

Civil Resistance in Southeast Asia: Patterns and Effectiveness

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Panel Description

2020 and 2021 may be remembered as the years of the pandemic. Nevertheless, they also need to be regarded as the years where civil society groups in Southeast Asia decided to step up their game and engage in various civil resistance movements – #ReformasiDikorupsi in Indonesia, youth uprising in Thailand, opposing the junta in Myanmar, to mention a few. Using well known methods of nonviolent actions as well as expanding their repertoires, citizens fight the deterioration of democracy, shrinking civic space, acute corruption, climate crisis, etc.

Are there any patterns to these movements? What can be done to increase their margins of success? More importantly, are we asking the right (research) questions when it comes to analysing civil resistance in the Global South ?

Presenters

- Ayu Diasti Rahmawati, University of Florida, on the routinization of protests
- Daniel Petz, University of Graz, on the challenges to climate activism in Southeast Asia
- Diah Kusumaningrum, Universitas Gadjah Mada, on Damai Pangkal Damai, a database project on nonviolent actions in Indonesia 1999 onwards
- Alfredo Lubang, Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies in partnership with Paññāsāstra University, decolonizing civil resistance – a Global South perspective

Possible discussants

- Veronique Dudouet, Berghof Foundation
- Chaiwat Satha-Anand, Thammasat University (ret.)

Format

Single panel