

Panel „Social Inequality and Sociocultures in Southeast Asia“
Double Session
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Panel abstract

The panel deals with social inequality in Southeast Asia against the background of a new theoretical framework. The framework argues that social inequality in contemporary nation states is rooted in hierarchies that emerged in earlier historical periods. The hierarchies, which the framework refers to as sociocultures, shape social classes in contemporary societies and partly persist beneath and next to these classes. The configuration of sociocultures and social classes can be studied empirically in a combination of historical research, qualitative interviews and quantitative instruments. The panel presents the findings of studies in Cambodia, China, Laos, Thailand, and Vietnam. It also presents an outline of the theoretical framework itself and a general overview of social inequality and sociocultures in Southeast Asia.

Papers

Vincent Houben
Sociocultures and Inequality in Southeast Asia

Boike Rehbein
Social Inequality and Sociocultures in Laos

Sirima Thongsawang
Social Inequality and Sociocultures in Thailand

Daniel Bultmann
Social Inequality and Sociocultures in Cambodia

Herrmann Königs
Social Inequality and Sociocultures in Vietnam

Lumin Fang
Social Inequality and Sociocultures in China

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