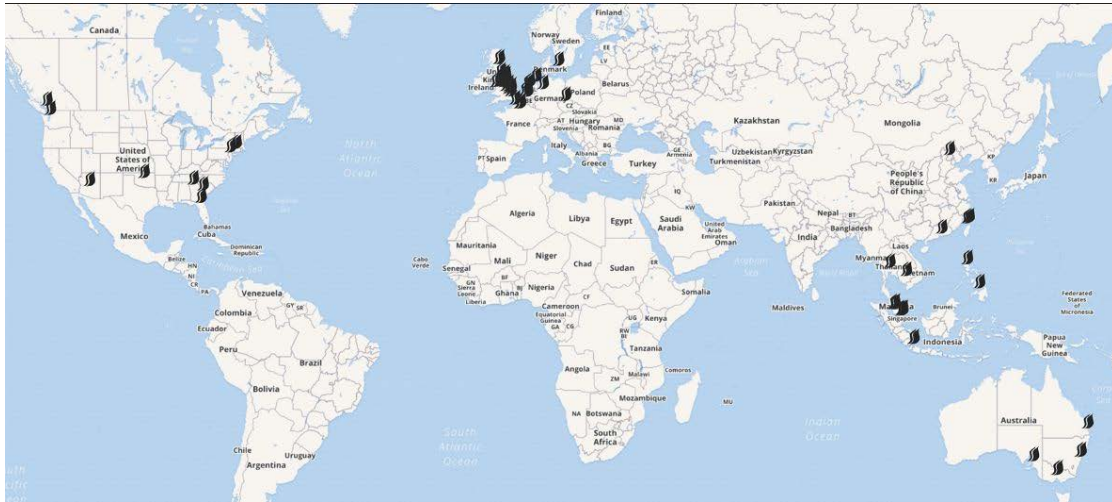




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LSE-Southeast Asia Early Career Researcher Network News

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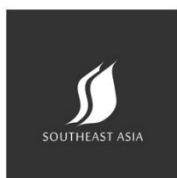
SEAC is launching a Book Review Series with LSE Review of Books Blog, in combination with the LSE Southeast Asia and LSE Field Research Methods Blog. We hope that the ECR network will be a key part of this new series, both suggesting books and acting as reviewers. If you have suggestions for a book you would like to see reviewed (or that you would like to review), please email seac.admin@lse.ac.uk with the book information.

Our current list of nominated books includes:

- Building Socialism: The Afterlife of East German Architecture in Urban Vietnam (Duke University Press, 2020)
- Global City Futures: Desire and Development in Singapore. Natalie Oswin (University of Georgia Press, 2019)
- Home SOS: Gender, Violence, and Survival in Crisis Ordinary Cambodia. Katherine Brickell (Wiley-Blackwell, 2020)
- Unwritten Rule: State-Making through Land Reform in Cambodia. Alice Beban (Cornell University Press, 2020)

- Democracy for Sale: Elections, Clientelism, and the State in Indonesia, Edward Aspinal (Cornell University Press, 2019)
- Strategies of Authoritarian Survival and Dissensus in Southeast Asia: Weak Men Versus Strongmen. Sokphea Young (Palgrave Macmillan, 2021)
- Republicanism, Communism, Islam: Cosmopolitan Origins of Revolution in Southeast Asia. John Sidel (Cornell University Press, 2021)
- [Asian Place, Filipino Nation: A Global Intellectual History of the Philippine Revolution, 1887-1912](#) (Columbia University Press, 2020)
- Mekong Dreaming: Life and Death along a Changing River (Duke University Press, 2020)

Save the Date: Southeast Asia Digital Summer School



From 20-26 May, in partnership with ASEAS (UK), SEAC will host a week-long [Digital Summer School](#) which is especially designed to support Early Career Researchers with insights, networking, and support as they begin their academic careers.

It will take place over three days (Thursday 20th, Monday 24th, and Wednesday 26th May) from 12.00-14.45 BST each day, and will feature 6 sessions covering a wide range of topics such as: succeeding in publishing; decolonising research; and post-academic and alt-academic career paths; alongside a networking event for ASEAS (UK) and SEAC's ECR Network members. [Further details, including links to register can be found here.](#)

ECR Network News and Updates



Tin Alvarez awarded for her Top Cited Article in the International Journal of Urban and Regional Research (IJURR)

ECR Network member Tin Alvarez (UCL) was recognized for her work "[Evicting Slums, 'Building Back Better': Resiliency Revanchism and Disaster Risk Management in Manila.](#)" which was awarded the Top Cited Article in the International Journal of Urban and Regional Research (IJURR) for 2019-2020.



Dr Ronan Lee to speak at launch of his newly published book: "Myanmar's Rohingya Genocide: Identity, History and Hate Speech"

ECR Network member Dr Ronan Lee (QMUL) recently published his book entitled "[Myanmar's Rohingya Genocide: Identity, History and Hate Speech.](#)" He will be holding a book launch event on 4th May, which you may sign up for [here](#).

The book is also available through [I.B. Tauris](#). [ECR Network members get 30% off when applying the discount code: MRG30.](#)



Call for Papers: Dr Mikko Toivanen's upcoming online workshop

ECR Network member Dr Mikko Toivanen (LMU) is organising the online workshop "[Colonial Baggage: Global Tourism in the Age of Empires, 1840s-1970s](#)" at the Munich Centre for Global History, to be held on 18-19th November 2021. The call for papers deadline is on 1st June 2021.

Although the topic may not be Southeast Asia-specific but, Dr Toivanen welcomes proposals relating to the region. Any questions may be directed to colonialtourism@gmail.com.



Dr Joseph Scalice delivers paper in panel on "Determining Duterte: Imperialism, Neoliberalism, Stalinism"

Last 22nd April, ECR Network member Dr Joseph Scalice (NTU) delivered a paper, "[Embracing a Fascist: How the Communist Party of the Philippines Facilitated and Endorsed Duterte's Rise to Power.](#)" as part of panel co-hosted by Ateneo de Manila University and the University of Portsmouth. A recording of the discussion can be found [here](#).



Walking with Bangkok's Waste Pickers

"As opposed to a sit-down environment used in traditional interviewing, the walk along led to recollection of memories, experiences, associations, and rich qualitative data based on spatial prompts". Read more in a [new blog post for the Field Research Methods Lab](#) written by Charrlotte Adelina, Diane Archer, and Nattakorn Noyvanich.

New Publications and Media



Dr Michael Magcamit, incoming Lecturer of Security Studies at the University of Leicester, and Visiting Research Fellow at the Queen Mary University of London, shared his work on "[Ethnoreligious Otherings and Passionate Conflicts in Southeast Asia.](#)" You may revisit his participation in the recent SEAC Seminar on "[Solidarity and Polarisation: Centripetal and Centrifugal Forces in Southeast Asia.](#)"

ECR Network members Abbey Pangilinan and Ica Fernandez (Cambridge), together with colleagues, produced a short animated video and article entitled: "[Kinder post-pandemic Philippine cities: an animated fairytale.](#)" This project was supported by the Philippine Centre for Investigative Journalism and the Chevening Alumni Fund.



ECR Network member Dr Benjamin Ho's (NTU) monograph entitled [China's Political Worldview and Chinese Exceptionalism: International Order and Global Leadership](#) will be published this week.

ECR Network member Dr Charlie Thame (Thammasat University) recently published [two new publications](#) with the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation that focus on the Mekong subregion.

[Corona Crisis in the Mekong: From Extractive Imperialism to a New Bloom](#) is a report taking stock of some of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic from a subregional point a view focusing on subaltern class fractions.

["Expropriation, Exploitation and Unequal Exchange: An Illustrated Introduction to Capitalist Transformation of the Mekong"](#), a short illustrated booklet, is a snapshot of the social relations of production of three major export commodities.





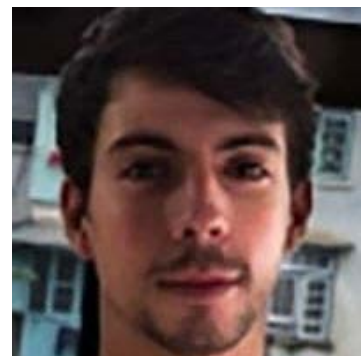
ECR Network member Dr Sokphea Young (UCL) published his latest article entitled ["Citizens of photography: visual activism, social media and rhetoric of collective action in Cambodia"](#), which looks into how photography is shaping collective action during Cambodia's current social movement.

ECR Network member Aizuddin Mohamed Anuar (Oxford) recently published a paper entitled ["The role of non-state providers in informal science, technology, engineering and mathematics \(STEM\) education: a Malaysian perspective"](#), which explores the role of non-state providers in the provision of informal science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education in the Malaysian context, and highlights the blurring boundaries of public service (in this case education) tied to global trends of neoliberalism.



ECR Network member Dr Petra Desatová (University of Copenhagen) co-published an article entitled ["Election commissions and non-democratic outcomes: Thailand's contentious 2019 election"](#) in *Politics*.

ECR Network member Dominique Dillabough-Lefebvre (LSE) published a short commentary in *TNI* entitled, ["While Myanmar's cities become military occupations, conflict persists in the ethnic borderlands"](#), which discusses ethnic politics, the coup and histories of violence focusing on Myanmar's Karen State.



Upcoming SEAC Events



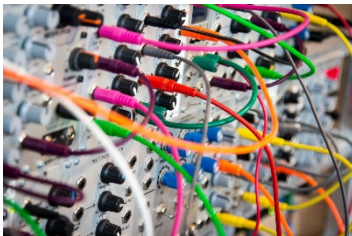
[Land, Ladies, and the Law: A Case Study on Women's Land Rights and Welfare in Southeast Asia in the Nineteenth Century](#)

On 13 May, SEAC invites Dr Thanyaporn Chankrajang (Associate Professor in Economics at Chulalongkorn University, Thailand) to present her research study which evaluates women's de jure and de facto land rights and its implications for household welfare in nineteenth-century Bangkok. Further details can be found [here](#).



[Military Myanmar: Fearing Freedom](#)

On 27 May the South Asia Centre, in collaboration with SEAC, will host a panel discussion with academics and activists on the military coup in Myanmar in February 2021 overturning the results of the recent elections, thus jeopardising the future of democracy in the country. The event will be chaired by Nilanjan Sarkar, Deputy Director of the South Asia Centre, and will feature speakers including David Brenner (Lecturer, University of Sussex), Ma Htike (QMUL), Hnin Pwint Thon (The Burma Campaign UK), Sawangwongse Yanghwe, and Dominique Dillabough-Lefebvre (LSE). Further details can be found [here](#).



[Digital Interventions on Urban Societal Challenges in Southeast Asian Communities](#)

On 16 June, SEAC invites Visiting Fellow Dr Joanne Lim (Associate Professor in Communications, Media and Cultural Studies at the University of Nottingham in Malaysia) to present her research study which considers using the digital as a tool to increase social interaction/connectedness, and to reinforce the development of culture, creativity and wellness. Further details can be found [here](#).

Lent Term Event Feedback

Reminder to complete our Lent Term Events Survey

If you attended a SEAC event over the past few months, please complete our short survey to capture your experience and learn from audience insights: https://lse.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1Fh6Bk0N8TsqeOy



Opportunities



Workshop Series Call for Participants: Decentering urban climate finance Relational comparison in theory and practice

the UrbanCliFi network is opening a call for participants for a workshop series funded by the Urban Studies Foundation. Participants selected will meet for two workshops in Durham (UK) in October 2021 and Zurich (Switzerland) in May 2022. The paired workshops and collective writing process will produce a special issue in an urban studies journal, focused on exploring and furthering these broadened geographies of climate finance.

To apply, please send a paper abstract (up to 500 words) by Friday, 7th May 2021. For advance planning purposes only, please also indicate if you know that you will require digital rather than face-to-face participation for one or both workshops. Selected participants will be notified by 26th May 2021.

You can find more information about the UrbanCliFi network and how to get involved at the network website, www.urbancliFi.com. Questions can be directed to urbancliFi@gmail.com.

Don't forget, SEAC hosts a wealth of publications by staff and Associates and podcasts of past SEAC events, which you can access via the [SEAC Publications and Media page](#).



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Building on the School's deep academic and historical connections with Southeast Asia, SEAC seeks to foster world-leading academic and policy research with a focus on the Southeast Asian social and political landscape.

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