

Violence and politics of order-making in South East Asia

In many Southeast Asian societies, the making of order and the provision of security are not the monopoly of the state but concern a variety of actors that apply violent as well as non-violent repertoires of order-making and security provision. Order is thus created locally and its contents negotiated and shaped by local settings that involve cultural, religious as well as state-based norms (Kyed and Albrecht, 2015). As such, order and the manner in which it is enforced also include local power relations and politics and may be dynamically influenced by changes in either of these. In this panel we are interested in the 'arrangements of order', their enforcement and the security they offer, as we see them coming to the fore in Southeast Asian settings. In particular our interests lie with the ways in which local level order-making and security relate to national, state-based normativity and politics. We seek to understand constellations of actors and their organizational forms, the normative regimes according to which they operate and the origins of these, as well as the political orders that are narrated and performed.

In Southeast Asia today, the relationship between order, security and the usage of violence concerns state-citizen relations as much as national policies and local specificity. We approach order as a social phenomenon that is formed, made manifest and enacted as an outcome of societal and governmental constellations and seek to understand the relational capacities of order arrangements and actors (cf. Wilson and Bakker, 2016), state or otherwise. We seek to understand the daily practices of order-making and the ways in which they impact peoples' lives.

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Laurens Bakker/Kari Telle (joint presentation on Indonesia)

Steffen Jensen (Aalborg University): War on drugs in the Philippines: reflections from the urban margins

Luuk Knippenberg (Radboud University Nijmegen): The Return of the Bamboo Curtain in Thailand

Yik Koon The (National Defence University of Malaysia): The political and social landscape of Malaysia: A potentially fertile environment for violence and terrorism?