

Title. Southeast Asian studies in the Ibero-American research landscape: emerging postcolonial perspectives

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Description of the chosen format.

Panel, open to proposals, promoted by members of the AIA-SEAS - *Associação Iberoamericana De Estudos Do Sudeste Asiático*. The panel intends to create opportunities for interdisciplinary dialogue among Ibero-American and Southeast Asian researchers.

Abstract.

Studies on Southeast Asia (SEA) have not been the focus of social and human sciences in the Ibero-American space. In Portugal and Spain, research themes are mainly related to their former colonies: Timor-Leste, in the case of Portugal, and the Philippines, in the case of Spain. On the other side of the Atlantic, the tradition is even more limited, apart from Brazil and Mexico. In Brazil, a focus on Timor-Leste studies developed after the SEA country's independence. In Mexico, the Asian and African Studies at *El Colegio de México* has developed a wider SEA research community with the presence of anthropologists, political scientists, economists, and linguists focused on the area.

This panel proposes an analysis of research themes and studies carried out on Southeast Asia and with researchers from this region, promoting both a critical look at the historical relations between these spaces and their contemporary dynamics. The discussion will seek to understand to which extent scientific research in these spaces has effectively contributed to a production of knowledge that is not conditioned by Eurocentric models of knowledge that perpetuate colonial perspectives in different scientific areas; also, it will interrogate on what are the emerging themes and ongoing research, in the different areas of social and human sciences, that open paths for post-colonial perspectives in the production of knowledge about Southeast Asia.