Critical perspectives on penality in SE Asia

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Format: double panel: 6 presenters, 2 discussants

In this double panel we aim to bring together a range of contributions about the way penality is constituted, expressed, experienced, legitimated or regulated across SE Asia. Punishment is an underresearched theme in the region especially from a comparative, field-based perspective. What role does it play? What form does it take? And what behaviours or identities are primarily targeted, for what reasons? Punishment is typically encoded within legal systems and institutionalised within criminal justice systems, but it is also expressed corporeally and symbolically by nations, communities and families with violence often a more or less legitimate feature. We welcome contributions on criminal justice systems and transitional justice mechanisms but we are also interested in tracing trends of popular punitiveness and punitive imaginaries and their pernicious effects. We especially encourage early career researchers to submit abstracts.