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## ENTRENCHED ILLIBERALISM IN MAINLAND SOUTHEAST ASIA

### SCHEDULE

Monday 8 April - Tuesday 9 April

The Auditorium, China in the World Building (188), Fellows Lane, ANU

Department of Political  
and Social Change

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# MONDAY 8 APRIL 2019

8:30 - 9.00am	<b>Registration, Tea &amp; Coffee</b>
9.00 - 9.15am	<b>Welcome and Opening comments</b> Dr Nicholas Farrelly, Acting Dean, ANU College of Asia & the Pacific Professor Paul Hutchcroft, ANU Department of Political & Social Change
9.15 - 10.45am	<b>Illiberalism and Elections</b> Are political regimes in mainland Southeast Asia today illiberal or not? What relationship, if any, is there between illiberalism and authoritarianism? Between illiberalism and electoral politics? Chair: Ms Leena Rikkilä Tamang Dr Chit Win, Dr Prajak Kongkirati, Dr Kimly Ngoun, Mr Sunai Phasuk
10:45 - 11:15am	<b>Morning tea</b>
11.15am - 12.45pm	<b>Conservative Myanmar?</b> After three years of NLD government, is Myanmar a more politically conservative and illiberal place than it was in 2015? If so, why? Would constitutional amendment help? What might elections in 2020 bring? Chair: Dr Nicholas Farrelly Associate Professor Melissa Crouch, Dr Khin Zaw Win, Dr Chit Win, Dr Costas Laoutides
12.45-1.30pm	<b>Lunch</b>
1.30-3.00pm	<b>States of Exception and Statelessness</b> How does illiberalism operate on geographic and social peripheries? How does it work to include some people and exclude others? Does it enable violence against those others? Through what means? Chair: Dr Nick Cheesman Dr Christoph Sperfeldt, Associate Professor Melissa Crouch, Ms Rungrawee Chalermripinyorat
3.00-3.30pm	<b>Afternoon tea</b>
3.30-5.00pm	<b>Buddhism and Politics</b> What part does Buddhism play in illiberal politics? How does it inform ideas of social harmony and public order? How do efforts to reinforce the integrity of the Buddhist community generate wider social disharmony? How is that disharmony manifest? Chair: Dr Craig Reynolds Dr Chris Baker, Ms Myat Thet Thitsar, Mr Ou Virak
5.00-6.30pm	<b>Launch of ANU project on “Supporting the Rules-Based Order In Southeast Asia”</b> MC: Dr Nicholas Farrelly, Acting Dean, College of Asia & the Pacific, ANU Ms Jane O’Dwyer, Vice-President, Engagement & Global Relations, ANU Mr Richard Maude, Deputy Secretary, Indo-Pacific Group, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) Professor Paul Hutchcroft, Department of Political and Social Change, ANU; Project Lead, “Supporting the Rules-Based Order in Southeast Asia”

# TUESDAY 9 APRIL 2019

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9.00-10.30am	<b>Democratic Thailand?</b> What happened during Thailand's 24 March 2019 elections? Is the country on a path back towards liberal democracy or not? What has changed under the new king? Where to next for the military? Chair: Dr Greg Raymond Professor Kevin Hewison, Dr Aim Sinpeng, Dr Prajak Kongkirati, Dr Naruemon Thabchumpon
10.30-11.00am	<b>Morning tea</b>
11.00am-12.30pm	<b>Illiberal Civil Society</b> Why are parts of civil society in mainland Southeast Asia regressive, rather than liberalising forces? What part has class played in creating illiberal civil society? And what part have international agencies played? Chair: Dr Rebecca Gidley Dr Naruemon Thabchumpon, Professor Kevin Hewison, Mr Ou Virak, Ms Myat Thet Thitsar
12.30-1.30pm	<b>Lunch</b>
1.30-3.00pm	<b>Land and Spaces of Engagement in Cambodia</b> How does the illiberal state in Cambodia construct itself through land politics? How are international actors and researchers implicated in struggles over territory and sovereignty? How does the Cambodian state generate violence and fear towards its own ends? Chair: Dr Katrin Travouillon Associate Professor Sango Mahanty, Dr Sarah Milne, Dr Alice Beban, Dr Vanessa Lamb
3.00-3.30pm	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>
3.30-5.00pm	<b>Entrenched Illiberalism in Mainland Southeast Asia?</b> Is illiberalism in mainland Southeast Asia entrenched? What are the commonalities across the region? And globally? How has the label 'illiberalism' structured understandings of contemporary mainland Southeast Asian politics? What are the prospects for liberal democracy? Chair: Dr Nick Cheesman Professor Pasuk Phongpaichit, Dr Khin Zaw Win, Associate Professor Sango Mahanty, Associate Professor Bjoern Dressel

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