

Abstract

“Dynamic Alignments and Dealignments in Global Southeast Asia” examines how global flows and challenges impact on the actors, patterns and processes that drive social and institutional alignments and dealignments in a strategically important, economically vibrant and politically volatile region. It explores at different organizational levels – international, national, local – and from an interdisciplinary perspective how cultures of cooperation are negotiated and by which encounters and narratives changing alignments between nations as well as diverse ethnic, economic, religious, political and professional groups are framed. The Research Focus has been constituted by Sociocultural Anthropology, Political Science, Economics and East Asian History. Proposals on topics such as “Democratizing Regional Cooperation in Southeast Asia,” “Negotiating Academic Cultures: International Cooperation in the Social Sciences,” “Environmental Cooperation between Singapore and China,” and “Cooperation and Conflict at the Subnational Level” are welcome, but any proposal otherwise fitting the umbrella theme is eligible.