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## Researching Social and Environmental Changes from Cultural Perspective A workshop for Building Academic Capacity 12 - 14 October 2024

### About the workshop

The workshop “Researching Social and Environmental Changes from Cultural Perspective”, hosted by the Regional Center for Social Science and Sustainable Development (RCSD) of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Chiang Mai University and Integrative Center for Humanities Innovation, Faculty of Humanities, Chiang Mai University, is designed to foster a network of scholars from Southeast Asia and South Asia who are engaged in research on social and environmental changes from humanistic, social, and cultural perspectives. This workshop aims to facilitate collaboration, allowing participants to develop and present innovative ideas about the socio-environmental crisis to the academic community.

The workshop is a part of “Cultivating the Humanities and Social Sciences and Supporting Under-represented Scholars of Asia” led by the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) and supported by SIDA - The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency. It aims to support scholars located in economically disadvantaged regions of South and Southeast Asia, particularly junior faculty, graduate students, senior and independent scholars, women, and ethnic minority groups.

During the three-day workshop, we expect an active engagement of the participants to share their research and discuss how their works situate in the debates in various aspects culture-nature problems, environmental crisis, cultural complexity, and environmental justice, and etc.

### Participants

The workshop targets academic staffs & graduate students in a higher-education institution in Southeast Asian or South Asian countries. 15 participants from Thailand, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Cambodia, Vietnam, and India are accepted and participate in the workshop.

### Venue:

Sub-altern meeting room, the Regional Center for Social Science and Sustainable Development (RCSD), Faculty of Social Sciences, Chiang Mai University <https://maps.app.goo.gl/ttz44UN1vzozzR2F7>

### Preparation prior to the workshop and expect output

- 1) The files (articles and videos) that the speakers would like participants to read and watch before the sessions begin will be uploaded onto this shared folder from 30 September all. Please come check them out from time to time:  
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1iBeiw1JdiNKYuv9tWBuvku-mvGG8OgEX?usp=sharing>
- 2) In the first session on Day 1 (12 October), participants will be asked to present their research projects (as put in the proposal or other project that you are working on which are related to the

environmental issue). Participants will have 8 minutes each. The workshop has laptop computer and projector for participants to display their slides.

### Schedule

#### Day 1 (12 October): Introduction and foundation

Time	Activities
9.00 - 12.00	<b><u>Opening &amp; Introduction and presentation about the participants' projects</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participants present about their projects</li> </ul>
12.00 - 13.00	Lunch
13.00 - 16.00	<b><u>Revisiting the foundational debate</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reviewing the culture-nature problem (Chaya Vaddhanaphuti, Faculty of Social Sciences, CMU)</li> <li>Participants share where and how their works situate in the debate</li> </ul>

#### Day 2 (13 October): Environmental crisis, cultural complexity, and environmental justice

Time	Activities
9.30 - 12.00	<b><u>Environmental crisis, cultural complexity, and environmental justice</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Perspective from field research (Piyawit Moonkham, Faculty of Humanities, CMU)</li> <li>Perspective from literary and media studies (Nanthanoot Udomlamun, Faculty of Humanities, Kasetsart University)</li> </ul>
12.00 - 13.00	Lunch
13.00 - 16.00	<b><u>Environmental crisis in Asian Studies</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduction to themes in environmental studies in Asian studies (Tinakrit Sireerat, Faculty of Humanities, CMU)</li> <li>Participants discuss which aspect they would like to focus if developing a paper for Asian studies audience</li> </ul>

#### Day 3 (14 October): Environmental Challenges beyond academic practices

Time	Activities
9.30 - 12.00	<b>A visit to art exhibition on the theme of environment (MAIIAM, Chiang Mai)</b>
12.00 - 13.00	Lunch
13.00 - 16.00	<b>Transcultural-ecological thinking through art works (Pasoot Lasuka, Faculty of Humanities, CMU)</b>

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## Practical Information

### Date & venue,

The workshop will be organized during 12-14 October 2024. The workshop venue will be at Sub-altern meeting room, the Regional Center for Social Science and Sustainable Development (RCSD), Faculty of Social Sciences, Chiang Mai University <https://maps.app.goo.gl/ttz44UN1vzozzR2F7>

For those who stay at the hotel, transportation from the hotel to workshop venue will be arranged by workshop. Please wait at the hotel lobby around 8.30 am. on 12 October 2023, the red taxi will pick the group. The other day picking up will be at 9.00 am.

### Accommodation

For funded participants, the accommodation (shared room) is arranged at  
Hotel: Cross Vibe Chiang Mai Decem Hotel  
Address: 10/18 Moo.2 Super Highway Rd. Chang Phueak, A.Muang, Chiang Mai 50300  
Website: <https://www.crosshotelsandresorts.com/crossvibechiangmai>  
Map: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/t5CTjArEQrb3aVQd9>  
Tel: +66 5321 4828, +66 94 706 7222, /+66 62 310 5632 (08.30 - 17.30hrs)  
Breakfast: Inclusive  
Check-in is at 02.00 p.m. and Check out is at 11.00 a.m.

### Travel to the airport to the hotel

After arrival at Chiang Mai International Airport, please proceed to Gate no. 1 to get the airport taxi, costing around 150 THB/trip.

### Meals and refreshments & welcome dinner

- Lunch and refreshments will be provided for all participants during the workshop.
- There will be a welcome dinner on August 12, 2024, and also dinner on 14 October 2024. Time and venue will be later informed.

**Communication among participants**

**Whatsapp group**

Please join in the WhatsApp group for communicate with participants and staff via this link:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Iqcv4E6rF9D0BSA8DN7lt8>

In case of emergency, please contact

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