



Online Seminar on Political Dynamics in ASEAN
Case Studies of Thailand and the Philippines
Wednesday 21, August 2024 during 8.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Rationale

Over the past two years, the political situations in Thailand and the Philippines have seen several significant events, especially the two countries' recent general elections. The Philippines held its election on May 9, 2022, while Thailand's general election was on May 14, 2023. Additionally, last June, Thailand held a senatorial selection process. These exercises have led to various changes in both countries. In the Philippines, the election results led to Ferdinand “Bongbong” Marcos winning the presidency, marking the Marcos family's return to political power after 36 years. After one year in office, Bongbong's administration has implemented key policies and directives to rebrand the country's governance under the campaign “Bagong Pilipinas” or “New Philippines.” Meanwhile, in Thailand, the process of forming a government was challenging. The political party that won the election could not successfully lead the formation of a government. The new government consists of multiple political parties that, despite holding a majority in the House of Representatives, are still in a precarious and unstable state. Moreover, the policies promised during the election campaign have yet to materialize, leading to widespread dissatisfaction. These dynamics in both Thailand and the Philippines present numerous interesting topics for comparative discussion and academic exchange.

King Prajadhipok's Institute, as an academic organization dedicated to the development of politics, governance, and democracy, has an agreement with Ateneo de Manila University (ADMU) and Social Weather Stations (SWS) to enhance academic networks. Therefore, we have scheduled an academic seminar titled “The Political Dynamics in ASEAN: Case Studies of Thailand and the Philippines” on Wednesday, August 21, 2024 from 8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. (Bangkok time) in an online format. The seminar aims to present survey data and academic works that illuminate the Thai and Philippine political situations.

Objectives

- 1) To present survey data and academic works related to the political situations in Thailand and the Philippines.
- 2) To be a forum to exchange opinions on the political situations in Thailand and the Philippines.
- 3) To promote the academic networks between Thailand and the Philippines.

Expected Results

- 1) Participants will present, exchange, and review academic findings on the political situations in Thailand and the Philippines.
- 2) Thai-Philippine academic networks will be strengthened.

Activity

Lectures and discussion led by experts on the political dynamics in Thailand and the Philippines.

Online seminar via Zoom meeting and Facebook Live.

Target Groups

- 1) Scholars in relevant fields
- 2) Personnel from government agencies
- 3) Personnel from international organizations
- 4) NGOs
- 5) The public

Organized by

- 1) King Prajadhipok's Institute (KPI), Thailand
- 2) Social Weather Stations (SWS), the Philippines
- 3) The Ateneo de Manila University (ADMU), the Philippines

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9.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. (Manila Time)

8.00 – 8.30	System Test & Registration
8.30 – 8.45	Welcoming Speech Vitavas Chaipakpoom, Secretary General of King Prajadhipok’s Institute
8.45 – 9.15	Thailand’s Political Dynamics: Changes in Populism Orientation Thawilwadee Bureekul Deputy Secretary-General, King Prajadhipok’s Institute, Thailand
09.15 – 10.15	The Philippines Political Situation Segundo Joaquin E. Romero Professor, Ateneo de Manila University, the Philippines
10.15 – 11.15	Dynamics of Public Opinion on Politics in ASEAN Leorando S. Laroza Director for Communications and Information Technology Social Weather Stations, the Philippines
11.15 – 12.15	Discussion on Political Dynamics in ASEAN (1) Kitti Prasirtsuk, Professor, Thammasat University, Thailand (2) Niyom Rathamarit, Foreign Relations Advisor, King Prajadhipok’s Institute, Thailand
12.15 – 12.30	Summary and Closing Thawilwadee Bureekul Deputy Secretary-General, King Prajadhipok’s Institute, Thailand

- Note** - MC: Wendell Katerenchuk
- All times UTC+7 (Bangkok time)
- The schedule may be changed as appropriate