



Current Position

Assistant Professor and Program Director of B.A. International Affairs, Khon Kaen University International (KKUIC), Khon Kaen, Thailand 40002



ABOUT ME

Thapiporn Suporn (ทปพร สุพร) is an Assistant Professor and serves as the Chair of the International Affairs Division at Khon Kaen University International College (KKUIC). His academic interests center around international security and foreign policy analysis, with a specific focus on U.S. foreign policy and the dynamics of great power politics in Southeast Asia. Before joining KKUIC, Thapiporn taught at the School of International Affairs, Faculty of Political Science and Public Administration, Chiang Mai University, for 5 years. Thapiporn is a 2019 alumnus of the Study of the U.S. Institutes for Scholars (SUSI) on American foreign policy, supported by the U.S. Department of State.



Research Interests

U.S. Foreign Policy



Great Power Politics



Southeast Asian Studies



International Security



Awards

- Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence, Kasetsart University (2011)
- Bhumibhol Scholarship from His Majesty the late King Bhumibol Adulyadej (2009)

THAPIPORN SUPORN



E-mail: Thapsu@kku.ac.th, Thapiporn@gmail.com



Khon Kaen University
International College

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Present **Khon Kaen University International College**
(Undergraduate Modules- taught in English)

- IC202002 Contemporary World History
- IC202003 Introduction to International Affairs
- IC203008 International Security
- IC204106 U.S. Foreign Policy
- IC204107 Conflicts in Southeast Asian Countries
- IC204110 Non-state Actors in International Affairs

January 2021

December 2020 **Chiang Mai University**
(Undergraduate Modules- taught in Thai)

- 126101 Introduction to International Relations
- 126211 International Relations Theories
- 126325 International Politics
- 126331 Superpower in World Politics

April 2016

(Undergraduate Modules- taught in English)

- Introduction to International Relations (University Studies Abroad Consortium Program, Chiang Mai University)



EDUCATION

2014 **MA (International Relations), Chulalongkorn University**

2011 **BA (Political Science) with first class honors, Kasetsart University**



SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Book

- [‘The Philippines-U.S. Relations in “the Lost Decade” \(1991-2001\): Reinvigorating the Alliance and its Implications for ASEAN Political-Security Community.’](#) (Bangkok: King Prajadhipok’s Institute, 2015). (In Thai)

Book Chapter

- ‘Vaccine Diplomacy Amidst the Great Power Competition: Thailand and Singapore’s Conundrum’. In [Towards a Sustainable Security for Asia and Europe The Next Gen EU-ASEAN Think Tank Dialogue](#), 275-300. (Singapore: Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, 2023).

Journal Articles

- [‘Mekong–ROK Cooperation: a perspective from Thailand.’](#) *Asian Affairs: An American Review* (2023). DOI: 10.1080/00927678.2023.2298173
- [‘The Cold War, Old and New: Polarity, Polarisation, and Elements of \(In\)stability.’](#) *Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities* 29, no. 2 (2021): 903-922. DOI: 10.47836/pjssh.29.2.09.
- [‘Unraveling Triadic Relationship in Trump’s Foreign Policy: Internationalism, Nationalism, and Trumpism.’](#) *International Journal of East Asian Studies* 23, no. 2 (2019): 38-57.

Academic Employment

- 2024 – Present Program Director of B.A. International Affairs, Khon Kaen University International College
- 2023 – Present Assistant Professor, International Affairs Division, Khon Kaen University International College
- 2021 – 2022 Lecturer, International Affairs Division, Khon Kaen University International College
- 2016 – 2020 Lecturer, School of International Affairs, Faculty of Political Science and Public Administration, Chiang Mai University
- 2015 – 2016 Adjunct lecturer, Faculty of Humanities, University of the Thai Chamber of Commerce
- 2013 – 2015 Researcher, Centre for European Studies at Chulalongkorn University
- 2011 – 2012 Academic affairs officer, Centre for European Studies at Chulalongkorn University

Training and Workshop Participation

- Panelist, [The Republic of Korea in \(Continental-\) Southeast Asia: Interests, Influences, and Implication](#), Korea Foundation and the Institute of East Asian Studies, Thammasat University, Bangkok, Thailand, 21 February 2024.
- Panelist, Workshop on Security Issues and Academic Networking in Security Studies, Office of the National Security Council, Udorn Thani, Thailand, 11 January 2024.
- Panelist, [Russia, NATO, Ukraine, and US Involvement](#), the 2023 Study of the U.S. Institutes Alumni Workshop, NYU Florence, Italy, 12-15 October 2023.
- Panelist, [Southeast Asia's Response to Maritime Power Projection](#), Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in collaboration with RSIS Maritime Security Programme and the Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam (DAV), Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, 4 August 2023
- Participant, [KAS Young Experts for Security in Asia \(YESA\)](#), S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, 24-25 November 2022
- Participant, [EANGAGE Conference on Advancing Together for ASEAN-EU Security and Connectivity](#), The Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam (DAV), Hanoi, Vietnam, 3-5 November 2022
- Participant, [FES Asia Strategy and Foresight Lab Series, Thailand National Workshop](#), hosted by The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy Executive Education, and ISIS Thailand Bangkok, Thailand, 25-26 July 2022
- Participant, [EANGAGE Summer Workshop](#), Berlin, Germany, 23 - 25 June 2022
- Participant, [Addressing Challenges Together: Working Towards Achieving Sustainable Development in the ASEAN and EU](#), Siem Reap, Cambodia, 7-9 April 2022
- Presenter, [Thailand and China amidst Changing Regional Architecture](#), Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation, Bangkok, Thailand, 25 October 2021
- Security Fellow, [Think Next, Act Next - The Next Gen EU-ASEAN Think Tank Dialogue \(EANGAGE\)](#), The Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS), The Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam (DAV), and the Asian Vision Institute (AVI), 2021-2022
- Participant, [Study of the U.S. Institutes \(SUSI\)](#), U.S. Foreign Policy Program, University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware, U.S., 13 June- 26 July 2019
- Panelist, Trends in Thailand's Security: Drafting the National Strategy, Office of the National Security Council, Bangkok, Thailand, 8 November 2018
- Participant, National Dialogue on Atrocities Prevention: Locating Violence and Possibilities for Application of R2P in the Thai Context, Bangkok, Thailand, 21 September 2018
- Panelist, [RSIS-CSIS Workshop on ASEAN Mechanisms for Maritime Security Cooperation \(II\) - Surveying Priorities](#), Jakarta, Indonesia, 24-25 July 2018
- Participant, [ASEAN-Korea Next Generation Policy Expert Program](#), Seoul and Busan, the Republic of Korea, 27 August- 2 September 2017
- Participant, [ASEAN-Korea Next Generation Policy Expert Program](#), Bangkok, Thailand, 6 February 2017
- Internship, Bureau of Trade Interests and Remedies, Department of Foreign Trade, Minister of Commerce, 1 April 2010-31 July 2010

Special Lectures/ Talks

- ‘Philosophy, Theory, and Context in International Affairs’ CL107101 Public Affairs and Policy in the Digital Age, Master of Public Administration (Digital Governance), College of Local Administration, Khon Kaen University, 22 July 2023.
- ‘The Philippines’s Geopolitical (*im*)balance with the U.S. and China’, 2402609 Area Study in International Relations, Master or Arts in International Relations degree program, Chulalongkorn University, Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University, 15 November 2022
- ‘The Philippines’s Geopolitical (*im*)balance with the U.S. and China’, 2402224 Southeast Asia in World Politics, Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University, 8 November 2022
- ‘Who Makes U.S. Foreign Policy?’, 126336 Foreign Policy Analysis, Faculty of Political Science and Public Administration, Chiang Mai University, 28 September 2021
- ‘A Defeating Great Power? The Zenith and Nadir of the US-led International Order’, Seminar Series: Great Powers and International Order in Asia in the COVID-19 Era, Faculty of Political Science and Public Administration, Chiang Mai University, 8 September 2021
- ‘Where Are We Now? And Where Are We Going To? The Rise of Right-Wing Populism and the Revolt Against Liberal Democracy’, Faculty of Political Science and Public Administration, Chiang Mai University, 21 October 2020
- ‘The United States and Southeast Asia in the Age of Trump: The End of American Influence?’, Faculty of Political Science and Public Administration, Chiang Mai University, 27 February 2020.
- ‘Decentralization and Democracy in Thai Local Administration, Center for Governance Studies (CLOGS), Chiang Mai, 30 January 2019
- ‘Thailand: A Brief Introduction’, Professional Tour Guide Workshop, Faculties of Humanities, Chiang Mai University, 1 June 2018
- ‘Thailand101: A Critical Introduction’, San Diego State University and The Asia Institute, Chiang Mai, 29 May 2018
- ‘From Zombies to Walking Dead: International Relations, Security, and (Im)mortality’, Direk Jayanama Research Center, Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University, 8 November 2017

Research Grants

- Co- Investigator, ‘Whither the Future of the Mekong–ROK Cooperation in the Changing Mekong Regional Order? A Perspective from Thailand’, 2023 Support for Policy Oriented Research Program, Korea Foundation (KF), 2023-2024 (With Poowin Bunyavejchewin).
- Co- Investigator, ‘Political system and Climate action nexus in Southeast Asian settings: Case study Thailand and Malaysia’. School of Public Policy, Chiang Mai University, 2022.
- Principal Investigator, ‘Vaccine Diplomacy Amidst the Great Power Competition: Thailand & Singapore’s Conundrum’ (With Alif Hidayat). The Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS), The Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam (DAV), and the Asian Vision Institute (AVI), 2021-2022.
- Co- Investigator, ‘Comparative International Systems: The Cold War, Old and New’ (With Poowin Bunyavejchewin, Pattanarat Faugchun, and Natthanont Sukthungthong). IEAS Research Fund, 2020
- Principal Investigator, ‘In Search of Grand Strategy in Indo-Pacific: The Incompatibility between Nationalism and Internationalism in Trump Administration and Its Implications for US Strategy’. Faculty of Political Science and Public Administration, Chiang Mai University, 2018
- Principal Investigator, ‘The Philippines- U.S. Relations in “the Lost Decade” (1991-2001): Reinvigorating the Alliance and Its Implications for ASEAN Political-Security Community’. King Prajadhipok's Institute, 2014
- Co- Investigator, ‘The Impact of Thailand-EU FTA on Pharmaceutical & Medical Device Products’. The Overseas Human Resources and Industry Development Association (HIDA), 2013

Publications

- **Books (In Thai)**

[‘The Philippines- U.S. Relations in “the Lost Decade” \(1991-2001\): Reinvigorating the Alliance and its Implications for ASEAN Political-Security Community.’](#) (Bangkok: King Prajadhipok's Institute, 2015).

- **Monograph (In Thai)**

[The US Rebalance to Asia: Origins, Evolution, and Demise?.](#) *Security Studies Monographs* 188, (August 2017).

- **Monograph (In English)**

[Whither the Future of the Mekong–ROK Cooperation in the Changing Mekong Regional Order? A Perspective from Thailand \[Policy Brief\].](#) Pathum Thani: Institute of East Asian Studies, 2024. (Poowin Bunyavejchewin)’

- **Book Chapter (In Thai)**

Chapter 7 Problems and Challenges of Foreign Policy and Foreign Policy Analysis in Contemporary World’. In *82329 Diplomacy and Foreign Policy*. (Nonthaburi: Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University, 2023)

[‘Constructing a Secular State in French Society: The Case of the Muslim Headscarf’. In *Habermas and Post-Secular Society*, 210-242](#) (Bangkok: Illuminations Editions, 2019)

- **Book Chapter (In English)**

‘Vaccine Diplomacy Amidst the Great Power Competition: Thailand and Singapore’s Conundrum’. In [‘Towards a Sustainable Security for Asia and Europe The Next Gen EU-ASEAN Think Tank Dialogue](#), 275-300. (Singapore: Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, 2023). (With Alif Hidayat)

- **Web of Science / Scopus Indexed**

[‘Mekong–ROK Cooperation: a perspective from Thailand.’](#) *Asian Affairs: An American Review* (2023). DOI: 10.1080/00927678.2023.2298173 (with Poowin Bunyavejchewin)

[‘Regime type and Thailand’s foreign policy position, 1950–2020: Some statistical evidence.’](#) *Kasetsart Journal of Social Sciences* 44, no. 3 (2023): 645-52. DOI: 10.34044/j.kjss.2023.44.3.01 (with Poowin Bunyavejchewin, Porntep Kamonpetch, and Ketsarin Sirichuanjun)

[‘Thailand’s Balancing Behavior, 1947-1991: Some Empirical Evidence.’](#) *Pertanika Journal of Social Sciences & Humanities* 30, no. 2 (2022): 407-28. DOI: 10.47836/pjssh.30.2.01 (with Poowin Bunyavejchewin, and Ketsarin Sirichuanjun)

[‘The Cold War, Old and New: Polarity, Polarisation, and Elements of \(In\)stability.’](#) *Pertanika Journal of Social Science and Humanities* 29 (2) (2021): 903-922. DOI: 10.47836/pjssh.29.2.09 (with Poowin Bunyavejchewin, Pattanarat Faughchun, and Natthanont Sukthungthong).

[‘China and Mekong Regionalism: A Reappraisal of the Formation of Lancang-Mekong Cooperation.’](#) *Asian Politics & Policy* 24 (2) (2021): 193-211. DOI: 10.1111/aspp.12575 (with Pongphisoot Busbarat and Poowin Bunyavejchewin).

- ***Journal Articles in TCI Indexed (In English)***

['Unraveling Triadic Relationship in Trump's Foreign Policy: Internationalism, Nationalism, and Trumpism.'](#) *International Journal of East Asian Studies* 23 (2) 2019: 38-57.

- ***Journal Articles in TCI Indexed (In Thai)***

['Demystifying the "American Exceptionalism": Seeking an Alternative Strategy.'](#) *Security Outlook* 1 (2) 2020: 41-48.

['From Disaster Diplomacy to "Political Legitimacy": Rethinking the Changing Role of Thai Military through the Case of Myanmar Flood Relief in 2015.'](#) *International Journal of East Asian Studies* 23(2) 2019: 212- 231. (with Lakchayaporn Thansiri).

['The U.S. - China Power Rivalries in the Obama Era: The Limits of American Alliance and the Challenges of \(Not\) Choosing Sides in Southeast Asia.'](#) *International Journal of East Asian Studies* 23(1) 2019: 304-322.

['Rethinking China's Claim over South China Sea: The Engagement between International Relations and International Law.'](#) *Journal of Mekong Societies* 13(2) 2017: 85-113.

['The Manila- Washington Alliance in "the Lost Decade" \(1991-2001\): Reinvigorating the Alliance in the Pre- 9/11 Incidents.'](#) *Veridian E-Journal* 8(1) 2015: 801-817.

['"China Threat" from the Philippines Perspective: the South China Sea Dispute between China - Philippines and the US. Role.'](#) *Journal of Social Sciences, Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University* 44(1) 2014: 143-162.

['From 9/11 to the \(UN\)winnable War on Terrorism: The Negative Implications for the American Hegemony.'](#) *Journal of Political Science and Law Kalasin University* 2(1) 2014: 1-39.

['The Neo- Gramscian Approach in International Relations.'](#) *Journal of Social Sciences Naresuan University* 9(2) July-December 2013: 121-144.

['Rethinking Thaksin Shinawatra's Perceptions of the Terrorism and the War on Terrorism: The Return of Bangkok- Washington Relations in the Post 9/11Era.'](#) *Journal of Social Sciences Naresuan University* 9(1) 2013: 53-79.

['The Role of the League of Nations during the Interwar Period: The \(Im\)Possible Dream of Liberalism? And the Implications for the International Politics.'](#) *Journal of European Studies* 21(1) 2013 (82-110).

['Rethinking International Negotiation through the Two-Level Game: The Case Study of the South China Sea Dispute between China and the Philippines, from Ramos- Aquino III.'](#) *Southeast Current* 10(109) 2013: 53-79.

[‘The \(In\)security and the Road to Peace under the Unipolarity: The Debates in International Relations Theory’](#). *Vibhava Magazine* 7(49) 2013): 31- 36.

[‘Under the Eagle’s Shadow: NATO and the Dynamics of Transatlantic Relations after the 9/11 Incident.’](#) *Journal of European Studies* Vol. 20(1) 2012: 81-103.

[‘Rethinking the 9/11 Attacks: The \(In\) credulity towards the American Metanarratives’](#).
Vibhava Magazine. 6(42) 2012: 45-52.

[‘Constructing the French Secularism: Implication for Muslim and the \(In\)visible Headscarf’](#).
Journal of European Studies 19(2) 2011: 92-122.

[‘The Development and Improvement of New Environment Standards in the European Union Market: A Case study on the implementation of Eco-Label towards Thai textiles and clothing’](#).
Veridian E-Journal 4(2) 2011: 273-287.

[‘Spheres of Influence of the Great Powers in Southeast Asia: A Case of the Disputes between China and the Philippines over the South China Sea and the US Reactions’](#) (With Poowin Bunyavejchewin). *Romphruak Journal*. 29(2) 2011: 139-170.

[‘The Implementation of Eco-Label in the EU market: The Effects and New Challenges of Thai Textiles and Clothing’](#). *Journal of European Studies*. 19(1) 2011: 116-148.

- **Book Review**

In English

[‘Review– The Future of Thai-U.S. Relations: Views of Thai and American Leaders on the Bilateral Relationship and Ways Forward.’](#) *Kyoto Review of Southeast Asia* 32, (March 2022)

In Thai

[‘Book Review - The Number Bias: How Numbers Lead and Mislead U.S.’](#) *Journal of Political and Social Agenda* 2(1) 2023: 100–104.

[‘Book Review- Fourth Industrial Revolution’](#). *Political Science and Public Administration Journal*, 10(1) 2019: 251-254

[‘Book Review: The Limits of Alignment: Southeast Asia and the Great Powers Since 1975’](#).
Political Science Review Kasetsart University 4 (1) 2017: 166-172.

[‘Book Review: A Life Beyond Boundaries: A Memoir’](#). *Governance Journal Kalasin University* 5(2) 2016: 297-308.

[‘Book Review: Is the American century over?’](#). *Journal of Political Science and Law Kalasin University* 5(1) 2016: 283-291.

[‘Book Review: American Foreign Policy in Regions of Conflict: A Global Perspective.’](#)
Journal of Political Science and Law Kalasin University 2(2) 2014: 173-178.

[‘Book Review: Theories of International Politics and Zombies’](#). *Journal of Social Sciences Naresuan University* 9(2) 2013: 172-182.

- ***Op-Ed Pieces (In English)***

‘U.S.-China Maritime Power Play in Southeast Asia: Implications for Thailand’. *Maritime Issues*, October 18, 2023. <http://www.maritimeissues.com/politics/uschina-maritime-power-play-in-southeast-asia-implications-for-thailand.html>.

‘In Search of Maritime Grand Strategy: Thailand’s Fisheries Policy under the Military Rule’. *Prachatai English*, Aug 14, 2018. <https://prachatai.com/english/node/7794>.

- ***Op-Ed Pieces (In Thai)***

‘[What Can We Still Learn from the WWI? : 100 Years of the Great War and Niall Ferguson’s Thesis \(Part I\)](#)’. *CES Newsletter*. 22 (1) (January - March 2014).

‘[What Can We Still Learn from the WWI? : 100 Years of the Great War and Niall Ferguson’s Thesis \(Part II\)](#)’. *CES Newsletter*. 22(2) (April- June 2014).

‘Croatia: the 28th Member of the European Union’. *CES News Letter*. 21(2) (April-June 2013).

‘Roman Catholic Church in Transition: Continuity and Change’. *CES Newsletter*. 21(1) (January- March 2013).

‘E.Coli As a New Threat to the European Union’. *CES Newsletter*. 19(2) (April-June 2011)

‘10 Years of the 9/11 incidents: Reconsidering the US Security Strategy and the European Union’s Position. *CES Newsletter*. 19(3) (July-September 2011).

‘Christmas and Windsor’s Christmas Message’. *CES Newsletter*. 19(4) (October- December 2011).

- ***Conference Presentations***

‘Unraveling U.S. Foreign Policy in the Russo-Ukrainian War: A Thai Perspective’. Paper Presented at the 2023 Study of the U.S. Institutes Alumni Workshop, NYU Florence, Italy, 12-15 October 2023.

‘Maritime Power Projection in Southeast Asia: A Thai Perspective’. Paper Presented at the RSIS-CSIS-DAV Workshop on “Southeast Asia’s Response to Maritime Power Projection”, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, 4 August 2023.

‘Revisiting American Primacy in Asia-pacific: Obama, Trump, And Biden’. Paper Presented at Study of the U.S. Institutes for Scholars (SUSI) -Foreign Policy Alumni Conference, Delaware, United States, 20 May 2021 (online).

‘In Search of (Environmental) Grand Strategy: Thailand’s Fisheries Policy under the Military Government’. Paper Presented at RSIS-CSIS Workshop on ASEAN Mechanisms for Maritime Security Cooperation (II) - Surveying Priorities, Jakarta, Indonesia, 25 July 2018.

‘The Amateur Hour? A Preliminary Comparative Analysis of Trump’s Foreign Policy toward Thailand and the Philippines’ Paper Presented in the Panel “Thailand and the Great Power Revisited,” at the 11th Asian Political and International Studies Association (APISA) Annual Congress, Phitsanulok, 20-21 October 2017.

‘The US–Philippines Alliance: The Current Phase.’ Paper Presented at the 20th Young Scholars’ Conference on Philippine Studies in Japan, Shizuoka, Japan, 4-5 July 2015. (with Poowin Bunyavejchewin).

‘Rethinking Thaksin Shinawatra’s Perceptions of the Terrorism and the War on Terrorism: The Return of Bangkok- Washington Relations in the Post 9/11 Era.’ Paper Presented at National Graduate Conference, Kasetsart University, Bangkok Thailand 2012, 105-119.

‘Spheres of Influence of The Great Powers in Southeast Asia: A Case of the Disputes Between China and the Philippines over the South China Sea and The U.S. Reactions’. The 12th National Conference on Political Science and Public Administration, Chiang Mai University, Chiang Mai, Thailand 2012, 1573-1592.

- ***Peer Reviewer for Academic Journals***

ASR Chiang Mai University Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities, International Journal of East Asian Studies (IJEAS), Local Administration Journal (LAJ), The Thai Journal of East Asian Studies (TJEAS), PLOS ONE

- ***Selected Media Interviews and Features***

- The National Assembly Radio and Television Broadcasting Station (FM 87.5 MHz), 15 January 2024. [Subversive Strategy: Importance and Prevention](#)
- Infinity Podcast, 10 June 2017, [EP. 9: Terrorism, London and Russia 2017](#)

- ***Other professional activities***

- Non-resident Research Fellow at Institute of Security and International Studies (ISIS) Thailand (2023-Present)
- Editorial Board Member, International Journal of East Asian Studies (2018-2019)
- Non-Resident Associate in Research, Thammasat University Research Unit in History and International Politics (TU-HIP) (2021-present)
- Overseas Fellow, The Vejchewin Research Institute (VRI) (2022)