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Chanintira na Thalang is a Professor at the Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University. Her main research interests include ASEAN, Global IR, ethnic conflicts, and ethnonationalism with a special focus on Southeast Asia. Her work has also been published in a variety of peer-reviewed academic journals, such as *International Affairs, International Studies Perspectives, Global Studies Quarterly, Nations and Nationalism, Asian Survey, Critical Asian Studies, Electoral Studies, the Journal of Current Southeast Asia, the Australian Journal of International Affairs, Asian Ethnicity, The Pacific Review, and Contemporary Southeast Asia*. She has also co-edited a few volumes, including *Global International Relations in Southeast Asia*, published by Routledge in 2025.

Areas of specialisation: ethnic conflicts, Southeast Asia, security in Asia, International Relations, Global IR

EDUCATION

March 2003- April 2007
Department of Politics, University of Bristol
PhD. in Politics, advised by Dr. Vernon M. Hewitt and Dr. Andrew Wyatt
Thesis Title: 'State, Society and Social Control in Indonesia: a comparative study in the cases of East Timor and Aceh'

October 2001- September 2002
Department of Politics, University of Bristol
MSc. in Development, Administration and Planning
Dissertation Title: 'Malaysia, Development and Capitalism: Managing Multi-Ethnic Societies during Industrialization'

June 1996-March 1999
Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand
B.A. in International Relations with Honours

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

June 2022-present
Professor, Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University, Bangkok, Thailand

August 2017-June 2022
Associate Professor, Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University, Bangkok, Thailand

2011-July 2017
Assistant Professor, Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University, Bangkok, Thailand

March 2008- 2011
Lecturer, Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University, Bangkok, Thailand

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ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

December 2008- September 2012
Deputy Director of the International Programme in Politics and International Relations, Thammasat University

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TEACHING AND RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

20 Oct. – 10 Nov. 2018
International Visiting Leadership Program, 'Global Threat Cooperation: Anti-ISIS Efforts in the Indo-Pacific: A Regional Project for Southeast Asia,' Sponsored by the United States Department of State.

May - June 2011
Teaching Fellow, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität (LMU), Munich, Germany.

June 2005-August 2005
Research Fellow, Centre of Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Jakarta, Indonesia.

September 2005- May 2007
Seminar Tutor, Department of Politics, University of Bristol, UK.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

March 2025- March 2027
Member, Committee on the Status of Engagement with the Global South, International Studies Association (ISA)

December 2025-present
Editorial Board Member, *The Pacific Review*

June 2021-present
Editorial Board Member, *Asian Security*

March 2018- December 2024
Editor, *Thammasat Review* Journal

November 2018-present
Editorial Board Member, Routledge 'IR Theory and Practice in Asia'

AUTHORED BOOKS

- Chanintira na Thalang. 2022. *Kwam Kadyaeng Pai Nai Pai Tai Kroang Sang Rawang Prathet: Koranee Jak Asia Tawan Ok Chiang Tai* [Internal Conflict Under International Structures: Cases from Southeast Asia]. Bangkok: Thammasat University Press.
- Chanintira na Thalang and Charupol Ruangsuwan. 2022. *Kwam Kadyaeng Karn Jaeraja Lae Karn Pang San Pan Amnart: Koranee Suksa Changwat Chaidan Pak Tai Kong Prathet Thai Lae Bot Rien Jak Bang Prathet* [Conflict, Negotiations and Autonomy: Cases of Southern Border Provinces of Thailand and Beyond]. Bangkok: Thammasat University Press.
- Chanintira na Thalang and Pinn Siraprapasiri. 2016. *Kwam Samret Lae Kwam Ta Tai Kong ASEAN: Jak Samakom Su Prachakom* [ASEAN's Successes and Challenges: From Association to Community Building]. Bangkok: Thammasat University Press.
- Chanintira na Thalang. 2015. *Ogart Lae Kwan Ta Tai Nai Karn Jaeraja Pheu Santipharb Nai Aceh: Bot Rien Samrab Jangwat Chai Dan Kong Prathet Thai* [Opportunities and Challenges in Aceh's Peace Process: Lessons learned for Thailand's Southern Border Provinces]. Bangkok: Thammasat University Press.

EDITED VOLUMES AND SPECIAL ISSUES

- Chanintira na Thalang and Yong-Soo Eun (eds.). 2025. *Global International Relations in Southeast Asia*. Abingdon and New York: Routledge.
- Chanintira na Thalang and Yong-Soo Eun (eds.). 2022. "Reflexive Stocktaking: International Relations Research and Teaching Trends in Southeast Asia?" *Contemporary Southeast Asia* 44 (2).
- Yong-Soo Eun and Chanintira na Thalang (eds.). 2022. "Unpacking the dynamics of weak states' agency." *The Pacific Review* 35 (2).
- Chanintira na Thalang, Soravis Jayanama and Jittipat Poonkham (eds.). 2019. *International Relations as a Discipline in Thailand: theory and sub-fields*, London and New York: Routledge.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Chanintira na Thalang. 2025. 'Advancing Global IR from a Thai Perspective: Opportunities for introducing homegrown theories and concepts.' In *Global International Relations in Southeast*

Asia, edited by Chanintira na Thalang and Yong-Soo Eun, 58-76, Abingdon and New York: Routledge.

- Chanintira na Thalang. 2019. 'The State of International Relations (IR) as a Discipline in Southeast Asian Studies in Thailand.' In *International Relations as a Discipline in Thailand: theory and sub-fields*, edited by Chanintira na Thalang, Soravis Jayanama and Jittipat Poonkham, 173-193, London and New York: Routledge.
- Chanintira na Thalang. 2019. 'Why are conceptual and theoretical discussions more common in Thai politics than in IR in Thailand? Comparing and reflecting on the state and status of politics and IR in Thailand.' In *International Relations as a Discipline in Thailand: theory and sub-fields*, edited by Chanintira na Thalang, Soravis Jayanama and Jittipat Poonkham, 230-239, London and New York: Routledge.
- Chanintira na Thalang and Pinn Siraprapasiri. 2016. 'ASEAN's (Non-) Role in Settling Ethnic Conflicts in Southeast Asia: Obstacles to Institutionalisation.' In *Institutionalizing East Asia Mapping and Reconfiguring Regional Cooperation*, edited by Alice D. Ba, Cheng-Chwee Kuik and Sueo Sudo, 131-155, Oxford and New York: Routledge.

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Chanintira na Thalang and M.L. Pinitbhand Paribatra. 2026. 'The Shifting Conceptions of Thai Bamboo (Bending with the Wind) Diplomacy through the Transitions in World Order,' *Global Studies Quarterly* 6 (3), ksag118, https://doi.org/10.1093/isagsq/ksag118
- Chanintira na Thalang, Ja Ian Chong, Thuy Thi Do, Herman Joseph S. Kraft, Cheng-Chwee Kuik, I Gede Wahyu Wicaksana, Vannarith Chheang, Yohanes William Santoso, and Guido Benny. 2025. 'The State of the Discipline: How Far Along Are We in Developing an IR Theory Based on Southeast Asia's Experiences?' *International Studies Perspectives* 26 (3): 335–355.
- Duncan McCargo and Chanintira na Thalang. 2023. 'The Patani Malay Dilemma: The 2023 Electoral Landscape in Thailand's Deep South,' *Critical Asian Studies* 55 (4): 632-655.
- Chanintira na Thalang. 2023. 'Resolving the Conflict in Thailand's Southern Border Provinces: Contentions between Upholding State Authority and Human Rights within the ASEAN Context,' *Journal of International Peacekeeping* 26 (2-3): 148-167.
- Chanintira na Thalang. 2023. 'Unpacking Thailand's conceptions of and position within the liberal international order,' *International Affairs* 99 (4): 1519–1536.
- Chanintira na Thalang. 2022. 'Advancing Global IR from a Thai Perspective: Opportunities for Pre-theorization and Conceptualization,' *Contemporary Southeast Asia* 44 (2): 250-273.
- Chanintira na Thalang. 2022. 'The Conclusion: The State of IR in Southeast Asia-Heavily Western but Still Evolving.' *Contemporary Southeast Asia* 44 (2): 315-335.
- Yong-Soo Eun, Amitav Acharya and Chanintira na Thalang. 2022. 'Unpacking the dynamics of weak states' agency.' *The Pacific Review* 35 (2): 229-244.
- Chanintira na Thalang. 2022. 'Making sense of Thailand's agency in changing global and regional environments.' *The Pacific Review* 35 (2): 245-268.
- Chanintira na Thalang and Chontida Auikool. 2019. 'Opportunities for inter-ethno-religious engagement in Thailand's southern border provinces.' *Asian Ethnicity* 20 (3): 348-363.

- Chanintira na Thalang and Chontida Auikool. 2018. 'The Immobility Paradox in Thailand's Southern Border Provinces.' *Southeast Asia Research* 26 (4): 315–329.
- Chanintira na Thalang and Pinn Siraprapasiri. 2017 'The Politics of Peace Negotiations: Comparing Aceh and Thailand's Southern Border Provinces.' *Asian Survey* 57 (4): 690-715.
- Chanintira na Thalang. 2017. '"An Honest Broker?" Malaysia's Role in Two Southeast Asian Insurgencies.' *Australian Journal of International Affairs* 71 (4): 389-404.
- Pinn Siraprapasiri and Chanintira na Thalang. 2016. 'Towards the ASEAN Community: Assessing the Knowledge, Attitudes, and Aspirations of Thai University Students.*' Journal of Current Southeast Asian Affairs* 35 (2): 113–14.
- Yuki Fukuoka and Chanintira na Thalang. 2014. 'The Legislative and Presidential Elections in Indonesia in 2014.' *Electoral Studies* 36: 230-235.
- Chanintira na Thalang. 2012. 'Parliamentary elections in Thailand, July 2011.' *Electoral Studies* 31 (3): 633-636.
- Chanintira na Thalang. 2009. 'The Fluidity of Nationalistic and Ethnic Aspirations in Aceh.' *Nations and Nationalism* 15 (2): 319-339.
- Chanintira na Thalang. 2005. 'The Presidential Elections in Indonesia, July and September 2004.' *Electoral Studies* 24 (4): 755-761.
- Chanintira na Thalang. 2005. 'The Legislative Elections in Indonesia, April 2004.' *Electoral Studies* 24 (2): 326-332.

OP ED ARTICLES

- Chanintira na Thalang. 'Non-Violence as a Means to Diffuse Inter- and Intra-Conflicts in Southeast Asia,' *Heinrich Boll Stiftung*, forthcoming.
- Chanintira na Thalang and Attakrit Patchimnan. 'Rethinking ACMECS amidst Changing Regionalism in Southeast Asia,' *Heinrich Boll Stiftung*, 27 May 2023, https://th.boell.org/en/2023/05/27/rethinking-acmecs-regionalism-southeast-asia
- Chanintira na Thalang. 'Realising an ASEAN Identity through Tertiary Education.' Rethinking ASEAN, *ASEAN Focus*, March 2021, https://www.iseas.edu.sg/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/ASEANFocus-March-2021.pdf
- Chanintira na Thalang. 'Brokering Peace in Southeast Asia's Conflict Areas: Debating the Merits of an ASEAN Peacekeeping Force,' *Heinrich Boll Stiftung*, 17 August 2017, https://th.boell.org/en/2017/08/07/brokering-peace-southeast-asias-conflict-areas-debating-merits-asean-peacekeeping-force

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ORGANIZING WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

- (Lead organiser) **Reflexive Stocktaking: IR Research and Teaching Trends in Southeast Asia,** Virtual Workshop held 25-26 June 2021.

- (Lead organiser) **A 'Multiplex' World: East Asian International Relations and Foreign Policies**, 25-27 June 2019, Bangkok, Thailand.
- (Lead organiser) **International Relations as a Discipline in Thailand**, 4 July 2016, Thammasat University, Bangkok, Thailand.
- (Part of an organising team) **Community of East Asian Scholars (CEAS) Workshop for Book Series,** held twice a year from 2012-2016, Thailand.
- (Part of an organising team) **International Conference on International Relations and Development (ICIRD)**, 19-20 May 2011, Thammasat University, Bangkok, Thailand.

RESEARCH AND PROJECT GRANTS

- **Research Project: '**Political Contestation and Foreign Policy Inertia in Thailand: Role Conceptions, Policies and Pushback,' Sanya Dharmasakti Institute for Democracy, July 2024-June 2025.
- **Government Consultancy project: '**The Status of Groups whose Views Differ from the State, International Law and the Internationalisation of the Conflict in Thailand's Southern Border Provinces,' Office of National Security Council of Thailand (NSC), November 2020-April 2021.
- **Research Project**: 'Reflexive Stocktaking: IR research and teaching trends in Thailand,' Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University Grant 2020.
- **Book project:** co-managed with Yong-Soo Eun (Hanyang University), 'Reflexive Stocktaking: IR research and teaching trends in Southeast Asia', June 2020-June 2021, Korea Foundation (KF).
- **Research project:** led by Chanintira na Thalang, 'Thailand in a Multiplex World: Implications for Global IR,' Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University Grant 2019.
- **Book project:** co-managed with Yong-Soo Eun (Hanyang University), 'Comparative Analysis of International Relations in Southeast and Northeast Asia: Theoretical and Policy Implications', January 2019-January 2020, Korea Foundation (KF)
- **Book project:** led by Chanintira na Thalang, 'International Relations as a Discipline in Thailand: Theory and Sub-fields', Thammasat University 2017.
- **Research project:** led by Chanintira na Thalang co-researched with Chontida Auikool (Thammasat University), 'Thailand's Southern Border Conflict and its Impact on Patterns of Internal Migration and Inter-Ethnic Relations between Thai-Chinese-Melayu Groups', Thammasat University Grant 2016.
- **Team research project:** 'Security and Power Dynamics in the Neighbouring Countries: Their Implications for Thailand', Thammasat University Grant 2014.
- **Research project:** led by Chanintira na Thalang co-researched with Pinn Siraprapasiri (University of California, Santa Barbara), 'Opportunities and Challenges for Thailand in Supporting the Process of Creating an ASEAN Community through Tertiary Education: A Study on Educational Programmes, Basic Knowledge, and Perspectives', from May 2012- October 2013, Thailand Research Fund (TRF).
- **Book series project:** part of organising team led by Siriporn Wajjawalku, 'Promotion of ASEAN and East Asian Studies', ASEAN Plus Three (APT) Fund, 2012-2016.

- **Research project:** led by Chanintira na Thalang co-researched with Onanong Thippimol, 'Negotiating and Maintaining Peace in Aceh: Lessons for the conflict in the three most southern provinces of Thailand', from December 2008-December 2009, Thailand Research Fund (TRF).

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PANEL DISCUSSIONS (SELECTED)

- 'Connecting Global and Regional Dimensions in Foreign Policy' and 'Reconnecting 'the Other' Regions and Powers: Populating a "Global" View,' International Studies Association (ISA), 2-5 March 2025, Chicago, United States of America.
- 'Crafting Global IR From Regions and Nations' and 'IR Schools in an Era of Global Crises', International Studies Association (ISA), 15-8 March 2023, Montréal, Canada.
- 'Unpacking regional and national resilience in the ASEAN context', presented at the Roundtable titled 'Into the clearing: How ASEAN matters in the study of International Relations', International Studies Association (ISA), 29 March 2019, Toronto, Canada.
- 'Malaysia's Role in Peacemaking in Southeast Asia', Jeju Forum 2016, 25-27 May 2016, Jeju, Republic of Korea.
- 'Cultural Exchange in Support of Creating an ASEAN Identity', NEAT Working Group on the 'Enhancement of Cultural Exchange in East Asia', Republic of Korea, 7 July 2012.
- 'What is to be done?' Prospects for Peace in Thailand's Southern Border Provinces', The United States and the Muslim World: Implications for Peace in Southern Thailand, Monday, 17 August 2009, Prince Songkla University, Pattani, Thailand.
- 'Political Change in Southeast Asia', 12th Annual Freeman Foundation Symposium: Strengthening Cooperation Between the US and East Asia, 6-11 June 2009, Salzburg, Austria.
- 'Drawing lessons from the case of Aceh: the prospects for Peace making in the three most Southern provinces of Thailand', Paper presented at International Conference on Aceh and Indian Ocean Studies II Civil Conflict and Its Remedies, Banda Aceh, Indonesia, 23-25 February 2009.
- 'A Critique of "Dynastic Succession" as Female Political Leadership: Case Studies of Indonesia and India' in collaboration with Carole Spary, presented at the 54th PSA Annual Conference 2005, Leeds, United Kingdom.

RECENT INVITED TALKS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS (SELECTED)

- 'Comparative Policy Responses to China's Global Engagement: Latin American and Southeast Asian Experiences,' organized by the Inter-American Dialogue, Santiago, Chile on August 1-2, 2024.
- IISS-Asia Tabletop Exercise Exploring South and Southeast Asian Responses to US-China Conflict, Chinese Nuclear Capabilities and US Deterrence Policy Singapore, 27 – 29 February 2024.
- 'Pragmatic, Not Ideologically Driven: Unpacking Thailand's Perception of the Western-led Liberal Order', Presented at the Asian Conceptions and Practices of International Order Workshop, organised by Centre on Asia and Globalisation, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore (NUS), 15-16 July 2022.

- ‘The Conflict in Thailand’s Southern Border Provinces from an International Legal Perspective’, Organised by the Office of the National Security Council, 4 November 2021, Phuket, Thailand.
- ‘An Update on the Southern Thailand Conflict: Complexities, Obstacles and Opportunities,’ presented at ISIS, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 30 July 2018.

GRADUATE SUPERVISION

I have supervised a number of M.A. and PhD theses, mostly in the area of security, conflict, and international relations with a special focus on Asia-Pacific.

TEACHING

- Southeast Asian Affairs
- Special Topics in International Relations
- Research Methods
- The Politics of International Development
- Ethnicity and Political Problems in Southeast Asia
- Indonesia: State and Society
- Politics and Government of Southeast Asia

LANGUAGES

English (fluent), Thai (fluent), French (elementary), Bahasa Indonesia (beginner)