

Proposal for EuroSEAS conference 2021

Governance of Climate Change: Socio-Ecological Perspectives

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Brief description of panel,

This panel seeks to bring together Southeast Asia scholars working on the governance of climate change in relation to environmental and ecological crises. Specifically, we seek to discuss the governance of climate change adaptation in Southeast Asian societies from a diversity of socio-ecological approaches. The call is prompted by a new pilot project, carried out by KITLV in collaboration with a range of partners in the Netherlands, Indonesia, and the Caribbean Netherlands, on the impact of climate change on conservation efforts in tropical archipelagoes. The aim of this project is to develop interdisciplinary approaches for studying how and why institutions respond, or do not (sufficiently or effectively) respond to the impact of climate change on ecological systems, particularly in protected coastal zones. The project – and this panel – joins an increasingly forceful call that in order to understand and improve conservation efforts, it is imperative that we bring into productive conversation, and where necessary transcend, the boundaries between the natural and social sciences; and that key questions and approaches are formulated in collaboration with the human actors that are most immediately affected or involved by the climate crisis, including local communities, NGOs, and governments. For this panel we invite papers that address the challenge of conservation in coastal zones from different socio-ecological perspectives. Themes that may be addressed include, but are by no means limited to:

- the challenge of carrying out inter- or trans-disciplinary research,
- the role of scientific and other expertise in conservation efforts,
- the role of local or 'indigenous' knowledge in climate change research,
- scale (e.g. the relationship between local, national and global practices and institutions,
- the challenge of putting knowledge to practice
- perspectives from the arts (both artistic representations as well as study and analysis of these)

We envision a double session (2 x 90 min.): 5-6 presenters;

Moderator: Sikko Visscher or David Kloos (both KITLV)

Discussant: to be decided