

Panel proposal for EuroSEAS 2021 in Olomouc

(1) **Title:** Continuities of political violence

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(3) **Description of panel** (max ½ page)

Political violence has many faces and facets in modern Southeast Asia. From violence embedded in colonial practices to the often violent processes of decolonisation and their aftermath; from genocide in Myanmar, Indonesia or Cambodia to the terrorism of the Philippines or Indonesia; from internationalised warfare in Vietnam to bloody civil wars in many other countries. These various forms of political violence are often interconnected across national borders and imagined communities, for example with the Vietnam War fundamentally changing the nature of political struggle in the Cambodian civil war and paving the way for the Khmer Rouge regime, or the networked structures of jihadist actors in terrorism in the South of the Philippines and Indonesia. Other forms of violence can be better understood in temporal terms as parts of a continuum of violence that map historical contingencies. In this panel, we bring together scholars of political violence in Southeast Asia who will discuss various facets of this violence with a particular perspective on spatial and temporal connections between the forms of violence, mapping how violence is emplaced spatially across traditional political boundaries, as well as the temporal continuities of violence. By thinking about political violence in these terms the panel will contribute to developing an integrated and holistic approach to the study of violence in Southeast Asia. In order to allow for an interdisciplinary conversation on political violence in Southeast Asia we will bring together historical, political science and sociological perspectives to look at the following key topics:

- violence and governance
- perpetrators and victims
- remembrance and political/social instrumentalization

(4) Planned as single session with 3-4 presenters

(5) Discussant: John Sidel (LSE, invited) or Daniel Bultmann (HU Berlin)

¹ Tim Williams is a political scientist specializing in peace and conflict studies. Marc Frey is a historian who has been working on decolonization in Southeast Asia and on the wars in Vietnam.