

Collaborative Conference of Thammasat University, the University of Osaka, and Kyushu University – Asia Week Program 2026

Book Launch and Policy Dialogue

Title: Communities, Rights and Sustainability: New Frontiers in Environmental Governance in Southeast Asia

Date and time: November 2, 2026, 09:00–12:30 (Thailand time, ICT/UTC+7) / 11:00–14:30 (Japan time, JST/UTC+9)

Venue: Room No. 103, 1st Floor, Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University, Tha Prachan Campus, Bangkok, Thailand

Schedule

All times are Thailand time (ICT, UTC+7). Japan time (JST, UTC+9) is shown in brackets.

08:30–09:00 Registration
(JST 10:30–11:00)

09:00–09:30 **Opening Ceremony**
(JST 11:00–11:30)

Background of the project: Prof. Dr. Okubo Noriko, Graduate School of Law and Politics, the University of Osaka

Welcome speech: Dean of Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University – Assoc. Prof. Dr. Puli Fuwongchareon

Congratulation remarks: Dean of School of Social Innovation, Mae Fah Luang University – Asst. Prof. Dr. Thanikun Chandra

09:30–10:50 **Setting the Scene: Environmental Rights and Community Governance in Southeast Asia**
(JST 11:30–12:50)

Moderated by Prof. Dr. Okubo Noriko

09:30–09:50 The ASEAN Environmental Rights Declaration and the Future of Community Participation
(JST 11:30–11:50)

Manuel Castillo, Dr. iur., Environmental Governance Lead, Environmental Affairs Officer, UN ESCAP

09:50–10:10 Community Rights and Resource Governance
(JST 11:50–12:10)

Ms. Warangkana Rattanasat, Country Program Director for Thailand, RECOFTC

10:10–10:30 (JST 12:10–12:30)	The Potential for a Multi-Stakeholder Approach in the Mekong River Basin Dr. Otsuka Kenji: Senior Research Fellow and Director General of the Interdisciplinary Studies Center, Institute of Developing Economies
10:30–10:50 (JST 12:30–12:50)	Environmental Justice and Community Rights Dr. Chanwit Chaikan, Judge, Administrative Court
10:50–11:10 (JST 12:50–13:10)	Coffee Break
11:10–12:00 (JST 13:10–14:00)	Book Launch Community Rights-based Water and Forest Governance in Southeast Asia Moderated by Prof. Dr. Siriporn Wajjwalku
11:10–11:20 (JST 13:10–13:20)	Introduction of the Book Prof. Dr. Siriporn Wajjwalku, Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University
11:20–11:30 (JST 13:20–13:30)	National Institution and Water Governance Asst. Prof. Eathipol Srisawaluck, Faculty of Law, Chulalongkorn University
11:30–11:40 (JST 13:30–13:40)	From Local Action to Policy Change: How Communities Shape Resource Governance Asst. Prof. Dr. Paiboon Hengsuwan, Faculty of Social Science, Chiang Mai University (online)
11:40–11:50 (JST 13:40–13:50)	Who Governs Local Commons? Lessons from Community Forestry in Southeast Asia Prof. Dr. Hyakumura Kimihiko, Director, Institute of Tropical Agriculture, Kyushu University
11:50–12:20 (JST 13:50–14:20)	Open Discussion: Moderated by Prof. Dr. Siriporn Wajjwalku and Prof. Dr. Okubo Noriko Can Rights Change Resource Governance? What Is the Future of Community-Based Resource Governance in Southeast Asia?

12:20–12:30

(JST 14:20–14:30)

Closing Ceremony:

Prof. Dr. Okubo Noriko, Graduate School of Law and Politics, the University of Osaka

Prof. Dr. Siriporn Wajjwalku, Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University