

Visit to Bangkok from August 12th to September 5th 2013 Michelle Proyer

As I was lucky to be awarded one of ENITS scholarships for my PhD research, I was able to cover expenses for another visit to Bangkok between August 12th and September 5th 2013. ENITS is the Empowering Network for International Thai Studies of the Institute of Thai Studies at Chulalongkorn University. Scholarships were awarded for the second time. It involved a presentation of my PhD research that took place on the 15th of August 2013 at Chulalongkorn University (see the following two pages for a detailed program). The meeting offered an opportunity to exchange with a range of interesting students of Thai studies from different disciplines.

In the course of my visit to Bangkok, I was also able to meet my research assistants and discuss the ongoing analysis of data we have collected together in the course of the last years. The focus of our discussion was the religious impact on the attitudes towards persons with disabilities in Thailand. We looked at interview passages and discussed their deeper meaning and tried to develop a model of illustrating our intercultural comprehension of the impact of Karma on disability. Furthermore one student with a disability studying at Sriwakhairinwirot University agreed to being interviewed. He was invited to share some of his personal experiences and opinions on the findings so far.

As always colleagues from the Faculty of Education invited me to join them to visit temples and other places of interest in and around Bangkok. Once more I was very pleased and honored to spend time in Thailand and am thankful for the research partners' hospitality and cooperation!

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2nd ENITS SCHOLARSHIP RESEARCH PRESENTATION 2013

Empowering Network for International Thai Studies (ENITS) Project

Institute of Thai Studies, Chulalongkorn University

15 August 2013, 9.00 - 16.00 hrs.

Dipak C. Jain Hall, Sasa International House Chulalongkorn University

- 08.30 – 09.00 - Registration
- 09.00 – 09.10 - **Opening Ceremony**
Welcome Remarks by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Suchitra Chongstitvatana,
Director of Institute of Thai Studies, CU
- 09.10 – 09.40 - **Socialisation into Values: Collectivism in Award-Winning Thai Children's Picture Books**
Todsapon Suranakkharin
- 09.40 – 10.10 - **The Role of Thai Tourism in Promoting Thai- Vietnamese Relations**
Doan Thuc Dang Tran
- 10.10 – 10.40 - **Educational Environments of Children with Disabilities in Greater Bangkok : Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Societal and Cultural Barriers and Facilitators for Education in a Transiting Urban Area**
Michelle Denise Proyer
- 10.40 – 11.00 - *Refreshment*
- 11.00 – 11.30 - **Effects of Heat Stress on Human Health : Input into Health Impact Assessment of Climate Change**
Benjawan Tawatsupa
- 11.30 – 12.00 - **Saviors or Spoilers : (Un)Civil Society Coups in an Age of Democratization**
Aries Ayuson Arugay
- 12.00 – 13.00 - *Lunch*
- 13.00 – 13.30 - **An anthropological study of 'dancing': bodily image of classical ballet in Thailand**
Keiji Ideta

- 13.30 – 14.00 - **The History of Dietary Cultural exchange between China and Southeast Asian**
Zheng Nan
- 14.00 – 14.30 - **Thailand in the Discourse of Chinese Fashion Magazines : An Example of ELLE**
Xiyang Tang
- 14.30 – 15.00 - *Refreshment*
- 15.00 – 15.30 - **The Bodhisattva Avalokites'vara in the Thai-Malay peninsula and western Indonesia : The early development of Buddhist imagery in insular Southeast Asia**
Ingrid Sofia Sundstrom
- 15.30 – 16.00 - **The Consciousness of National Sovereignty and Interests of Prominent Thai Reformers in the Second Half of the Nineteen Century : A Comparison with Vietnam**
Nguyen Tien Dung
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