



**SEAREG 2024 Winter Conference**

Center for the Study of Asia

Boston University

Dec. 5-7, 2024

**Thursday, Dec. 5, 2024**

18:30

**Opening Dinner**

Location: Brown Sugar, 1033 Commonwealth Ave, Boston, MA 02215. T stop: Babcock Street, Green Line.

**Friday, Dec. 6, 2024**

8:30-8:55

**Breakfast**

*Rajen Kilachand Center for Integrated Life Sciences & Engineering, 610 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, MA 02215, Lobby*

8:55-9:20

**Welcome and Opening Remarks**

*Rajen Kilachand Center for Integrated Life Sciences & Engineering, 610 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, MA 02215, Colloquium Room 101*

9:20-10:40

**SEAREG Fellow Presentation #1**

**Kuan-Wu Chen, University of South Carolina:** "Mobilize Penal Populism: Duterte's Narco List."

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10:40-11:00

Coffee Break

11:00-12:20

**SEAREG Fellow Presentation #2**

**Hui-Yuan Neo, Cornell University:** "Suggestion and Suppression: Regulating Public Perception and Public Knowledge of Data in Autocracies."

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12:30-13:30

**Lunch (Boxed Lunch)**

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13:30-14:30

**State of Region, Keynote Address**

Sidney Jones, Senior Adviser to the Institute for Policy Analysis of Conflict (IPAC) in Jakarta, Indonesia; Adjunct Professor, New York University.

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14:30-14:50

Coffee Break



- 14:50-16:10    **SEAREG Fellow Presentation #3**  
**Jae Hyun Park, University of Toronto:** “Civil War Tycoons: Explaining Rebel Group Entrepreneurism in Myanmar.”  
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- 16:10-16:30    Coffee Break
- 16:30-17:50    **SEAREG Fellow Presentation #4**  
**Tuwanont Phattharathanasut, Waseda University:** “Continuity and Change in Transnational Youth Activist Networks: From the Network of Young Democratic Asians to the Milk Tea Alliance.”  
*Rajen Kilachand Center for Integrated Life Sciences & Engineering, 610 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, MA 02215, Colloquium Room 101*
- 18:00-19:00    **Poster Session**  
*Rajen Kilachand Center for Integrated Life Sciences & Engineering, 610 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, MA 02215, Room 106A and 106 B*
- 19:00-21:00    **Happy Hour and Dinner**  
Fuller’s BU Pub, 225 Bay State Rd, Boston, MA 02215
- Saturday, December 7, 2024**
- 8:50-9:20    **Breakfast**  
*BU Center for Computing & Data Sciences Boston University, 665 Commonwealth Ave, Boston, MA 02215, Room 1750*
- 9:20-10:40    **SEAREG Fellow Presentation #5**  
**Shourya Sen, Princeton University.** “The Pull of the Center Inequality and Autocratic Nation Building as Legacies of Revolution in Upland Laos.”  
*BU Center for Computing & Data Sciences Boston University, 665 Commonwealth Ave, Boston, MA 02215, Room 1750*
- 10:40-11:00    Coffee Break
- 11:00-12:00    **State of Field, Keynote Address**  
John Sidel, Sir Patrick Gillam Chair in International and Comparative Politics, London School of Economics.  
*BU Center for Computing & Data Sciences Boston University, 665 Commonwealth Ave, Boston, MA 02215, Room 1750*
- 12:00-13:00    **Lunch**  
*BU Center for Computing & Data Sciences Boston University, 665 Commonwealth Ave, Boston, MA 02215, Room 1750 Lobby Area*

13:00-14:20 **SEAREG Thematic Sessions**

**Panel 1: Identity, Conflict, and the Dynamics of Power**

*BU Center for Computing & Data Sciences Boston University, 665 Commonwealth Ave, Boston, MA 02215, Room 1750B*

**Description:** This panel explores how identity, conflict, and power intersect in shaping political and social outcomes across Southeast Asia. From transnational identity shifts to the mechanisms driving ethnic prejudice, these papers delve into the underlying dynamics that influence group behavior and political landscapes.

**Discussants:** Kai Ostwald, University of British Columbia; Nico Ravanilla, University of California San Diego.

**Panelists:**

Joel Selway, Brigham Young University. *Mechanisms of Ethnicity: Revisiting Ethnic Prejudice in Anonymous Money Games. The Case of Northern Thailand.*

- Explores how anonymity and identity influence inter-group prejudice and discrimination in Northern Thailand

Matthew Nanes, Saint Louis University. *Civil Conflict and Transnational Identity*

- Analyzes the impact of remote conflicts on group identity and discrimination in Mindanao, Philippines

Dotan Haim, Florida State University. *The Local Politics of Conflict and Deforestation: Evidence from the Philippines.*

- Examines how political competition and insurgent activity drive deforestation in the Philippines.

Amy Liu, University of Texas at Austin. *Language, Voting Behavior, and Group Identity among Southeast Asian Americans*

- Investigates how language shapes political behavior and partisan preferences among Southeast Asian Americans.

**Panel 2: Mobilization, Resistance, and Democratic Transformation**

*BU Center for Computing & Data Sciences, 665 Commonwealth Ave, Boston, MA 02215, Conference Room 1700*

**Description:** This panel investigates the strategies and outcomes of mobilization and resistance in authoritarian and democratic contexts. By focusing on activism, regime preferences, and underrepresented voices, these papers provide insights into the evolving challenges and opportunities for political transformation.

**Discussants:** Risa Toha, Wake Forest University; Paul Schuler, University of Arizona.

**Panelists:**

Mai Truong, Marquette University. *Balancing International Visibility and Personal Safety: Pro-Democracy Movements' Adaptation Strategies in Closing Political Environments in Single-Party Regimes*

- Develops a theory of activist adaptation strategies in restrictive political environments in Vietnam, Laos, and China

Chen, Li-Li, Universidade Nasional Timor Lorosa'e. *What Sexualities Are and What Do Sexualities Do? An Indigenous Understanding and Experiences of Sexualities in Timor-Leste.*

- Challenges heteronormative colonial narratives and highlights Indigenous understandings of sexuality in Timor-Leste.

Nick Kuipers, Princeton University. *Frustrated Expectations, Time Horizons, and Trust in Elections.*

- Evaluates how electoral outcomes affect candidates' trust in democratic institutions in Indonesia

Jeremy Ladd, Quinnipiac University. *Flirting with Democracy: Understanding Citizens' Regime Preferences in Southeast Asia.*

- Investigates how citizens' regime preferences shift across Southeast Asia in response to political events

14:20-14:40    Break

14:40-15:00    Wrap-up and Reflections

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