

Cultural Strategies and Political Challenges in Southeast Asian Queer and Trans Communities

Convenor and Discussant: Peter A. Jackson (Australian National University)

This regionally comparative, cross disciplinary panel of four paper presentations will focus on some of the key political and cultural challenges facing lesbian, gay, trans and queer (LGBTQ) communities across Southeast Asia today. It will also explore some of the cultural and other strategies that gender and sexual minorities and their allies in the region and internationally draw upon in resisting minoritisation and attempting to establish safe and secure spaces for Southeast Asian LGBTQ people within often homophobic and transphobic social and political settings. The paper presentations will concentrate on the contemporary situations in the Philippines and Indonesia, while the chair/discussant will provide comparative viewpoints from the perspective of LGBTQ communities in mainland Southeast Asia. Our panel will include scholars from Southeast Asia, Europe and Australia and disciplinary perspectives will include political and cultural history, anthropology as well as literature and cultural studies. The presentations and papers in this panel will be:

•Indonesia's Two Sexual Moral Panics Compared: 1965 and 2018

Saskia Wieringa, AISSR, University of Amsterdam

•Timidity and Excess: The Postconfessional Poetry of Young Filipino LGBTQs

J. Neil C. Garcia, University of the Philippines

•A Lexicon of Beloved Men: Genderqueer/transfeminine Perspectives on Masculinity in Current LGBTQ Vernacular Poetry in the Philippines

J Pilapil Jacobo, University of the Philippines/Ateneo de Manila University

•Exploring queer models of affective companionship and solidarity with LGBTQ Allies in (and beyond) the Philippines

Mark Johnson (Goldsmiths College, University of London) and Kate Ramil (De La Salle University/GlobalGRACE project)

Single session panel