

National Thai Studies Centre, ANU
Thailand Update Conference, 2009

Date: Monday 2 November 2009

Venue: Hedley Bull Theatre, Hedley Bull Centre (Liversidge St and Garran Rd), ANU

Theme: *Thailand in Turmoil: Crisis, Coalition and Corruption*

9.00 to 9.05: Welcome: Professor Paul Hutchcroft, Director, School of International, Political and Strategic Studies, College of Asia and the Pacific, ANU

9.05 to 10.15: Session 1. Chair - Professor Paul Hutchcroft

Dr Chris Baker, Bangkok – politics update

Professor Peter Warr, ANU – economics update

10.30 to 12.15: Session 2. Chair - Professor Hal Hill

Professor Pasuk Phongpaichit, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok – aspects of economic and political equity in Thailand

Mr Nicholas Farrelly, ANU – Red vs. Yellow Online: The Role of the Internet in Thailand's Political Debates

Dr Bhanupong Nidhiprabha, Thammasat University, Bangkok - The military budget cycle, the coup, and corruption

1.15 to 3.00: Session 3. Chair - Professor Pasuk Phongpaichit

Dr Nualnoi Treerat, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok – corruption and institutions in Thailand

Dr Sirilaksana Khoman, Thammasat University, Bangkok – corruption in Thailand within an East Asian comparative perspective

Dr Ross McLeod, ANU – the economics of corruption in Indonesia: Lessons for Thailand

3.15 to 5.00: Session 4. Chair - Professor Raghendra Jha

Dr Isra Sarntisart, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok – the role of economic deprivation in the Southern conflict

Dr Marc Askew, University of Melbourne and Prince of Songkhla University – Social and Political Origins of the Southern Conflict

Professor Des Ball and Mr Nicholas Farrelly, ANU – Thailand's paramilitaries

5.00 to 5.05: Special presentation: Ms Saowapha Viravong - The Thai collection at the National Library of Australia

Note: Each speaker will be allocated 25 minutes, followed by 10 minutes of questions and comments from the audience, which should be brief, please.