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Panel I

Cultivating the “exemplary centre” in Southeast Asia: Reflections on political, social, and economic aspects of urban life

Southeast Asian cities are the “exemplary centres” of the region, shaped by both nationalist visions and international capital, and designed to cultivate collective memories and subjectivities, as well as to project power and authority. However, they are also dynamic sites of rapid urbanisation, of contested processes of expropriation and eviction, and places of dissent and resistant subject formation.

This panel draws together the latest critical research on a range of aspects of urban life in various Southeast Asian cities including Vientiane, Hanoi, Jakarta, and Penang. Contributions consider the ways in which international capital is recreating urban centres through monumental and commercial architecture but also how state projects and vernacular productions of space continue to disturb homogenising dynamics. Presenters on this panel will interrogate the modern/traditional binary and consider how the ‘traditional’ is dynamic and changing, but also interwoven with the ‘modern’. The conversation will also cover the ways in which citizenship and political relations are spatially contingent and produced according to localised conditions of wealth and precarity. Affective ties to space and place in Southeast Asia will further be reflected on in relation to changing forms of urban life in the region.

Chair: Lisa Tilley, University of Warwick, UK

Panel Presenters:

1. Hoai Anh Tran, Associate Professor, Department of Urban Studies, Malmö University. *Spaces of Market Modernism: Exploring the Social and Symbolic Meanings of Elite Enclave Developments in Hanoi.*

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2. Dian Tri Irawati, Doctoral Candidate, UCLA, US. *Jakarta's Urban Kampung: Conceptions, Interventions and their Evolution.*
3. Oliver Tappe, Global South Studies Center, University of Cologne. *Transforming the Urban Landscape of Vientiane (Lao PDR) – Socialism, Capitalism, Cultural Heritage.*
4. Ian Wilson, Murdoch University, Australia. *Negotiating precariousness: opportunity circulation, and changing patterns of patron-clientelism in an Indonesian megacity.*
5. Christine Hottenrott, University of Bonn, Germany. *Coffee Shop Culture as an Urban Way of Life: Attachment to Kopitiam in George Town, Penang, Malaysia.*
6. Reni Suwarso, Universitas Indonesia. *Developing a Vision for Liveable Cities in Indonesia: Lessons from Jakarta and Surabaya*

Panel II

The City in Flux: Precarious Ecologies and Gender and Class Dynamics of Resistance

The contributions drawn together within this panel focus on the Southeast Asian city in flux and reflect on current conceptual contradictions between precarity and resilience, sustainability and depletion, as well as other modes of narrating the neoliberal present. Impoverished urban populations suffer environmental discrimination and bear the worst of the effects of contamination and climate change, while at the same time discourses of hygiene, criminality, and uninhabitability are employed to denigrate the urban poor and their environments. This panel will consider these forms of urban privation and repression in balance with the forms of mobilisation and resistance which have developed in order to counter them. Participants will consider gendered mobilisations as well as activism across class and other lines of difference in Southeast Asian cities from Indonesia to the Philippines. The papers will cover how these forms of mobilisations counter, or

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even exacerbate, inequality and vulnerability. Dynamics around evictions, forms of expropriation, and accumulation by dispossession in the urban context, as well as the politics of social housing will also enter the conversation.

Chair: Lena Rethel, University of Warwick, UK

Panel Presenters

1. Sri Wiyanti Eddyono, Faculty of Law, Universitas Gadjah Mada-Yogyakarta, Indonesia. *Women's Leadership and Community Resistance to House Eviction.*
2. Chusnul Mar'iyah, CEPP FISIP, Universitas Indonesia: *A Gender Analysis of Urban Political Conflict: Housing Redevelopment from Traditional "Kampung" to the Modern "Apartment" in Jakarta.*
3. Jordana Ramalho, Geography and Environment Department, London School of Economics, UK. *Gender, Risk and Resilient Futures: Perspectives from Informal Settlers in Metro Cebu, the Philippines.*
4. Ian Wilson, Murdoch University, Australia: *Urban poor activism in Post-New Order Jakarta.*
5. Juanita Elias, Lena Rethel, and Lisa Tilley, University of Warwick, UK. *Evictions, Social Housing, and the Rationalisation of Kampung Life in Jakarta.*
6. Rita Padawangi, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore. *Forced Evictions: Landscapes of Control and Resistance in Jakarta*