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# THAI STUDIES

GLOBALIZED THAILAND? CONNECTIVITY, CONFLICT, AND CONUNDRUMS OF THAI STUDIES

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Dear Scholars and Students of Thai Studies,

As you may know, the 13th International Thai Studies Conference (ICTS13) will be held in Thailand next year. It is our pleasure to inform you that Chiang Mai University will host this conference, in collaboration with several other Thai universities. The main theme of ICTS13 is "Globalized Thailand? Connectivity, Conflict, and Conundrums of Thai Studies" with several sub-themes which reflect emerging issues in Thai society as it has increasingly become related to and a part of the larger global network.

The conference aims to encourage scholars and students of Thai Studies to critically examine the dynamics of Thai society in the context of globalization as it concerns not only the relationships between Thailand and its neighbors, but also Thailand and the world. It will serve as a platform for analyses of and exchanges on political, economic, environmental, social and cultural issues, all shaped by forces of globalization, different forms of connectivity, social relations, and conflict. These issues emerge from global, regional and national integration, as well as politics of cultural heritage and subjectivity. At the same time, it aims to encourage scholars to assess the state of knowledge in Thai Studies and identify knowledge gaps that need filling to keep pace with social, political, and economic changes.

Although ICTS is largely about Thai Studies, it also includes the study of cultures and the interrelationships of ethnic minorities in Thai society, as well as the diaspora of Thai people and other Tai-speaking peoples/communities outside of Thailand.

We would like to invite you to participate in ICTS13 and present your paper which fits the general theme of the conference, or you may wish to propose a panel yourself. We are confident that your contribution will make the conference interesting, vibrant, and intellectually stimulating. We also thank you for your help circulating the Call for Papers in your network or those who are interested in participating in the conference.

For more information, please access to our conference website or contact the conference organizer directly at [icts13.cm@gmail.com](mailto:icts13.cm@gmail.com) or [icts13@cmu.ac.th](mailto:icts13@cmu.ac.th).

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