Center for Southeast Asia Studies, UC Berkeley
Past Events
Fall 2018 - Spring 2022

2018-19

September 18
LECTURE by Valerie Francisco-Menchavez, San Francisco State University
"Together but Apart: Care Work in Filipino Transnational Families in the Digital Age"

October 10
BOOK TALK by Katya Cengel, journalist
"From the Killing Fields of Cambodia to California and Back"

October 17
PANEL DISCUSSION with artists from the Clarion Alley Mural Project (San Francisco) and from Yogyakarta, Indonesia

October 23
LECTURE by Sebastian Dettman, Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center, Stanford University
"A New Malaysia? Elite Defectors and Opposition Success in Malaysia's 2018 Elections"

November 7
LECTURE by Juno Salazar Parrenas, Ohio State University
"Facing the Limits of Decoloniality from a Southeast Asian Peri-urban Forest"

January 31
LECTURE by Lucy Mae San Pablo Burns, UCLA
"The 'Manananggal': On the Labor of Difference"

February 26
LECTURE by David Gilbert, Ciriacy-Wantrup Postdoctoral Fellow, UC Berkeley
"Counter-Trajectories of Agrarian Change: Agroecology and Politics in a Sumatran Plantation Zone"

March 4
LECTURE by Ma Vang, UC Merced
"History on the Run: Hmong Refugees and Knowledge Formation"

March 19
LECTURE by Dr. Ping Tjin Thum, Managing Director, New Naratif
"The Specter Haunting Singapore: Why the People’s Action Party Cannot Get Over Operation Coldstore"

April 9
LECTURE by Henry Spiller, UC Davis
"Heavy Metal Bamboo: Making Archaic Bamboo Instruments Modern in Bandung, Indonesia"

April 15
LECTURE by John Sidel, London School of Economics and Political Science
"From ‘Daang Matuwid’ Gone Crooked to ‘Build Build Build’: The Politics of Transport Infrastructure in the Philippines, 2010 to the Present"
April 16
BOOK EVENT with Doug Bock Clark, journalist
"The Last Whalers: Telling the Story of One of the World’s Last Whaling Tribes"

April 22
FILM SCREENING & DISCUSSION
Grit (2018), directed by Sasha Friedlander and Cynthia Wade

2019-20

September 17
LECTURE by Andrew Alan Johnson, CSEAS Visiting Scholar
“The River Grew Tired of Us: New Flows Along the Mekong River”

September 19
PANEL DISCUSSION with YSEALI program scholars
“Natural Resources, Environmental Challenges and Youth Leaders from Southeast Asia: A Forum on Innovations and Solutions”

October 1
LECTURE by Lonan O Briain, University of Nottingham
"Voices of Vietnam: A Century of Radio, Red Songs, and Revolution"

October 7
LECTURE by Boike Rehbein, Humboldt University
"Inequality and Habitus in Thailand"

October 24
LECTURE by ChorSwang Ngin, CSU Los Angeles
"Cultural Expertise on Southeast Asia and Asylum Expert Witnessing"

October 29
LECTURE by Victoria Reyes, UC Riverside
"Global Borderlands: Fantasy, Violence, and Empire in Subic Bay, Philippines"

October 30
LECTURE by Mu Sochua, Cambodian National Rescue Party
"Cambodian Women Building Democracy"

November 19
LECTURE by Stephen Rosenbaum, Berkeley Law School
“The Myanmar Shwe: Rule of Law in the New Burma”

December 4
LECTURE by David Biggs, UC Riverside
“Archipelagic Vietnam: Rethinking Nationalism and Trans-Pacific Regionalism at the Shoreline”
February 6
LECTURE by Daromir Rudnyckyj, University of Victoria (Canada)
"Syariah Markets: The Econography of Islam and Capitalism in Southeast Asia"

February 18
BOOK EVENT with Prof. Catherine Ceniza Choy and Aileen Suzara
"A Celebration of Doreen G. Fernandez's Tikim: Essays on Philippine Food and Culture"

2020-21 - all events were virtual

October 7
WEBINAR by Penchan Phoborisut, CSU Fullerton
"Reimagining the Practice of Citizenship: The Visuals of the Unruly Youth in Thailand"

October 14
WEBINAR with Rhacel Salazar Parrenas, University of Southern California
"The Philippine State Management of Domestic Worker Migration"

October 17
VIRTUAL BOOK TALK with Boreth Ly, UC Santa Cruz
"Poison Cure? Arts. Trauma. Healing"

October 28
WEBINAR with Vicente Rafael, University of Washington
"Duterte's Phallus: On the Aesthetics of Authoritarian Vulgarity"

November 13
WEBINAR on Burmese poetry, with poets Ko Ko Thett & Maw Shein Win; Qiao Dai (UC Berkeley), and Prof. Penny Edwards (UC Berkeley)
"2 Poets, 37 Nats and a Walk with History"

November 19
WEBINAR with Matt Libassi, Ph.D. candidate, Environmental Science, Policy & Management, UC Berkeley
"Mining Subjectivities: Territory, Governmentality, and Gold in Indonesia"

December 17
WEBINAR with Celia Lowe, University of Washington
"Viral Sovereignty: Security and Mistrust in the Indonesian H5N1 Influenza Outbreak"

February 8 -12
UC Berkeley-UCLA CONFERENCE: Ethnic and Community Identity in Southeast Asia
Keynote by Ardeth Thawnghmung, UMass Lowell - "Identity Politics in Myanmar: Studying "Minorities" from the Perspective of a "Minority Scholar"

February 10
ROUNDTABLE with Penny Edwards, Kenneth Wong, and Hilary Faxon (UC Berkeley) and Seinenu Thein Lemelson (UCLA)
"Burma/Myanmar After the Coup"
February 14
VIRTUAL BOOK TALK with Christina Firpo, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
"Black Market Business: Selling Sex in Northern Vietnam, 1920–1945"

March 3
WEBINAR with Joseph Scalici, Postdoctoral Fellow, Nanyang Technological University
"Three Grenades in August: Fifty Years since the Bombing of Plaza Miranda in the Philippines"

March 9
VIRTUAL SYMPOSIUM on Myanmar
Panel 1: Tyrell Haberkorn (University of Wisconsin-Madison), Joey Siu (Hong Kong Watch), Jasnea Sharma (National University of Singapore)
"Scholar Activism and the Myanmar Resistance - Roundtable on Insights from Comparative Contexts"
Panel 2: Tharaphi Than (NIU), Ingrid Jordt (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee), Kevin Woods (University of Hawaii), Myat The Thitsar (EMReF), Hilary Faxon (UC Berkeley)
"Scholar Activism and the Myanmar Resistance - Analysis from Myanmar Scholar-Activists"

March 17
WEBINAR with Nicole CuUnjieng Aboitiz, Cambridge University
"Asian Place, Filipino Nation: A Global Intellectual History of the Philippine Revolution"

March 18
WEBINAR with Patrick Jory, University of Queensland
"Republicanism in Thailand, Then and Now"
Organized by the Association for Thai Democracy

April 5
WEBINAR with Thanathorn Juangroongruangkit (Progressive Movement, Thailand) and Parit Wacharasindhu (CONLAB, Thailand)
"Struggles for Thai Democracy: Politicians' Points of View"
Organized by the Association for Thai Democracy

April 7
VIRTUAL BOOK TALK with Dorothy Fujita-Rony, UC Irvine
"The Memorykeepers: Gendered Knowledges, Empires, and Indonesian American History"

April 21
VIRTUAL BOOK TALK with Leslie Castro-Woodhouse, independent scholar
"Concubines and Crypto-Colonialism: Dara Rasami and the Making of Modern Thailand"

May 5
UC Berkeley-UCLA WEBINAR with Helga Leitner and Eric Sheppard, UCLA
"Everyday Speculation in the Remaking of Peri-urban Jakarta"

May 14
UC Berkeley-UCLA WEBINAR with Andrew M. Jefferson and Tomas Martin (Danish Institute Against Torture); Liv Gaborit (Lund University); and Nay Tin Myint (former political prisoner; Myanmar)
"Legacies of Political Detention and the Burmese Democracy Movement"
2021-22

September 24
WEBINAR with author Sunisa Manning
"Writing Taboo: The Art in Political Subjects"

October 6
VIRTUAL BOOK TALK with Puangchon Unchanam, Naresuan University
"Royal Capitalism: Wealth, Class, and Monarchy in Thailand"
Organized by the Association for Thai Democracy

October 20
WEBINAR with Sirabhob “Raptor” Attohi and Prof. Tamara Loos (Cornell University)
"Queer & Feminist Movements against Dictatorship in Thailand"
Organized by the Association for Thai Democracy

October 25
FILM SCREENING & Discussion
‘Padauk: Myanmar Spring’

November 2
WEBINAR with Elliott Prasse-Freeman, National University of Singapore
"Cartoons, Curses, and Coups: Interpellation from Below in a Rights-less Myanmar"

November 15
UC Berkeley-UCLA WEBINAR with Cesi Cruz, UCLA
"Making Policies Matter: Campaign Promises in the Philippines"

February 2
LECTURE by Shae Frydenlund, postdoctoral fellow, University of Pennsylvania
"Theatre of Women Workers: Burmese Refugee Resettlement and Low-Wage Jobs"

March 1
WEBINAR with Khemthong Tonsakulrungruang, Chulalongkorn University
Discussant: Penchan Phoborisut, CSU Fullerton
"Judges at War: The Politics of the Thai Judiciary"
Organized by the Association for Thai Democracy

March 2
LECTURE by Suraya Afiff, University of Indonesia
"Contextualizing Patterns of Labor Migration in North Sumatra’s Plantation Zone"

March 14
WEBINAR by Allan Lumba, Virginia Tech University
"Counter-Decolonization: Policing Money and Race during the Long Philippine American War"

April 20
VIRTUAL BOOK TALK with Christopher Goscha, University of Quebec at Montreal
"The Road to Dien Bien Phu"
April 27
VIRTUAL POETRY READING with Maw Shein Win, Ko Ko Thett, Kenneth Wong, and Mae Yway
New Shoots /Bamboophobia: A Poetry Reading and Conversation

May 2
VIRTUAL BOOK TALK with Arjun Subrahmanyan, Murdoch University
"Amnesia: A History of Democratic Idealism in Modern Thailand"

May 9
DISCUSSION with Patricio Abinales, University of Hawaii-Manoa
"The Philippine Elections and the Ghost of Marcos"