

EuroSEAS Paris 2022 Panel proposal

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1) Title: Managing Elections in Southeast Asia

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3) Panel format: This is a classic conference panel consisting of 3-4 speakers and a discussant. Each speaker will have 15 minutes to present their work after which the panel will be open for comments/questions from the discussant and the audience.

4) Panel description:

Southeast Asia has some of the world's lowest electoral integrity levels, but electoral management is an often-overlooked area of academic research in this region. Who organises elections, under what conditions and how matters not only to the region's electoral outcomes but also to public trust in democratic governance and the legitimacy of electoral processes. The aim of this panel is to start a conversation on the nature of electoral management in Southeast Asia on the back of the regions' increasingly contentious recent polls. Focusing specifically on the role of the region's electoral management bodies (EMBs), the panel asks the following questions: What do Southeast Asia's EMBs look like? How do they operate? And how committed are they to protecting their country's democratic processes?

5) Single session

6) With a discussant