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**Title**

Climate Change Politics in Southeast Asia

**Panel Convenors**

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**Description of Format**

We are proposing a single session panel, with 4 presenters and a discussant, but would also be open to extending it to a double session with 6-8 papers should there be sufficient interest in the panel from other scholars. Both convenors have papers that they would like to present, one on Malaysia and one on Indonesia. Beyond that, we welcome work from a variety of disciplines that may discuss any country in Southeast Asia.

**Panel Description**

Southeast Asia is one of the world regions most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, including issues such as sea-level rise, floods and droughts, and declining agricultural yields. While Southeast Asian governments have made ambitious commitments to emissions reduction targets, new points of conflict and cooperation have emerged between political elites and environmental movements at both the subnational and national level. Despite its evident importance, the study of climate politics in Southeast Asia is still fairly marginal. The proposed panel aims to make new contributions to this area of research, focusing in particular on the political processes, policies, and actors that have shaped responses to climate change in the region. We aim to bring together scholars working on these issues in different Southeast Asian countries and from a range of disciplinary perspectives. Questions the panel seeks to explore include:

* How do different political actors and institutions in Southeast Asia shape climate change policy and governance?
* Does regime type affect the politics of climate change in Southeast Asia?
* How are climate change and its impacts framed in Southeast Asian media discourses?
* How do local communities respond to the impacts of climate change and to state-sponsored adaptation and mitigation measures?
* What forms of political activism have emerged in Southeast Asia around issues such as climate justice?
* How does the global UN climate regime affect national adaptation and mitigation strategies in Southeast Asia?
* How can awareness about climate change and its consequences be enhanced in Southeast Asia?