SEASSI 2009 Student Conference
July 25th, Pyle Center

8:00 –9:15 AM

Conference Room #1: Room 325 &326, PyleCenter

Panel 1: Buddhist Expressions and Representations

Brooke Schedneck: “Meanings of the Forest in Thailand: Reinterpretations and Hybridity”

Jordan Johnson: “The Legacy of Weberian Ideal Types and the Otherization of Engaged Buddhism

Philip J. Wilkinson: “Standing Buddha Images of the Dvaravati”

Chair: Erik Davis

Conference Room #2: Room 309, PyleCenter

Panel 2: Conservation and Outreach: Public Works and Public Concerns

Stacey McKenna: “Methamphetamine & Work in Mainland Southeast Asia: Call for a Structural Examination of Drug Use”

Tuyen Le: “The Political Ecology of Agarwood: A Case Study in Interwoven Geographies and Complex Human-Environment Relations”

Catherine Shannon Benson: “Conservation NGO’s in Madang, Papua New Guinea: Understanding Accountability and Expectations”

Chair: Kathleen A. Gillogly

9:15 – 9:30 AM Break

9:30-11:00 AM

Conference Room #1: Room 325 &326, PyleCenter

Panel 3: Imperial Modes: Economies & Disciplines in the Global Philippines

Mike Viola: “Confrontations to Neoliberal Education in the Philippines”

Thea Quiray Tagle: “Queer Thrills and Electric Dreams: Genealogies of Discipline and Desire in the Philippines”


Chair: Michael Cullinane

Conference Room #2: Room 309, PyleCenter

Panel 4: Sight and Sound Heuristics: The Music, Film and Language Experience

Ben Tausig: “Music, Sound, and Mobility in Contemporary Bangkok”

Matthew J. Trew: “Nationalism and the Politics of Whoop@$$: Ong-Bak: The Thai Warrior and the Formulaic Migration of Foreign Film”

Garland Reagan Hook: “You are What You Speak: Code-Switching, Multi-Culturalism, and Language Policy in Malaysia”

Neal Matherne: “Jose Maceda: Nativism and Native Ethnomusicology in the Philippines”

Chair: Jeremy Leong

11:00-11:10am Break

11:10 – 12:00 PM
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Panel 5: Chinese Hedgers and Ho Invaders

Jurgen Haacke: “China’s Role in Myanmar’s Security: Asset or Also Menace for the Military Government?

Chair: Min Ye Paing Hein

Conference Room #2: 309, PyleCenter

Panel 6: The Reach of Globalization: International Friendships and Village Level Shifts

Rachael Smith: "A Small Tale of Friendship"

Vu Phuong Nga: “Globalization and Ganges in the Katu Life”

Chair: Dacil Q. Keo

12:00-1:00pm: LUNCH BREAK
Room 309: SEASSI Undergraduate Scholars lunch with Dr. Michael Cullinane.
Rooms 325 & 326: SEASSI will provide a box lunch for all conference presenters and chairs. All other conference participants are welcome to bring your own lunch.

1:00-2:00 pm:
Conference Room #1: Room 325 & 326, PyleCenter

Keynote Address – ”Buddhism makes Brahmanism. Religious entities, history, and culture in Southeast Asia.” Erik Davis is Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at Macalester College in St. Paul, MN.

2:00 – 2:15 PM  Break

2:15-3:30 PM

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Panel 7: The War, The Memory and The Renovation: a Look at Vietnam and Laos

Kimberly Lee: “The Proclaimed Secret War of Laos and Its Nameless Soldiers”

Trinh Luu: “Humor in Vietnamese Re-education Camp Memoirs”

Duong Thi Thuy Nguyen: “Urban Poverty, Urbanization and Rural to Urban Migration in Vietnam: A Literature Review”

Chair: Hai-Dang Phan

Conference Room #2: Room 309, PyleCenter
Panel 8: Imbuing Power in Objects and Spaces

**Eric Schissler:** “Contemporary Material Culture as World Heritage: A Consideration of Ta Prohm”

**Tanachy Bruhns:** “Selling the Singapore Brand”

**Kevin Li:** “Contentious Politics; Or a Misreading of a Space and its History”

Chair: Daniel Doeppers

3:30-3:45 Break

3:45-5:00 PM
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Panel 9: A Discussion of Gender: Contemporary Issues in Southeast Asia

**Catherine H. Nguyen:** “Untidy Sexuality: Gendering Roles of the Vietnamese Woman in Postwar Fiction”

**Vorada Savengseuksa:** “Evaluating the Impact of Institutional Reforms on Maternal and Child Health Services in Laos and Implications for Primary Prevention”

**Katie Schubert:** “Cambodian Feminist Ethic Hierarchy Included?”

Chair: Kristy Kelly