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ASEAN and Thai-Cambodian Conflict from Historical, Current and Regional Perspectives

Date: Thursday, 24 February 2011

Time: 10.00 am – 12.00 noon

Venue: Seminar Room II ISEAS

About the Speakers

Dr. Charnvit Kasetsiri

Visiting Professorial Fellow
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Dr. Charnvit Kasetsiri, a prominent historian and Thai studies scholar, is currently a Visiting Professorial Fellow at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies. He obtained his PhD in Southeast Asian History at Cornell University. His thesis, *The Rise of Ayudhya and a History of Siam in the 14th and 15th Centuries*, was published by Oxford in Asia, 1972. He served as Lecturer of History at Thammasat from 1973-2001 and founded, in 2000, the Southeast Asian Studies Programme. He was Rector of Thammasat University from 1994-95. He has written approximately 200 articles and a large number of publications on Thai and Southeast Asian history. He has launched a “Siam not Thailand” campaign to rename the country as to reflect the reality about its ethnics, languages and cultural identities.

Mr. Pou Sothirak

Visiting Senior Research Fellow
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Ambassador Pou Sothirak received Bachelor Degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering from Oregon State University in 1981 and worked as an engineer at the Boeing Company in Seattle Washington from 1981 to 1985. Ambassador Pou Sothirak joined the crusade to safeguard Cambodia from foreign occupation and internal conflict from 1986 - 1992 serving as Humanitarian Coordinator at one of the refugee camp on the border between Thailand and Cambodia. He was elected as Member of Parliament twice during the general election in Cambodia in 1993 and 2003. He served as Minister of Industry Mines and Energy of the Royal Government of Cambodia from 1993 to 1998. He was appointed as Cambodian Ambassador to Japan from April 2005 to November 2008. On 5 January 2009, he joined the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies in Singapore as Visiting Senior Research Fellow.



Dr. Pavin Chachavalpongpun
Fellow
ASEAN Studies Centre
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A former diplomat, Dr Pavin Chachavalpongpun is a Fellow in the Regional Strategic and Political Studies Programme (RSPS) and Lead Researcher for Political and Strategic Affairs at the ASEAN Studies Centre, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies. Pavin had served the Thai Foreign Ministry from January 1994 to February 2010. He received his PhD from the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. Pavin is the author of *Reinventing Thailand: Thaksin and His Foreign Policy* (2010) and *A Plastic Nation: The Curse of Thainess in Thai-Burmese Relations* (2005). He has contributed to a number of journals and book chapters, including *Diplomacy Under Siege: Thailand's Political Crisis and the Impact on Foreign Policy* (2009), and *Temple of Doom: Hysteria about the Preah Vihear Temple in the Thai Nationalist Discourse* (2010).



Mr Rodolfo Severino
Head, ASEAN Studies Centre
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Rodolfo Severino is the head of the ASEAN Studies Centre at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies in Singapore. Secretary-General of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations from 1998 to 2002, he has authored a book, *Southeast Asia in Search of an ASEAN Community*, and other works on ASEAN, including a volume on the ASEAN Regional Forum. He has also authored a book on the Philippines' national territory. Before serving as ASEAN Secretary-General, Severino was Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines. Severino had served postings in Kuala Lumpur, Beijing and Washington, D. C.



About the Seminar

Noted Thai historian and Visiting Professorial Fellow Dr Charnvit Kasetsiri will give a presentation based on historical texts.

Former Cambodian Ambassador to Japan and Visiting Senior Research Fellow Mr. Pou Sothirak will present a Cambodian perspective

Dr Pavin Chachavalpongpun, Fellow, will touch upon the linkage between domestic politics and foreign policy.

Former ASEAN Secretary-General and currently Head of the ASEAN Studies Centre Ambassador Rodolfo Severino will focus on the existing dispute settlement mechanisms in ASEAN and suggest how they could be used to find a solution to the crisis.

You are cordially invited to this seminar.

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