

PROGRAMME

10.00 am – 10.10 am	Introduction by moderator & welcoming remarks
10.10 am – 11.00 am	Commerce, colonialism, conflict as drivers of ethnic change in South Thailand by Dr. Christopher M. Joll
11.00 am – 11.30 am	Q & A Session
11.30 am	Closing

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Commerce, colonialism, conflict as drivers of ethnic change in South Thailand

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10.00 am – 11.30 am

**KITA Meeting Room,
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ABSTRACT

This presentation considers how conflict, colonialism, and commerce have historically contributed to the ethnic diversity of South Thailand. The first half of this presentation begins with a summary of changes to the political geography of Malay-majority portions of the Thai-Malay Peninsula from the end of the former Sultanate of Patani, to modern provinces of Pattani, Yala, and Narathiwat. Following a brief description of Patani's ethnic makeup in a seventeenth century primary sources, I introduce census data in Siamese sources that quantify ethnic diversity in "Monthon Patani" (established 1906). These reveal the presence of non-Malays in some surprising places. Having quantified ethnicity, and outlined the cultural geography of this borderland, I provide a brief description of local ethnic minorities in travelogues penning between the late-nineteenth, and early twentieth century. The second half of this presentation summarises the developments that historical contributed to these Ethnic minorities. We draw attention to population movements, and that scholars sharing my interests in South Thailand need to highlight the impact of Malay migration (out of), and ethnic minorities immigrating (into) this borderland. The latter includes transmigration policies initiated by Bangkok. We summarise how both these have historically been related to conflict, a Siamese form of what has been referred to crypto-colonialism, and commerce.

PRESENTERS' PROFILE



Dr. Christopher M. Joll is a New Zealand religious anthropologist and historian, who has spent most of the last two decades studying Thailand's scattered between Central Thailand and the Malaysian border. He is the author of *Muslim Merit-making in Thailand's Far-south* (Springer, 2011). In addition to being a research fellow at the Centre of Excellence for Muslim Studies at Chulalongkorn University's Institute of Asian Studies, he supervises a cohort of post-graduate students at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia's Institute of Ethnic Studies.

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