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Bio

Political and international theorist specialising in emancipatory approaches to the international drawing on Kant, Hegel, and Marx. Extensive teaching experience in political philosophy, international political economy, security studies, and post-positivist IR. Published in leading journals including *International Theory*, *European Journal of International Relations*, and *Review of International Studies*. Experienced collaborator with civil society and international organisations across Southeast Asia. Familiar and experienced with the British, Australian, Thai, and North American higher education systems.

Education

- PhD, International Politics – Aberystwyth University, Wales (2008–2012)
- MScEcon, Security Studies (Research) – Aberystwyth University (2007–2008)
- MScEcon, International Relations (Specialist) – Aberystwyth University (2006–2007)
- Visiting Fellow, International Relations – University of Queensland, Australia (2010–2011)
- BA Politics & Philosophy (First Class) – Cardiff University, Wales (2003–2006)

Employment

- Associate Professor of International Relations, Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University (Feb 2025 – Present)
- Assistant Professor of International Relations, Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University (Jul 2020 – Feb 2025)
- Lecturer in International Relations, Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University (Oct 2016 – Jun 2020)
- Adjunct Academic Instructor, Western Washington University (Jan 2016 – March 2016)
- Lecturer in Global Studies, School of Global Studies, Thammasat University (Feb 2013 – Sep 2016)
- Social Sciences and Economics Tutor, Open Universities Australia (Burma Project) (Dec 2012 – May 2018)
- Research Associate & Human Rights Advisor, Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (Burma) (Aug 2011 – Mar 2012)

- Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of International Politics, Aberystwyth University (2008-2012)

Teaching (Highlights)

- Undergraduate: Introduction to Political Philosophy, Strategic Studies, International Political Economy, Alternative Approaches to IR, Introduction to ASEAN, Introduction to Political Science, Critical Security Studies, Political Economy of Development, Discover Asia Field Program, Border Politics, Applied Critical Thinking, Revolution and Continuity in Political Philosophy, Introduction to International Politics
- Postgraduate: Qualitative Research Methods, Academic Writing, Dissertation Supervision (MA IR, MPH Global Health)

Publications

Books (in progress)

- We Only Have Ourselves: Revolutionary Self-Emancipation in the Asian Century (drafting)
- Radical Realism: Critical International Theory in the Twenty-First Century (planning)

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Thame, Charlie. 2025. "The Tripartite Structure of Critical International Theory." *International Theory* 17(3): 447–77. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1752971925100080>

Thame, Charlie. 2025. "Myanmar's Redemptive Revolution: Constituent Power and the Struggle for Sovereignty in the Nwe Oo (Spring) Revolution." *European Journal of International Relations* 31(1): 152–77. <https://doi.org/10.1177/13540661241289445>

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Thame, Charlie. 2020. "State Transformation and Uneven Development Across Southeast Asia's Cross-Border Special Economic Zones." *Journal of Political Science Review* 6(1): 29–67. <https://bit.ly/3f7yKer>

Reap, Maura, Samittra Pornwattanavate, Charlie Thame, and Marc Putten. 2020. "The Social Determinants of Health of the Urak Lawoi' of Southern Thailand." *BMC Public Health* 20: 1–14. <https://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12889-020-8283-y>

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Thame, Charlie. 2010. "Critical Theory and World Politics: Citizenship, Sovereignty and Humanity by Andrew Linklater." *Global Discourse* 1(1): 88–91. <https://doi.org/10.1080/23269995.2010.10707845>

PhD Dissertation

Thame, Charlie. 2013. *Love, Ethics, and Emancipation: The Implications of Conceptions of Human Being and Freedom in Heidegger and Hegel for Critical International Theory*. PhD diss., Aberystwyth University: Department of International Politics <http://cadair.aber.ac.uk/dspace/handle/2160/13599>

Booklets / Reports

Thame, Charlie, and Jana Chin Rue Glutting. 2021, "Corona Crisis in the Mekong," Hanoi: Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, February 2021. <https://bit.ly/3wuVa2f>

Thame, Charlie, and Jana Chin Rue Glutting 2021, "Expropriation, Exploitation, and Unequal Exchange," Hanoi: Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, January. <https://bit.ly/2PwwF4e>

Thame, Charlie, and Jana Chin Rue Glutting 2021. "The Economics of Imperialism and Sub-imperialism in Mainland Southeast Asia: Quantifying Relations of Unequal Exchange". Bangkok: Direk Jayanama Research Centre.

Thame, Charlie. 2020. "Fragile, Fraught, and in a Straitjacket: An Assessment of Constraints to Thailand's Future Growth and Stability" Bangkok: The Asia Foundation.

Thame, Charlie. 2018. *Joint Study and Survey of Special Economic Zones and Cross Border Economic Zones* Khon Kaen: Mekong Institute. http://www.mekonginstitute.org/uploads/tx_ffpublication/Joint_Study_and_Survey_of_Special_Economic_Zones101018_FINAL_20Dec.pdf

Thame, Charlie. 2017. *SEZs and Value Extraction from the Mekong: A Case Study on the Control and Exploitation of Land and Labour in Cambodia and Myanmar's Special Economic Zones*. Bangkok: Focus on the Global South. <https://t.co/P86pYcaJCw>

Thame, Charlie., and Kriyos Patrawart 2017 *Breaking Barriers to Education: Improving Data Systems to Help Children Access School* (December) Bangkok: Save the Children Thailand.

Robinson, Courtland., Charlie Thame., Casey Branchini. 2016. *Anti-Human Trafficking in Thailand: A Stakeholder Analysis of Thai Government Efforts, The U.S. TIP Report and Rankings, and Recommendations for Action* (June). Baltimore and Bangkok: Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and Thailand's Ministry of Foreign Affairs <https://goo.gl/HKyE8v>

Tangseefa, Decha., Charlie Thame, and M.L. Pinitbhand Paribatra. 2016. *Mae Sot SEZ: Capitalising the Margins, Depleting the Marginal?* Bangkok: Thailand Research Fund <https://bit.ly/3iyph8x>

Book Chapters

Thame, Charlie. 2019. "Human Rights, Business, and the Reliance on Elusive State Champions." In *Navigating a New Era of Business and Human Rights*, edited by Mullen, Daniel Polomski, Teresa Soares, Joana Cassinero, Michelle DCruz, and Vanessa Hongsathavij, 73–77, Bangkok: Article 30 - Mahidol University IHRPS. <https://bit.ly/38xsWIA>

Miscellaneous

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<https://www.9dashline.com/article/china-transnational-organised-crime-and-southeast-asias-sezs-is-this-quid-pro-quo>

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Thame, Charlie 2019. "The Corridors Paradigm as Extractivism" *International Studies Association Asia-Pacific Nanyang Technological University*, Singapore, 30th June.

Thame, Charlie., and Kraiyo Patrawart. 2017. *Strengthening OOSC Mechanisms in Tak Province* (February) Bangkok: Save the Children Thailand.

https://thailand.savethechildren.net/sites/thailand.savethechildren.net/files/library/OOS_C%20TAK%202019_final.pdf

Thame, Charlie. 2016. *ILO-Myanmar Briefing Paper: Recruitment of Migrants in Countries of Origin: International standards, current mechanisms, and best practices from other source countries* (August) Yangon: International Labour Organisation

Thame, Charlie. 2015. *Thailand's Incomplete Transition to Modernity? The Case of Myanmar Migrant Workers* Asia Pacific Sociological Association (APSA) Conference: Transforming Societies: Contestations and Convergences in Asia and the Pacific (25th July), Chiang Mai, Thailand

Myint Oo, Ye., Thame, Charlie, Saini, Fabio. 2014. *Sexual / Intimate Partner Violence among Myanmar Female Sex Workers: Development of an Inquiry Protocol* Poster Presentation at the 3rd International Conference "Reducing Inequities in a Global and Regional", Amari Hotel, Don Muang, Bangkok, Thailand, (6th March).

Shrestha, Kamala, Thame, Charlie, Aldis, William. 2014. *Review of International and National Policies and Programs in Relation to Domestic Child Labour in Nepal* Poster Presentation at the 3rd International Conference "Reducing Inequities in a Global and Regional", Amari Hotel, Don Muang, Bangkok, Thailand, (6th March)

Thame, Charlie. 2014. *Ominous Signs for Migrant Workers in Thailand*. New Mandala. (15th June). <http://www.newmandala.org/ominous-signs-for-migrant-workers-in-thailand/>

Thame, Charlie. 2011. *Demurring Discourse Ethics: Hegel, Love and Human Community* International Studies Association Convention Montreal, Canada, (19th March)

Funding

- Thammasat University Creative Work Grant (2024)

- USAID/DFAT Political Economy Analysis (2020)
- Direk Jayanama Research Centre *Small Grant for Research* (2020)
- Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung Southeast Asia (2020)
- Thammasat University Faculty Research Grant (2019)
- Thammasat University Faculty Research Grant (2018)
- Save the Children OOSC Study (2018)
- Mekong Institute CBSEZ Study (2018)
- Save the Children OOSC Study – REACT Project – (2018)
- Focus on the Global South SEZ Study (2017)
- Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Anti-Human Trafficking in Thailand Study (2016)
- International Labour Office Yangon Migrant Worker Recruitment Study (2016)
- World Vision International ETIP Regional Assessment (2016)
- Focus on the Global South SEZ Study Cambodia and Myanmar (2016)
- ESRC PhD Scholarship (2007–2011)

Professional Engagements

- Invited Speaker, Embassy of the Republic of Korea (2021)
- Editorial Board Member, Thammasat Review (2017–present)
- Examination Chair, Chulalongkorn University & Mahidol University (2015–present)
- Consultant, World Vision End Trafficking in Persons Program (2016)
- Curriculum Consultant, Mote Oo Education, Yangon (2014–present)
- Media commentary: BBC, The Economist, Reuters, SCMP, Vice News, Frontier Myanmar