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Education

Northwestern University Evanston, IL

Ph.D. in Political Science; GPA 3.95 2022

Fields: Comparative Politics, Methodology

Dissertation: "The Politics of Giving: Patterns and Evolution of Patronage and Electoral Networks in Thailand"

Committee: Jeffrey Winters (Chair), James Mahoney, Jordan Gans-Morse, Allen Hicken (University of Michigan)

M.A. in Political Science 2018

Relevant Coursework: Comparative Politics, Machine Learning and Text as Data, Probability & Statistics, Linear Models, Quantitative Causal Inference, Qualitative Methods, Experimental Political Science

Columbia University New York, NY

M.A. in Sociocultural Anthropology; GPA 3.89 2016

Thesis: "Nationalizing Bodies: Reflections on Schooling, Nation-building and Nationalism in Contemporary Thailand"

Thesis Advisors: Partha Chatterjee, Duncan McCargo

Cornell University Ithaca, NY

B.A. in Economics/Asian Studies with distinction in all subjects; GPA 3.77 2014

Relevant Coursework: Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Probability and Statistics, Econometrics, Money and Credit, International Trade Theory and Policy, Industrial Organization

Fields of Specialization

Southeast Asian politics, elite politics, democratization, patronage, machine learning, text-as-data

Professional Experience

ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute, Thailand Studies Programme Singapore

Visiting Fellow 2022-Present

- Undertook research on Thai politics for ISEAS flagship publications such as Fulcrum and ISEAS Perspectives, delivering analytical insights to guide and inform policymakers, diplomats, journalists, academics, business leaders, and other stakeholders around the globe on Thailand's shifting political and policy environment
- Collaborated with ISEAS coordinators to organize events and moderated diverse panels of policymakers, political figures and academics, fostering in-depth discussions on Southeast Asia's politics, economics, and social issues
- Provided expert commentary and in-depth analysis on the evolving political dynamics in Thailand through seminars and webinars for an international audience, in addition to regular media appearances

Northwestern University, Department of Political Science Evanston, IL

Ph.D. Researcher 2016-2022

- Applied unsupervised machine learning and natural language processing methods to analyze underlying trends in public opinion and sentiment on Thailand's political issues, using over 20,000 news articles and two million tweets as data sources
- Created an election map in ArcGIS to visualize the electoral performance of political parties and to identify patterns of geographic clustering in votes and partisanship in Thailand's 2019 general elections
- Designed and conducted original, independent research in Thailand involving in-depth interviews with hard-to-reach political actors to assess how and why parties and

politicians distribute discretionary rewards, favors and privileged access to government resources as a means to generate electoral support

Northwestern University, Department of Sociology Evanston, IL
Research Assistant 2018

- Devised an automated approach in R for scraping military records, biographical and demographic data of individuals who perished in Belgium during WWI and WWII
- Compiled a county-level dataset for examining the impact of war commemoration on the strength of nationalism in Belgium (1914-1945)

Nomura Research Institute, Global Business Development Tokyo, Japan
Research Analyst Intern 2014

- Evaluated ASEAN convenience retail industry and devised market entry strategies based on macro-indicators, intensity of competition, distribution logistics, regulatory framework, and consumption patterns
- Conducted competitor profiling analysis of Turkish and Cambodian over-the-counter pharmaceutical industries by assessing individual company's competitiveness, scale of operation, product and service mix, marketing strategy, ownership and financial structure

Teaching
 Experience

Northwestern University, The Graduate School Evanston, IL
Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Interpretive Methods in Political Science Fall 2017
 Introduction to Empirical Methods in Political Science Winter 2018
 American Government and Politics Spring 2018
 National Security Fall 2018
 Institutions and Society Winter 2019
 Topics in Mathematical Methods in Social Science Spring 2019, 2020
 Politics of Europe Fall 2019

- Collaborated with faculty and other teaching assistants to design curriculum, establish effective communication and foster a safe and engaging learning environment, enabling students to thrive academically for both in-person and remote instruction
- Organized and facilitated weekly lectures, discussion sections and individual consultations for a wide range of university-level courses both within and outside personal area of expertise to help students meet learning objectives
- Supported students with limited technical background to develop a rudimentary understanding of intricate concepts in statistical research methods, causal inference and machine learning
- Led weekly lab sections to train students in data wrangling and application of regression analysis and machine learning methods in R, equipping them with programming and data analytical skills necessary for incorporating mathematical approach in their own research

Honors &
 Awards

Distinction, Dissertation 2022
 High Distinction, Comprehensive Exam in Comparative Politics 2018

Training

Eighth Annual Workshop on Research Design for Causal Inference 2017

Technical
 Skills

R (including tidyverse, RMarkdown), Python, NVivo, LaTeX, Data scraping, HTML, CSS, [GitHub](#)

Language

Thai (native), English (fluent), Japanese (basic), Chinese (novice)

Peer-Reviewed

Jatusripitak, Napon and Jacob Ricks. "Age and Ideology: The Emergence of New Political Cleavages in Thailand's 2566 Election." *Pacific Affairs*, forthcoming.

Hicken, Allen and Napon Jatusripitak. "Introduction: Making Sense of Thailand's Seismic Elections." *Contemporary Southeast Asia*, Vol. 45/3 (December 2023): 335-344.

Hicken, Allen, Napon Jatusripitak, and Mathis Lohatepanont. "A New Tale of Two Democracies? The Changing Urban-Rural Dynamics at Thailand's 2023 General Elections" *Contemporary Southeast Asia*, Vol. 45/3 (December 2023): 345-354.

Editor-Reviewed

"Thailand in 2023: Political Realignment and the Quest for Resilience and Stability" in *Southeast Asian Affairs 2024*, edited by Huang Chi Ha and Daljit Singh. ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute, forthcoming.

Arifianto et al. "Roundtable on the Changing Political Landscapes and Leadership in Southeast Asia." *ASEANFocus*, ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute, 22 September 2023.

Jatusripitak, Napon. "Shifting Paradigms: The Rise of the Move Forward Party and the Changing Face of Thai Democracy." *ADRN Issue Briefing*, Asia Democracy Research Network, 29 June 2023.

Jatusripitak, Napon. "The Promise and Peril of Patronage Politics for Authoritarian Party-Building in Thailand." *ISEAS Perspective*, 2022/119, 14 December 2022.

Jatusripitak, Napon. "The Authoritarian Electoral Blueprint of Thailand's Palang Pracharath Party May No Longer Be Effective." *ISEAS Perspective*, 2022/101, 18 October 2022.

Book Reviews

Jatusripitak, Napon. 2022. Review of Dynastic Democracy: Political Families in Thailand, by Yoshinori Nishizaki. *Journal of the Siam Society*, Vol. 110 No. 2 (2022), https://so06.tci-thaijo.org/index.php/pub_jss/article/view/260298/174759.

Commentaries & Op-Eds

Jatusripitak, Napon. "A Tale of Two (or More) Prime Ministers." *Fulcrum*, ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute, 15 December 2023.

Jatusripitak, Napon. "Pheu Thai's 10,000 Baht Gambit: A Political Promise That Spells Possible Economic Peril." *Fulcrum*, ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute, 12 October 2023.

Jatusripitak, Napon. "Thailand's Elite Reconfiguration: Old Wine in New Bottles." *Fulcrum*, ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute, 13 September 2023.

Sirivunnabood, Punchada and Napon Jatusripitak. "Pheu Thai at the Crossroads: Navigating Thailand's Senate-Driven Hung Parliament." *Fulcrum*, ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute, 11 August 2023.

Lohatepanont, Mathis and Napon Jatusripitak. "One Constituency, Two Parties: Ballot Splitting and Divided Loyalties in Thailand's Election." *Fulcrum*, ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute, 28 July 2023.

Jatusripitak, Napon. "Pita (and the People) Versus the Powers that Be." *Fulcrum*, ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute, 14 July 2023.

Jatusripitak, Napon and Termsak Chalermpananupap. "Dark Horse Could Win Thai Premiership." *Fulcrum*, ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute, 31 May 2023.

Jatusripitak, Napon. "The Move Forward Party: Surge in Momentum, But Obstacles Ahead." *Fulcrum*, ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute, 18 May 2023.

Zhang, Kevin, and Napon Jatusripitak. "The Curious Case of Divergence between Malaysia's and Thai Youths." *The Jakarta Post*. 12 May 2023.

Jatusripitak, Napon. "Pheu Thai's Landslide in the Northeast: A Self-Fulfilling Prophecy or a Distant Dream?." *Fulcrum*, ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute, 4 May 2023.

Jatusripitak, Napon. "Lèse-majesté Law: A Subtle Referendum in the Upcoming Elections?." *Fulcrum*, ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute, 21 April 2023.

Jatusripitak, Napon and Mathis Lohatepanont. “Political Dealmaking Will Determine the Winner and Twist Policy Outcomes in Thailand’s Election.” *Fulcrum*, ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute, 6 April 2023.

Jatusripitak, Napon. “Democratic Consolidation or Authoritarian Survival: Thailand’s Next General Election in 2023.” *Fulcrum*, ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute, 13 January 2023.

Jatusripitak, Napon. “The Threat and Allure of Thai-Style Party Bans.” *Fulcrum*, ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute, 2 November 2022.

Jatusripitak, Napon. “Merge or Die: How Chart Pattana Kla Reflects a Sea Change in Party Dynamics.” *Fulcrum*, ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute, 17 October 2022.

Jatusripitak, Napon. “Thailand’s New Electoral System: More Freedom of Choice, With a Catch.” *Fulcrum*, ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute, 23 September 2022.

Presentations

“Patronage Politics, Clientelism, and The State,” Chulalongkorn University, 15 November 2023.

“How Factions Lost but Patronage Politics Persists: Lessons from Thailand’s 2023 General Elections,” ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute, 6 July 2023.

“The Future of Democracy: Progressive Politics in Southeast Asia,” Universitas Gadjah Mada, 16 June 2023.

“Change and Continuity in the Politics of Patronage in Thailand,” ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute, 16 March 2023.

“The Palang Pracharath Party: A Case of Patronage-Oriented Authoritarian Party-Building,” 2023 Southeast Asia Research Group Conference, Singaporean Management University, 1 August 2023.

“Change or Continuity?: Topic Modeling of Thailand in Transition,” Northwestern University, Machine Learning and Text as Data, 15 March 2018.

Moderator & Discussant

“Pop Culture, Celebritydom, & Fandom: How Social Media Strategy Changed the Face of Thailand’s 2023 General Election,” Presentation by Alexandra Colombier, ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute, 15 September 2023.

“Democratic Consolidation or Backsliding? Analysis and Implications of Thailand’s 2023 General Election,” Presentation by Abhisit Vejjajiva, ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute, 17 May 2023.

“Thailand’s 2023 General Election,” Presentation by Thanathorn Juangroongruangkit and Prajak Kongkirati, ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute, 31 March 2023.

“The Development of Regional and Ethnic Identities on Thailand’s Northern and Southern Peripheries,” Presentation by Leslie Castro-Woodhouse and Graham Dalrymple, ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute, 3 November 2022.

References

Jeffrey Winters	winters@northwestern.edu	Professor, Northwestern
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