Road’? How does it reflect civil society-led agendas, such ‘the commons’ and ‘Rights of Nature’? These questions are important as competing calls for a ‘sustainable transformation’ also imply future visions of society, international relations, and nature-society relations.

In this public seminar, we bring together journalists, scholars and civil society to ask what a ‘green and just recovery could look like in the region and how it can be achieved. As COP27 closes in Sharm el-Sheikh, we take climate change, rivers, and energy as entry points to explore the wider socio-political opportunities and challenges towards achieving ‘sustainable transformations’.

Agenda

Time	Session
8:30 - 9:00	Registration
9:00 - 9:15	<p>Welcome remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Prakorn Siriprakob Dean, Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University
9:15 – 10:30	<p>Session 1: Towards a green and just recovery: What are the possibilities and who defines them?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Surichai Wun'gao Rotary Center for Peace and Conflict Studies, Chulalongkorn University Wei Shen Institute for Development Studies, University of Sussex Shalmali Guttal Focus on the Global South <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kevin Woods East-West Center
10:30 - 10:45	<i>Break</i>
10:45 - 12:15	<p>Session 2: COP27 and climate justice: How should or could it impact 'sustainable transformation'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joydeep Gupta The Third Pole Wanpen Pajai (online) Independent journalist Sunil Acharya (online) Oxfam in Asia Sam Geall China Dialogue Trust <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rajesh Daniel Stockholm Environment Institute - Asia
12:15 - 13:00	<i>Lunch</i>
13:00 - 14:30	<p>Session 3: Navigating hydropolitics: What is the future of Rivers and their role in 'sustainable transformations'?</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pianporn Deetes International Rivers • Jitraporn Somyanontanakul College of Politics and Governance, Mahasarakham University • Socheata Sim Mekong Regional Water Governance Program, Oxfam Cambodia • Carl Middleton, Center for Social Development Studies, Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Khen Suan Khai Mekong Program, Asian Research Center for International Development, Mae Fah Luang University
14:30 – 14:45	<i>Break</i>
14:45 – 16:15	<p>Session 4: Energy transformations: Rethinking visions, planning, technology and finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chalie Charoenlarnopparat Sirindhorn International Institute of Technology, Thammasat University • Natharoun Ngo Son Energylab Cambodia • Arthit Vechakij, Renewable Energy Industry Club <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Puree Sirasoontorn Faculty of Economics, Thammasart University
16:15 – 16:30	Concluding remarks by organizers