

Tentative Schedule

23 July 2015	
8.30-17.00	Pre-conference Seminar: <i>Constructing Knowledge on Transitional Myanmar</i> Faculty of Social Sciences, Chiang Mai University
15.00-17.00	Pre-registration, 1st floor, UNISERV, Chiang Mai University
Day I 24 July 2015	
8.00-8.30	Registration, 1st floor, UNISERV, Chiang Mai University
8.30-8.45	Welcome and Opening Niwes Nantachit, <i>President, Chiang Mai University</i> Maung Thynn, <i>Rector, University of Mandalay</i> Chayan Vaddhanaphuti, <i>Director, Center for ASEAN Studies (CAS)/ Regional Center for Social Science and Sustainable Development (RCSD), Faculty of Social Sciences, Chiang Mai University</i>
8.45-10.15	Plenary I: Reflections on Burma/Myanmar Studies Ardeth Thawngthung, <i>University of Massachusetts Lowell</i> Sunait Chutintaranond, <i>Chulalongkorn University</i> Matthew J Walton, <i>University of Oxford</i> Chair: Chayan Vaddhanaphuti, <i>Chiang Mai University</i>
10.15-10.30	Break
10.30-12.00	Panel sessions 01 Political Development and Regional Relations (1) 02: Ethnic Politics and Citizenship (1) 03 Agrarian Transformations and Environment (1) 04: Archaeology and Art History 05: Religion, Spirit Cult, and Healing 06: Media and Its Role in Democratic Transition (roundtable)
12.00-13.00	Lunch
13.00-14.30	Panel sessions 06 Political Development and Regional Relations (2) 08: Ethnic Politics and Citizenship (2) 09: Agrarian Transformation and Environment (2) 10: Built and Cultural Heritage Conservation 11: Religions from the Margin: Religious Movements across Thailand-China Myanmar Borders 12: Media, Modernity, and Everyday Life in Regionalizing Myanmar
14.30-14.45	Break
14.45-16.15	Panel sessions 13: Foreign Aid and Local Response in Post-conflict State 14: Ethnic Armed Groups: Views and Aspirations for the Future of Myanmar 15: Agrarian Transformations, Environment and Rural Livelihood 16: Burma/Myanmar in the Colonial/Post-colonial 17: Community Engagement & Health along the Thai-Burmese Borderland 18: Popular Culture, Music and the Media

16.15-16.25	Break
16.25-17.25	Side events (Film screenings, book & report launch)
18.00-20.30	Dinner reception at Teak Tree Garden, Sala Dham, Chiang Mai University

Day II 25 July 2015	
7.45-8.15	Registration, 1st floor, UNISERV, Chiang Mai University
8.15 - 9.45	<p>Plenary II: Transitional Myanmar and Reforms</p> <p>Dr. Aung Tun Thet, <i>Political and Economic Advisor to Myanmar Government</i>: Latest Developments in Myanmar</p> <p>Dr. Min Ye Paing Hein, <i>World Bank Myanmar Office</i>: Performing Poverty Reduction: National and Sub-National Poverty Alleviation Programs in Myanmar</p> <p>U Tin Htut Oo, <i>Agribusiness and Rural Development Consultant</i>: Myanmar Agriculture in Transition: New Policy and Strategy Vision to Enhance Modernization and Productivity</p> <p>Dr. Thein Lwin, <i>National Network for Education Reform Education</i>: A Struggle for Democratic Reform of Education in Burma/Myanmar</p> <p>Daw Khin Ohmar, <i>Burma Partnership</i>: Vibrant and Independent Civil Society: A Must for Genuine Democratic Reform in Burma</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Thein Swe, <i>Chiang Mai University</i></p>
9.45-11.15	<p>Panel sessions</p> <p>19: Emerging Economic Landscapes of Myanmar</p> <p>20: Ethnic Politics and Minorities</p> <p>21: Structures of Rural Dispossession and Resistances: Agrarian Political Economies, Land Grabs and Debts in Rural Myanmar</p> <p>22: Writing Myanmar History and Knowledge</p> <p>23: Human Rights and Social Suffering among the Minorities (1)</p> <p>24: Recognize Our Education, Realize Our Dreams: Education, Myanmar, and Marginality (Roundtable)</p>
11.15-11.30	Break
11.30-13.00	<p>Panel sessions</p> <p>25: Mae Sot SEZ: Migrant Workers, the Thai State, and Globalization</p> <p>26: Ethnic Politics, Identities and Conflicts (1)</p> <p>27: (Il-)licit Economies in Shan State: Opium Cultivation and Agrarian Transformations in Shan State, Myanmar</p> <p>28: Language, Perception and Comparative</p> <p>29: Human Rights and Social Suffering among the Minorities (2)</p> <p>30: Thai-Burma Cross Border Education Linkages: Pathways to Developing an Effective, Accredited Education for Migrant Children and Youth from Burma</p>
13.00-14.00	Lunch

14.00-15.30	Panel sessions 31: Urban Landscapes, Modernity and Development (1) 32: Peace Process in Myanmar (1) (Roundtable) 33: Geographical Perspectives on Myanmar's Transition: Towards the Sustainable Socio-Economic Development 34: Language, Meaning and Literature 35: Struggling in Dispossession and Displacement: Ethnic Peoples' Networking, Identification and Livelihood Strategies (1) 36: Crossing Frontiers: Multiplication of Burmese Migration in Asia (1)
15.30-15.45	break
15.45-17.15	Panel sessions 37: Urban Landscapes, Modernity and Development 38: Peace Process in Myanmar (2) (Roundtable) 39: Health challenges in Burma/Myanmar within a Shifting Political Context 40: Gender Dynamic, Sexuality and Representation 41: Struggling in Dispossession and Displacement: Ethnic Peoples' Networking, Identification and Livelihood Strategies (2) Panel 42: Crossing Frontiers: Multiplication of Burmese Migration in Thailand (2)
17.15-18.30	Side events (Film Screening)

Day III 26 July 2015	
8.00-9.30	Panel sessions 43: Civil Society and State Interplay 44: Ethnic Politics, Identities and Conflicts (2) 45: Health in Burma/Myanmar – Navigating a new regional context (1) 46: Women and Gender Equality 47: Humans, Animal, and Thing: Policy Engagements (Roundtable) 48: Returning Home: Dynamic and Mobility of Migration to Myanmar
9.30-11.00	49: Tanintharyi Region in Transition: Transnational Dynamics and Local Responds 50: Tourism, Poverty and Sustainability 51: Health in Burma/Myanmar – Navigating a new regional context (2) 52: Gender Violence and Politics of Exclusion 53: Blurred Border: Management and Connectivity 54: Intersectional Migration: Ethnicity and Gender
11.00-11.15	
11.15-12.45	Plenary III: Building Myanmar's Knowledge Sector: Challenges and Opportunities Myat Thet Thitsar, <i>Enlightened Myanmar Research</i> Myatthu, <i>Yangon School of Political Science</i> Zaw Oo, <i>Myanmar Knowledge Society</i> Patrick McCormick, <i>EFEO Yangon</i> Matthew Arnold, <i>Asia Foundation, Yangon</i>
11.15-13.00	Concluding remarks
13.00-14.00	Lunch