

Round table proposal EuroSEAS conference Berlin 2019

Title: New Area Studies and Southeast Asia

As the hosting institution of the upcoming conference, we would like to organize a round table on Southeast Asian studies in the light of the upsurge of New Area Studies. The future of area studies has over the last few years been the object of much theoretical discussion a.o. in the framework of a special area studies funding line of the German federal ministry of education. From this discussion a range of publications has emerged, which try to set the agenda for the near future. The Southeast Asian studies international scholarly community, while being assembled in Berlin, needs to be informed about these developments.

We would like to conduct a round table discussion with the three major staff members in Southeast Asian studies at Humboldt University, who have all actively contributed to the debate on area studies and four junior staff members, who have recently finished their Ph.D.s, successfully applying the ideas of New Area Studies to concrete empirical topics in Southeast Asia.

Participants in the round table are:

- Vincent Houben, Professor of Southeast Asian History and Society at Humboldt University (chair)
- Claudia Derichs, Professor of Transregional Southeast Asian Studies at Humboldt University (co-chair)
- Boike Rehbein, Professor of Society and Transformation in Asia and Africa, Humboldt University
- Dr. Benjamin Baumann, assistant professor and specialist on Thailand
- Dr. Rosa Castillo, assistant professor and specialist on the Philippines
- Lina Knorr, M.A. (will finish her Ph.D. in the near future with Prof. Derichs)
- N.N. - staff member Boike Rehbein

Selected literature

- Vincent Houben, 'New Area Studies, Translation and Mid-Range Concepts', in: Katja Mielke and Anna-Katharina Hornidge (eds.), *Area Studies at the Crossroads. Knowledge Production after the Mobility Turn* (Basingstoke: Palgrave MacMillan 2017) 195-211
- Claudia Derichs, *Knowledge Production, Area Studies and Global Cooperation*. New York/London: Routledge 2017
- Boike Rehbein (with Surinder Jodhka and Jessé Souza), *Inequality in Capitalist Societies*. New York/London: Routledge 2017