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## **Education**

- PhD (Political Science) University of Canterbury, New Zealand (2024)

Thesis titled “*The Politics and Institutional Change in the Senate of Thailand*”

- MA (Government) Chulalongkorn University, Thailand (2015)  
Thesis titled “*Electoral Reform, the Change of Party System and Representation in the Parliament: A Comparison between Thailand and New Zealand*”
- BA (Political Science) First Class Honours, Thammasat University, Thailand (2011)

## **Scholarships, Grants, and Fellowships**

2024	Emerging Leader Fellowship National Institute for Unification Education Ministry of Unification, Republic of Korea
2016-2019	University of Canterbury Doctoral Scholarship University of Canterbury, New Zealand

## **Awards**

- 2025                      Excellent Thesis Award, National Research Council of Thailand
- 2024                      New Mandala's Emerging Scholar Award supported by the Australian National University

## **Research Interests**

Political Institution, Constitution, Party Politics, Electoral Politics, Thai Politics, Comparative Politics, Political Participation, Political Leadership, State and Society

## **Courses Taught**

- PO211                      Introduction to Political Science
- PO221                      Political Parties, Interest Groups and Elections
- PO322                      Political Institutions and Constitutions
- PO330                      Politics and Government of Southeast Asia
- PO408                      State and Society

## **Work Experiences**

- 2023 – present              Lecturer, Faculty of Political Science  
Thammasat University
- 2019 – 2023                Researcher, College of Politics and Governance  
King Prajadhipok's Institute

### **Other Positions within Thammasat University**

2024 – present Thammasat University Faculty Senate Member

2024 – present Research Promotion Committee  
Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University

2024 – present Academic Services Committee  
Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University

2024 – present Advisor for the student-run club ASA Vichakarn  
Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University

2024 – present Advisor for the student-run club Singhadang Football Club,  
Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University

### **Other External Experiences**

- 2025 – present Columnist for Policy Watch – Thai PBS
- 2025 – present The Committee for Curriculum Development and Process Techniques Related to Promoting Citizen Participation in Elections and Democratic Leadership Development, The Office of the Election Commission of Thailand
- 2023 – present Advisor for the Academic Papers, The Advanced Political and Electoral Development Program (APEDP), The Office of the Election Commission of Thailand.
- 2021 – 2022 The Sub-committee on Studying an Appropriate Electoral System for Thailand's Future, under the Committee on Political Development, Mass Communication, and Public Participation, The House of Representatives of Thailand.
- 2020 The Working Group on Driving Parallel Vote Tabulation (PVT), under the Committee on Political Development,

Mass Communication, and Public Participation, The House of Representatives of Thailand.

- 2019 – present Guest lecturer for various organisations, including Chulalongkorn University, Thammasat University, the Office of the Election Commission, the Royal Thai Armed Forces Headquarters, the Ministry of Interior, and the Mahitala Dhibesra Institute under the Medical Council of Thailand
- 2019 – present Speaker and interviewee for various Thai and international media outlets, such as The New York Times, Radio New Zealand, Schweizer Radio und Fernsehen, Associated Press, The Post, CNA, and Thai PBS.

## **Research**

Purawich Watanasukh (2025). *The Politics of Determining the Voting Age in Thailand*. Research Fund (Faculty of Political Science), Thammasat University (ongoing).

Siripan Nogsuan Sawasdee, Natchapat Amornkul, and Purawich Watanasukh (2023). *The Role of Political Parties in Political Education*. College of Politics and Governance, King Prajadhipok's Institute.

Natchapat Amornkul, Pattama Subkumpang, Purawich Watanasukh, and Atchima Saengrat (2023). *An Evaluation of Parliamentary Performance Using the Criteria and Indicators of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), 2023*. Parliamentary Academic Support Office, King Prajadhipok's Institute.

Purawich Watanasukh and Natchapat Amornkul (2022). *A Study of Power Relations in the Thai Parliamentary System (under the Knowledge Review Project for Constitutional Reform)*. College of Politics and Governance, King Prajadhipok's Institute.

Nawat Sripathar, Somkiat Nakatok, and Purawich Watanasukh (2022). *An Evaluation of Parliamentary Performance Using the Criteria and Indicators of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)*. Parliamentary Academic Support Office, King Prajadhipok's Institute.

Purawich Watanasukh and Weera Wongsatchachok (2021). *A Study and Development Project on the Candidate Selection System*. College of Politics and Governance, King Prajadhipok's Institute.

Stithorn Thananithichot, Natchapat Amornkul, and Purawich Watanasukh (2020). *Looking Ahead to the Future of Thai Political Parties: A Study of Future Scenarios and Visions for Sustainable Democracy - Political Parties*. Research and Development Office, King Prajadhipok's Institute.

Nawat Sripathar, Somkiat Nakatok, and Purawich Watanasukh (2020). *An Evaluation of Parliamentary Performance Based on the IPU Framework*. The Parliamentary Academic Support Office, King Prajadhipok's Institute.

Stithorn Thananithichot, Purawich Watanasukh, Kwankaow Kongdecha, Sippapon Akkasri & Theethad Chandraphichit (2020). *An Experimental Research Project on Parallel Vote Tabulation (PVT): An Implementation in the Thai Context*. The Office of Innovation for Democracy, King Prajadhipok's Institute.

### **Books (Thai)**

Stithorn Thananithichot, Natchapat Amornkul, and Purawich Watanasukh (2022). *A Study of the Future and Scenarios of Thai Politics for Building Sustainable Democracy: The Dimension of Political Parties*. Bangkok: The Office of Research and Development, King Prajadhipok's Institute.

Purawich Watanasukh and Weera Wongsatchachok (2021). *(Not) Achieving the Dream: Candidate Selection Systems – Concepts, Case Studies, and Implementation in Thailand*. Bangkok: College of Politics and Governance, King Prajadhipok's Institute.

Stithorn Thananithichot, Purawich Watanasukh, Kwankaow Kongdecha, Sippapon Akkasri & Theethad Chandraphichit (2021). *Parallel Vote Tabulation (PVT): Implementation in the Thai Context*. Bangkok: King Prajadhipok's Institute.

Natchapat Amornkul & Purawich Watanasukh (eds.). (2020). *A New Scene in Thai Elections: The March 24, 2019, House of Representatives Election in Seven Provinces*. Bangkok: King Prajadhipok's Institute.

### **Translated Book (Thai)**

Kroenig, Matthew. (2023). *The Return of Great Power Rivalry: Democracy versus Autocracy from the Ancient World to the U.S. and China* (Translated by Natchapat Amornkul, Purawich Watanasukh, & Wongskorn Naknawa; Translation edited by Chaiwat Khamchoo & Natchapat Amornkul). Bangkok: College of Politics and Governance, King Prajadhipok's Institute.

### **Journal Articles (English)**

Purawich Watanasukh (2022). Book Review: The Case for Democracy in the COVID-19 Pandemic by David Seedhouse. *King Prajadhipok's Institute Journal of Democracy and Governance*, 4 (April 2022), pp. 115-119.

Purawich Watanasukh (2020). When the Minority overruled the Majority: The Politics of the Constitutional Amendment regarding the

Acquisition of Senators in Thailand in 2013. *Political Science and Public Administration Journal*, 11(2), pp. 219-252.

Purawich Watanasukh (2014). Dynamics of Electoral Reform in New Zealand and Thailand. *Political Science and Public Administration Journal*, 5 (1), pp. 24-39.

### **Journal Articles (Thai)**

Stithorn Thananithichot, Purawich Watanasukh, Kwankaow Kongdecha, Sippapon Akkasri & Theethad Chandraphichit (2021). The Parallel Vote Tabulation Process: International Experiences and Observations for Application in Thailand. *Parliamentary Affairs Journal*, 69(3), 45-60.

Purawich Watanasukh (2014). Electoral System Reform in New Zealand. *Parliamentary Affairs Journal*, 62(12) (December 2014), pp. 94-115.

### **Book Chapters (English)**

Purawich Watanasukh (2019). The Senate under the 2017 Constitution and Guided Democracy in Thailand. In Samuel C.Y. Ku, Wen-Pin Lin, and Khai Leong Ho (eds.). *Southeast Asia: Transition and Transformation*. Kaohsiung: Wenzao University Press, pp. 189-219.

### **Book Chapters (Thai)**

Purawich Watanasukh (2024). Chapter 15.1: Thai Politics from 2006 to 2019. Unit 15: Politics, Economy, Society, and Culture of Thailand

(2006–2019). In *Course Materials for History (4th Revised Edition)*, School of Liberal Arts, Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University.

Purawich Watanasukh (2022). Political Parties in Germany: Development, Laws, and Lessons for Thailand. In Tanchai, W., Jaiman, T., & Thananithichot, S. (Eds.), *Perspectives on Political Parties: Insights from Various Countries*. Bangkok: Parliamentary Academic Support Office, King Prajadhipok's Institute, pp. 233-260.

Purawich Watanasukh (2021). Unit 9: Political Participation and Elections. In *Thai Politics and Government Course Handbook*, 2nd Revised Edition, Graduate Studies, School of Political Science, Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University.

Purawich Watanasukh (2021). The Constitution of the Netherlands: Development and Political Reform through an Institutional Framework. In Woothisarn Tanchai & StithornThananithichot (eds.), *Constitutions Around the World*. Bangkok: King Prajadhipok's Institute, pp. 229-259.

Purawich Watanasukh (2014). Electoral System Reform in Thailand, 1997–2011. In *Proceedings of the National Academic Conference: 50 Years of Political Science at CMU – Doing Good for Society*. Chiang Mai: Faculty of Political Science and Public Administration, Chiang Mai University, pp. 404-426.

Purawich Watanasukh (2012). Parliamentary Questions in the 23rd House of Representatives (2008–2011): A Study of the Role of Members of Parliament, Issues for Consideration, and Cabinet Accountability. In *Proceedings of the 14th King Prajadhipok's Institute Annual Conference 2012: Parliamentary Reform – Comparative Perspectives*. Bangkok: King Prajadhipok's Institute, pp. 119-146.