

Language and Society in Southeast Asia: Communities, politics, and planning

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Format:

We propose a double session panel, which consists of six presentations. The first session will start with an opening presentation by the conveners (10 minutes), followed by three talks (20 minutes each) and end with 20 minutes for questions. The second session will start with the three other talks (20 minutes each), followed by 20 minutes for questions and end with the conclusion (10 minutes).

- Session 1:
 - Opening presentation: 10 minutes
 - Talk (x3): 20 minutes each
 - Questions: 20 minutes
- Session 2:
 - Talk (x3): 20 minutes each
 - Questions: 20 minutes
 - Conclusion: 10 minutes

Abstract:

This panel aims to look at the link between language and society in Southeast Asia. On this subject, we propose three themes, such as the linguistic communities (their role, languages, and documentation), politics (language policies, language of protest), and language change.

1. The first theme focuses on linguistic communities, especially of minority languages, which include endangered languages, signed languages, immigration languages and heritage languages. Another aspect which can be developed is the documentation of the languages of such communities, with grammars, dictionaries, and corpora, as well as their revitalization and didactics.
2. The second theme highlights the link between language and politics. Language can be understood as either an object of policies, through language policies, or, in the light of the recent protests of Southeast Asia, as an index for one's political affiliation.
3. The third theme questions how language can be adjusted in order to adapt to social and technological changes, including localization, neologisms and loanwords, or language standardization.

Papers are invited on these three aspects from the diverse fields of sociolinguistics, heritage language studies, language policy, linguistic description, typology, and NLP. Papers focusing on a single language, country, or case should also give a general perspective on Southeast Asia.

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