



About the conference

The conference will address the intersection of pressing issues for rural development in Southeast Asia, with a special **emphasis on migration and climate change**. Climate change is already influencing rural livelihoods in South East Asia – at the same time, demographic change and rural out-migration are creating additional challenges for agricultural and rural societies and beyond. On the other hand, rural places are strongly connected to outside places such as cities and other destination countries of migrants who significantly contribute to rural livelihoods, for example, through financial and social remittances. This perspective is reflected in the emerging notion of “**migration as adaptation**”, which has opened a more nuanced view of migration in the face of climate change, recognizing migrants’ agency and potential contribution to adaptation to environmental risks. While there are strong and active communities researching environment/climate change, agriculture, development and adaptation, on the one hand, and migration and demography on the other; there is little exchange between the two scientific communities.

This conference creates a **forum for exchange** on the nexus of environment, migration and resilience, bringing together scholars from different disciplines and fields of research (risk and vulnerability studies, migration studies, climate change adaptation, governance research, etc.).

The **topics** include the interlinkages between social-ecological systems and migration, causal linkages between environmental change and migration, theoretical, empirical, and methodological aspects of the linkages of migration, environmental change and resilience; migration in adaptation policies; critical reflections on the limits of migration as adaptation option; and the linkages of migration and changes in socio-ecological systems.



Program – Wednesday, 1 August 2018

Time	Sessions	Papers and Speakers
08:00–09:00	Registration	
09:00–10:00	Welcome & Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opening: Patrick Saktapolrak, Professor, Department of Geography and Regional Research, University of Vienna, Austria - Aphichat Chamratrithirong, Professor, Director of the Mahidol Migration Center, Mahidol University - Dana Graber Ladek, Chief of Mission, International Organization for Migration (IOM) Thailand
10:00–11:00	Session 1: Migration & Natural Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tim Lau (CUNY University, USA): Cartographies of Climate Justice: Case Studies of Mapping Environmental Migration - Alex Smajgl (Mekong Region Futures Institute, Thailand): Integrating livelihoods and migration in climate adaptation and development assessments Complex social-ecological interactions in rural Laos
11:00–11:30	Coffee Break	
11:30–12:30	Session 2: Migration for Adaptation (1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nguyen The Manh, Mokbul Morshed Ahmad, Pilapan Koksee (Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand): Remittance and Climate change: A case study of migration in Thailand - Amina Maharjan and others (International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development, Nepal): Migration and adaptation in the context of environmental change: lessons from interdisciplinary work in South Asia
12:30–13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30–15:00	Session 3: Migration for Adaptation (2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meylin Gonzales, Adriana Sierra (Graduate Institute of International Development Studies and IOM, Indonesia): Migration as Adaptation: The Case of Slow-Onset Climate Events in Indonesian Coastal Areas - Sopon Naruchaikusol (University of Bonn, Germany): Agrarian and Environmental Changes in Thailand: Linkages between Climate- Related Risks, Livelihood and Migration (- Till Rockenbauch (University of Bonn, Germany): The role of migration and translocal networks for the transformation of small-scale rice farming. Evidence from Northeastern Thailand
15:00–15:15	Coffee Break	
15:15–16:45	Session 4: International and Domestic Migration, Development and Adaptation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nguyen Quynh Phuong, Mokbul Morshed Ahmad (Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand): International Migration and Internal Migration, Development and Mobility: The Case of Labour Migrants in Vietnam - Simon A. Peth (University of Bonn, Germany): Transnational Labour Migration and Lost Remittances in South East Asia – Thai Migrant Workers Returning Home - Luise Porst (University of Bonn, Germany): Advancing adaptation or producing precarity? The role of rural-urban migration in navigating household resilience in Thailand
16:45–17:15	Poster Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AFM Zakaria, Dr. Manjur-Ul-Haider (Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, Bangladesh): Resource Crisis, Competition and Regional Rigidity: Reactions on the Dynamics of Internal Migration in Sylhet City of Bangladesh - Md Shahab Uddin (Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand): Sustainable Drought Management in South and Southeast Asia: Exploring the Importance and Vulnerabilities of Infrastructures - Onkamon Nilanon, Danai Thaitakoo (Chulalongkorn University, Thailand): Landscape Ecological And Cultural Ecosystem Services In Rural Areas
18:15	Conference Dinner	(location to be announced)



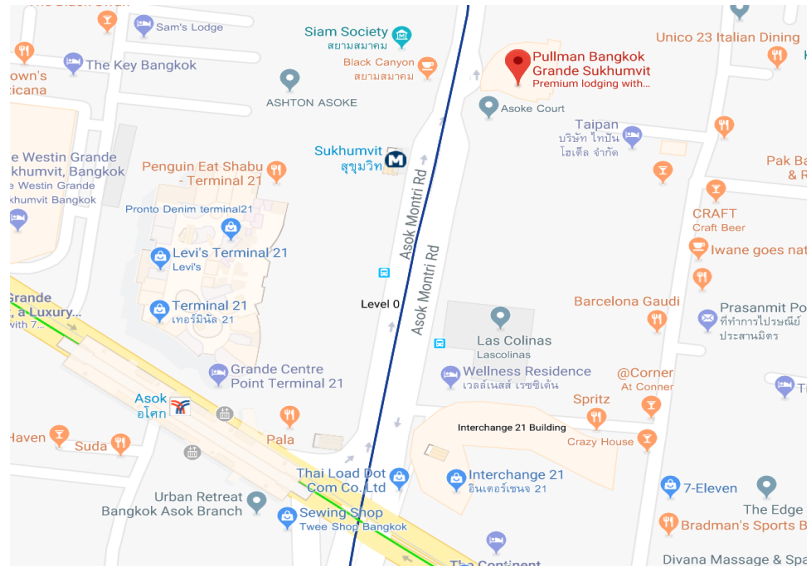
Program – Thursday, 2 August 2018

Time	Sessions	Papers and Speakers
08:00–09:00	<i>Registration</i>	
09:00–10:30	Session 5: Migration and Adaptation in Policy Frameworks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Chawapich Vaidhayakarn, Prarit Wangpakapattanawong (Chiang Mai University, Thailand): "The Role of the Greater Mekong Sub-Regional Economic Corridors in Strengthening the Changing Climate Adaptive Capacity through Migration: A Transdisciplinary Research Framework with Cross-Sectoral Linkages in Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use"- Ratana Ly (University of Victoria, Canada): Protecting Persons Displaced in the Context of Disasters in Cambodia: A Human Rights- Based Approach to Law, Policy and Practice- Kayly Ober (University of Bonn, Germany): Whose climate change adaptation 'barriers'? Towards decolonising climate change adaptation policy assemblages in Thailand
10:30–11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11:00–12:30	From Knowledge to Practice: Input and Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Harald Sterly (University of Bonn): A Guidebook on "Migration for Adaptation" - lessons learnt from a science-practice interface- Discussion: how to bridge the gaps between science and policy/practice?- Identifying questions for further research- Closure and farewell
12:30–13:30	<i>Lunch</i>	



Venue

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