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presents

Policy Issues for Thailand's New Government

Thailand Update Conference
28th and 29th September 2011

College of Asia and the Pacific
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PROGRAM*

Day one: Wednesday 28 September

Venue: Weston Theatre, Crawford Building, ANU

9.00 am to 9.10 am:

**Welcome: Dr Andrew Leigh MP, Federal Member for Fraser,
Parliament of Australia and Chair, NTSC, ANU**

9.10 am to 10.20 am: Session 1. Chair – Professor Paul Hutchcroft

Dr Chris Baker, Bangkok – Politics update

10.20 am to 10.50 am: Tea and coffee – Canberra/Springbank

10.50 am to 12.00 noon: Session 2. Chair – Dr Nipon Poapongsakorn

Dr Bandid Nijathaworn, Bangkok – Economics update

12.00 pm to 1.30 pm: Lunch – Canberra/Springbank

1.30 pm to 2.40 pm: Session 3. Chair – Professor Des Ball

**Mr Prajak Kongkirati, ANU – The July 2011 election
Dr Tyrell Haberkorn, ANU – Human rights update**

2.40 pm to 3.20 pm: Tea and coffee – Canberra/Springbank

3.20 pm to 5.20 pm: Session 4. Chair – Professor Andrew MacIntyre

**Dr Kullada Kesboonchoo Mead, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok –
The Thai monarchy in changing contexts**

**Dr Pavin Chachavalpongpun, ISEAS – *Lèse Majesté* as a political weapon
Dr Patrick Jory, Univ. of Queensland – The monarchy and an open society**

* All paper titles are indicative only.

Day two: Thursday 29 September

**Venue: Finkel Theatre, John Curtin School of
Medical Research, Garran Road, ANU**

Please note change of location. This theatre is not in the Crawford Building.

9.00 am to 10.30 am: Session 5. Chair – Professor Hal Hill

Symposium on the Thailand – Cambodia border conflict

Professor Charnvit Kasetsiri, Thammasat University, Bangkok
Mr Kimly Ngoun, ANU
Dr Peter Quinn, Canberra

10.30 am to 11.00 am: Tea and coffee – Foyer

11.00 am to 12.20 pm: Session 6. Chair – Dr Chris Baker

Professor Bruce Chapman, ANU – Thailand student loans policy
Dr Dilaka Lathapipat, TDRI, Bangkok – Effects of incoming migrant labour

12.20 pm to 1.20 pm: Lunch – Foyer

1.20 pm to 2.40 pm: Session 7. Chair – Professor Raghbendra Jha

Professor Pasuk Phongpaichit, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok –
Thailand's inequalities
Dr Somchai Jitsuchon, TDRI, Bangkok – Fiscal policy and inequality

2.40 pm to 3.10 pm: Tea and coffee – Foyer

3.10 pm to 5.10: Session 8. Chair – Professor Peter Warr

Dr Nipon Poapongsakorn, TDRI, Bangkok – Economic policy in agriculture
Dr Anders Engvall, Stockholm School of Economics –
The Southern Thailand conflict
Professor Prema-chandra Athukorala, ANU –
Has the Thailand-Australia Free Trade Agreement made a difference?

Note: *Each of the two Update speakers will be allocated 50 minutes, followed by 20 minutes of discussion. Each other speaker will be allocated 30 minutes, followed by 10 minutes of discussion. Discussion is for questions and comments from the audience, which should be brief, please.*

Thailand Update 2011

The Thailand Update 2011 Conference provides outreach from the academic community to the broader community in Australia interested in political and economic events in Thailand. It also aims to deepen research linkages between scholars in Thailand, Australia and elsewhere with a shared interest in Thailand. The theme of the conference is “*Policy Issues for Thailand’s New Government*”. Two principal areas will be covered. First, the principal political and economic events affecting Thailand over the past two years. Second, the economic and political issues that are relevant for the incoming *Pheu Thai* government.

We thank you for joining us for the
Thailand Update 2011.

