



CHSS 2022 and 2024 RCSD Workshop Fellow
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Dr Wasinee Sutiwipakorn Topoonyanont is an early career scholar from Thailand, and her goal is to utilize local knowledge to promote academic dialogues internationally. Wasinee was hired by the Faculty of Humanities at Chiang Mai University and after her doctoral studies in the UK (at the University of London, SOAS) she started to teach general education courses both within the faculty and externally. Wasinee attended RCSD's 2022 workshop on "Indigenous and More-Than-Human Ecological Justice" and she began researching folktales from Northern Thailand's indigenous communities while immersing herself in environmental humanities and medical humanities.

Wasinee represented RCSD at the 2023 CHSS Symposium held at Ewha Womans University in Seoul. In 2024, she re-joined another RCSD training event on "Researching Climate from Social and Cultural Perspectives." She collaborated with her colleagues from the past workshop to organize a panel for the 2025 AAS-in-Asia Conference. One of Wasinee's exciting outcomes after attending the workshops and remaining engaged in the CHSS network, is her successful proposal to offer an undergraduate course at Chiang Mai University entitled "Eco-Nation: Critical and Creative Perspectives on Environment." She will teach this innovative course for the first time in the first semester of 2025. From a young lecturer teaching the university's general education courses, Wasinee has now embarked on a path to become an expert in Thai folklore and environmental humanities.