

## Buddhism, politics, and law in Thailand: New historical and theoretical perspectives

This panel presents research on the relationship between religion, politics, and law in the Thai polity that is based on novel sources and/or apply new theoretical perspectives. The panel is centered around two questions. First, what are the causes and consequences of changes in the relationship between religion, state, and law in Thailand? Second, how might this relationship be interpreted in theoretical terms? Papers will explicitly address either or both of these questions. The panel will explore case studies that range from the historical to the contemporary. They include but are not limited to Thailand's first so called permanent constitution as well as the two constitutions drafted in the wake of the 2014 military coup.

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We intend this to be a single session, with 3-4 papers and possibly a discussant. We will have papers by two advanced PhD students and one or two papers by more senior scholars. The panel will be multi-disciplinary, with representatives from law, politics, and history.

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